

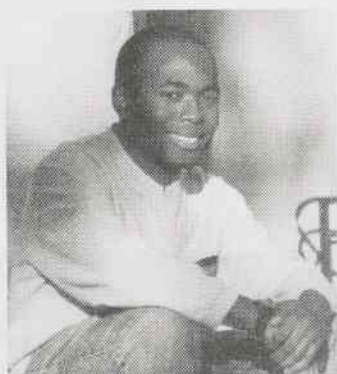
space constraints I can't address each one, though numbers 9 and 18 do stick out in my head as ones I particularly support. However, I cannot say that I support all of the demands. It is a thin line between pushing for progress and pushing for self-importance. I believe that the BSM serves a useful purpose on campus right now, but I hope that someday in the future (however far away it may be) there will be no need for the BSM to help black students understand their history and culture or to protect them from the rampant racism that we have known and still know.

Do you think the BSM is racially based or exclusive? Why or why not? I know that the BSM is not racially exclusive. However, I do believe it is racially based simply because it exists to advocate for and protect the rights and freedoms of black students here at UNC. I don't see the fact that it is racially based as being bad, it is simply necessary. Though I see its platform and direct purpose as being racially based I do not see its effects as racially based. When equality and equal-rights are firmly established it benefits all students regardless of race because of the more open and comfortable environment of free exchange it creates. When there is bigotry and racism running rampant, tension and division rules and all suffer.

Ask the BSM a question. With the majority of candidates this year being white, how receptive do you think the candidates will be to the concerns and requests of the BSM and do you think that any sensitivity to those concerns will be sincere or simply faked in order to win votes?

What is the most important issue you feel minorities face on this campus and why? As a minority I think there are a lot of issues that we all face,

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but the most important issue is the general apathy of the student body about diversity and interaction. We all know that positive race relations are a big issue on campus, but few actually practice what they preach. We stay separate when we party, when we sit in class, and when we sit in the Pit. We need to start a dialogue.

Why are you running for Student Body President -really? (no middle of the road or general "I want to help the students" answers please) Too often, the opportunities provided by student government are hoarded by a handful of ambitious, elite students. The vast majority of students know that student government is a tiny, select group of students that don't represent the actual student body or do much of anything at all. I can change that. We're all tired of the power-hungry politicians who join student government to build their resumes and keep everyone else away from the opportunities. I want to share those opportunities and grant access to more people. All students must have unlimited access to student government, to the Chancellor and the administration, to the Board of Trustees, to the Board of Governors, and to the decisions that will affect their lives here at Carolina. Basically, Carolina has made a huge impact on my life and I just want to return the favor!

What sets you apart from any other candidate attending our BSM forum? From working on the STV comedy show Off the Cuff to working within Student Government as an Executive Assistant to helping create a student group in Project UNC that focuses on improving our community to being a part of the Campus Y, not to mention my membership in the BSM since I've been here, the incredibly diverse range of experiences I have had at Carolina have given me a unique perspective on campus life. In many of these activities, I have served as the sole voice of the minority community, tirelessly working for tolerance and inclusion. As director of Freshman Camp, I increased African-American involvement and improved relations with Pre-O. I'm willing to take on just about anything. I can throw a grenade, shoot an M-16, and once performed in the circus. Is there another candidate that has done any of those?

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? Uhuru Ni Upinduzi

Would you be in that same room with 500 _____ a. African American students, b. Black students, c. Students, d. none of the above? EXPLAIN. D. NONE OF THE ABOVE. I would be in that room with 500 brothers and sisters. The BSM should be like a family, and that family should be as diverse as it can be. I want to see a BSM full of people of all colors, dedicated to the common goals espoused by our Preamble. The walls of Upendo Lounge should be full of all types of members and allies. All groups, both minorities and others, should realize our common struggles and feel welcome at our meetings.

Are you familiar with the 22 demands of the BSM? How do you feel about them? The original 22 Demands of the BSM formed the basis for the present-day black educational experience here at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Not only did the demands bring about changes for the black community, but they also opened the doors for other minorities as well. Behind the 22 Demands lies the essence of equal opportunity. They present hope for all students on this campus, and should help motivate other groups to reclaim their missed opportunities. I fully support the 22 Demands of the BSM and look forward to fighting for them once in office.

Why is it important to you to have the BSM's support in this election? Over the past three years, my membership in the BSM has shown me the integrity, importance, and power of the organization. I deeply share the values embodied in the Preamble of the Black Student Movement. I know in my heart that no other candidate is more dedicated to the ideals of diversity, tolerance, and equality than I am. Ultimately, I hope to receive the support of the BSM in this election so that I can earn the respect of all students on this campus by working to build and improve minority life at Carolina.

Ask the BSM a question. What does diversity truly mean to you?