

steps to reaching a point in society when we will no longer need to fight for certain provisions just to level the playing field. I especially like number 17. I think a statue or monument would be a good reminder of the errors of this nation's pasts, a reminder of how far we have come, as well as a reminder of how far we still have to go.

Why is it important to you to have the BSM's support in this election? I respect the BSM and what they stand for, and their support would show me that they respect me as well.

Ask the BSM a question. How many members of the BSM checked the box?

**Warren Watts
Junior, Political Science**



What is the most important issue you feel minorities face on this campus and why? I feel the most important issue to minority students is representation of wants and needs in our student government. By being a minority and running, there is a place for all of us in our student government.

Why are you running for Student Body President -really? (no middle of the road or general "I want to help the students" answers please) I am running because I want the students to feel that they are able to make a difference in their university. Every student should have an influence and since we only have one student representative on the

Board of Governors this student needs to be in touch with the vast wants and needs of all students.

What sets you apart from any other candidate attending our BSM forum? I, like all other UNC students, have a totally unique view and mine is limited to my own personal experience. What I bring to the forum is not only my own unique views but the shared views of my friends working on my campaign, and the students I represent all of whom have the same basic views and concerns from different standpoints. My ideas are not those of one man but are those of many different people.

If you were locked in a room with all 500 members of the BSM for 30 seconds right before they went to vote, and you could say only three words, what would they be? You have power.

Would you be in that same room with 500 _____ a. African-American students, b. Black students, c. Students, d. none of the above, EXPLAIN. For this question my answer is C. students, everyone has a voice, this voice is power, those who vote use their voice, their power.

What is your all time favorite class here at UNC? Why? Classics 77, the study of literature which focuses on Greek heroes who sacrificed to help others.

Are you familiar with the 22 demands of the BSM? How do you feel about them? Yes I am aware of the 22 demands of the BSM and I feel that many of these demands are feasible, a few are necessary, and a few have already been implemented. On the other hand I feel that a few sound more like asking for special treatment instead of equality.

Do you feel that the BSM is

racially based or exclusive? Why or why not? I feel that it is racially based, because the name itself connotes a bias against all races other than black.

Ask the BSM a question. What can I do for you as a representative government and what are any changes you see that need to be made.

**Matthew Wilhite
Junior, Religious Studies**



What is the most important issue you feel minorities face on this campus and why? The most important issue minorities on this campus face is the precarious division between being a colorless, creedless member of the whole of campus society and being judged and perceived by one's race or creed. This issue is very important because it deals with one's identity, which is of the utmost importance. How can minorities balance the desire to not be judged by their race yet the need to draw attention to it in order to improve their condition? Should a student who is black be just a student or a black student? Or does it depend on the situation? This sort of dual identity creates a stressful situation for minorities on campus because they cannot "blend into" the homogeneity of a predominantly white campus without losing an integral part of their heritage.

What sets you apart from any other candidate attending our BSM forum? I think my irreverence sets me apart the most. I want to bring a healthy sense

of humor and satire to the election and therefore be a general nuisance to those candidates who are taking this election too seriously. Also, I'm guessing that I'm extremely more liberal than the other candidates, but that's just a lurking suspicion.

If you were locked in a room with all 500 members of the BSM for 30 seconds right before they went to vote, and you could say only three words, what would they be? Always remember Florida.

Would you be in that same room with 500 _____ a. African-American students, b. Black students, c. Students, d. none of the above, EXPLAIN. b. Black students. The fact that I know that they are members of the BSM would not let me forget that they are black and/or concerned with issues concerning black students. I would know that they share a common concern about the prejudice and assumptions pushed upon them by people who do not share their skin color. If I were to consider them as simply "students" then I would be denying the importance of the issues that face them every day due to their appearance and the unfair attributions that quite often accompany it. I would not be so conscious of the fact that they are "African-American students" simply because when racism is concerned, the bigots on this campus won't care about the actual nationality or ethnicity of their victim, only the skin color. It doesn't matter if you are from Kenya or Jamaica, if you have dark skin you will be judged, quite often, by nothing more than that skin. Though unfortunate, this is still the truth.

Are you familiar with the 22 demands of the BSM? How do you feel about them? I am familiar with the updated 22 demands of the BSM. Due to