

Michael Harris

Michael Harris for student body president. Student government led by Michael Harris would generate the rebirth of basic principles. If elected, Michael will complete the ABCs of UNC.

"A" – Affordability, "B" – Being all we can be and "C" – Cross-culturalism

Affordability: UNC must continue serving as "the University of the People." Michael will lobby the General Assembly to end retroactive tuition increases and minimize the ever-rising costs of tuition and work to increase accessibility and user-friendliness of the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.

Being all we can be: It is essential for UNC to rededicate itself to public outreach. Michael will solicit financial resources for Campus Y rebuilding and renovations and work to make University Day an opportunity for community service.

Cross-culturalism: Interaction with the myriad of people whose diverse talents enrich this University is integral to the UNC experience. Michael will develop sharply focused recruiting goals and techniques to be implemented through the Student Ambassador Program and work to ensure that if you are accepted at UNC, you will be able

to attend.

Guided by the ABC's, Michael will also work to achieve goals in other areas of student life.

■ **Student Stores.** We must hold Student Stores accountable. Institute a textbook rental system – a common sense change that allows you to save money by renting your textbooks instead of buying them. Reform the Student Stores Advisory Committee – it must review all the finances and policies of Student Stores in addition to advocating the student body's interests. Lobby the N.C. General Assembly for tax-free textbooks.

■ **UNC ONE Card.** Work with businesses to allow students to use the ONE Card as payment. Work to ensure that the University protects our rights and privacy when studying the Wachovia agreement.

■ **Carolina Dining Services:** More times and more options! Chase Hall should be open longer for the students of South Campus. Not everyone is on the same schedule; CDS must work to serve students in the "non-traditional hours" – especially late nights! Bring back the meal equivalency plan. Block plans and Flex Dollars should carry over to the next semester. We've paid for them; how can CDS take them away? There should be a student-led review of the procedures and policies of Carolina Dining Services.

■ **Parking and safety:** Students with PR and P parking permits should have free bus passes for rides to and from those lots. There should be off-campus

emergency call boxes. We need more lighting in off-campus areas (i.e. Rosemary and Cameron streets). Students must feel safe at night and when crossing the street.

■ **Student Health Service:** Student Health Service needs reform. Why the after-hours charge for emergencies? Why should you pay \$40 for them to tell you that you aren't sick? This simply doesn't make sense!

■ **Student recreation.** Work with the CAA to get students close to the court in the Smith Center. *Students do yell louder than money!* The Student Recreation Center and Woollen Gym should be open longer on weekends.

■ **Residence Halls.** Residence halls should be open during short breaks (Fall Break and Thanksgiving) and they should be open at least until 9 p.m. on the last day of exams.

■ **University growth.** The Master Plan of UNC's future shows a large increase in enrollment and construction in the next few years. These drastic changes *cannot* affect the quality of student life and our overall learning experience. I pledge to ensure that we, the current students, are not sacrificed for national rankings.

■ **Graduate/professional students.** Improve the relationship between student government and the graduate and professional schools. The needs of graduate and professional students will be a high priority in my administration. Fight to give graduate and professional students more autonomy over their student fees.

Matthew Martin

Vision – Only a president with vision can lead this University through its first full year in the new millennium. I envision a student government that is accessible to all student concerns, that works diligently to unify the various groups on campus and that meets challenges with innovative ideas. My platform is built on improving the lives and futures of students. The following list is a beginning to what I want to accomplish as student body president:

■ **Fighting the tuition increase:** use connections in the N.C. General Assembly to fight both the \$1,500 tuition increase proposal and the \$475 tuition increase proposal; revamp the legislative liaison programs to more effectively lobby the General Assembly on behalf of the students; include students who are not a part of student government (representatives from student groups, concerned students, etc.) in lobbying efforts; and set up a task force to investigate potential sources of revenue to increase faculty salaries.

■ **Lobbying for more student parking:** provide adequate parking for all resident assistants; ensure that the campus Master Plan includes a large parking area on campus exclusively for students; provide student parking on foot-

ball and basketball game days; change residence hall parking hours from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and fight the nighttime parking permit proposal.

Bridging the gap between faculty and students: work with the Residence Hall Association to create specific academic theme halls and assign faculty from the specific academic disciplines to be closely tied to the halls; expand the First-Year Initiative program; sponsor department picnics where faculty and students from academic disciplines come together.

Making student government matter to you: work with Academic Technology & Networks to – provide free dial-up Internet access for off-campus students; expand computer lab hours; work for dial-up lines for business and professional school students to access their own intra-school networks; and link an electronic discussion forum to Student Central where students can electronically voice their opinions.

Serving everyday needs of students: fight for handicapped access in every campus building; advocate a textbook rental system through Student Stores; work with RHA to arrange for out-of-state students to be able to remain in residence halls over Fall Break; use Greek Affairs coordinators to work with all Greek governing bodies to improve Greek-campus relations and to alleviate negative stereotypes; sponsor a Greek Service Day; make Woollen Gym weight rooms more

accessible to students; improve lighting on walkways between South and North campuses; create a committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the advising system changes of recent years; and improve the relationship between student government and The Daily Tar Heel.

Making Government Accessible: form a committee whose job is to inform students of programs and services that the University provides; hold a weekly, one-hour forum where the student body president is in attendance to discuss student and faculty concerns about any issue; work with the DTH Editor and editorial staff to reserve space for a bi-weekly letter from the student body president that would inform students of issues the executive branch is considering; continue monthly State of the University Address; use Student Television to publicize student government functions and forums; and complete two comprehensive door-to-door surveys to rate the effectiveness of student government and become aware of student concerns.

Graduate Studies: collaborate with the UNC ONE Card office to get ONE Card scanners in the School of Medicine cafeteria so students can use their expense accounts; and investigate possibilities for an automated teller machine more accessible to the medical school.

Student safety concerns: increase Point-2-Point service during prime hours such as Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.



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Brad Matthews

Student government should be creating opportunities for you. It's that simple. We should be seeking ways to help you achieve your goals, recognize your passions and realize your dreams. Here's how:

It's your life. Here's how we can give you more outside the classroom: pursue an equitable agreement for free transit for all students on all Chapel Hill Transit buses; extend Point-2-Point van services to all Greek houses and secure permanent

University funding of the P2P; provide free home Internet access to every student; place more e-mail terminals around campus (Lenoir Dining Hall, class buildings, etc.); continue efforts to fund and institutionalize the peer mentoring program for incoming freshmen that I founded this year; improve lighting at the law school and T lot; oppose efforts to require night parking permits; hire more housekeepers; reform C-TOPS; ensure that the Carolina Computing Initiative isn't a flop by teaching teachers and students to use technology; offer a test-out program for those who already have adequate computer skills; allow students to make Student Health Service appointments via the Internet; place coin-operated printers in Davis Library (they only

take UNC ONE Cards now); put coin-operated washers and dryers in every campus laundry facility; ensure the campus computer lab printing remains free; allow students to print in computer labs using their own paper; provide access to an online listing of Chapel Hill and Carboro apartments; and fight for landlord accountability and off-campus housing options.

It's your money. Here's how we can make Carolina more responsive to your financial needs: press for a *really* good reason why it costs more to eat dinner at Lenoir than on Franklin Street; oppose unreasonable tuition increases and seek other funding for faculty salary increases; bring back the meal equivalency plan so we can use meals to buy food in more campus locations, not just Lenoir and Chase Hall; explore ways to make the financial aid office more student friendly; improve Chase and South Campus Mini-Mart hours; work to reduce the Student Health after-hours fee; examine the University endowment and find better ways to use the money; organize a fund-raising drive to help defray the costs of the Student Union expansion and keep student fees lower; stop wasting our money: Recommend student fee changes to eliminate inefficient spending.

It's your education. Here's how we can create even more opportunities in academics: increase student input in faculty tenure decisions; offer a Rape Aggression Defense class for physical education credit; institute a life-skills

seminar (We all need to know how to prepare our own taxes, save for retirement and mortgage a house); simplify graduation requirements; put a clock in every classroom on campus; create more opportunities in the Carolina Leadership Development Office for students who are currently excluded; improve the online degree audit program; institute a major in computer science; institute a Native American studies minor; ensure that library access is not harmed by the Undergraduate Library renovation; and push for the increased recruitment of a diverse faculty; ensure that *all* teachers are given the basic resources to teach. (Some teaching assistants and professors have to pay for their own copies for class – that is unacceptable.)

It's your opportunity. We can improve communication with some very simple, realistic changes that will help you take advantage of everything Carolina has to offer. Here's how: secure funding and coordination for a campuswide calendar that will be a one-stop resource that lists almost every event on campus (With one glance, you can know about every event on any given day); offer every student organization access to a voice-mail box and a campus mail box at the Union; continue to take Cabinet door-to-door and to hold meetings in different locations; push for a student vote on the Board of Governors; and continue the fight to allow students to vote at a central campus location in local, state and national elections.



Brad Matthews

Joshua Ray

Hands Across Carolina Program – To increase cooperation and contact between student organizations and among the entire student body (monthly student organization leader meetings with an open forum for students; weekly visits by the student body president, Carolina Athletic Association president, and Residence Hall Association president to organizational meetings to promote inter-organizational involvement; a campus-wide organizational insert in The Daily Tar Heel dedicated solely for up-coming events and awareness).

■ **Increased Technology** – Computer access in every residence hall, Odom Village Ethernet access, off-campus dial-in network access and a Microsoft software deal that would allow students to buy all Microsoft programs for \$5.

■ **Rental Book System** – Allow students to rent their books instead of purchasing them outright. This program will eliminate the money that students lose on books that they do not plan on keeping and on books that the University does not buy back.

■ **Carolina Dining Service Improvement** – Bring back the equivalency program so that students can use

their meal plan to buy food at other on campus establishments such as the Student Union or Chick-fil-A, increased hours for the dining halls so that students with different schedules can still eat on campus, Employee Appreciation Day to show the CDS employees that we are thankful for the work that they do.

■ **Reverse Point-2-Point Xpress shuttle** – A reverse P2P Xpress, like the reverse U bus, will allow students to maximize their time. Patience is a virtue, but time is of the essence.

■ **Statewide Support and Unity** – Working together with our fellow universities and their student leaders will strengthen the voice of the student body both at the University level and the state level. With this needed cooperation across the state, we will be able to fight such issues as tuition increases.

■ **Middle School and High School Outreach Program** – Increase interest at both the middle school and high school levels. This plan involves both student representatives and faculty that will go out into all 100 counties to provide students with information about entrance requirements, financial aid opportunities and University issues of importance. (The goal of this program is to increase racial and gender equality among incoming admission applicants.)

■ **Culture Awareness Program** – Students should learn about the many different cultures that are represented at their University. This plan, along with the Hands Across Carolina

Program will provide forums and events that will both provide the needed cultural information to students and allow those students to interact with other students of differing cultural backgrounds.

■ **Safety Increase Program** – A plan that will provide interest meetings for students who do not feel safe on campus (late-night walking to street walking safety). This plan will also attempt to add more manpower to the "cart-transportation plan" currently in action.

■ **Increased Communication Between Alumni and the Student Body** – Allow past members of the Carolina student body to interact with present members of the student body with the goal of increasing University efficiency. In addition, alumni will be able to work with groups such as Carolina Athletic Association, Residence Hall Association and the Black Student Movement to provide their support and cooperation to programs. Furthermore, alumni will gain interest with increased levels of campus involvement and will further support such ideas as "Swapping Places at Basketball Games."

■ **Building Renovation Program** – This plan is focused around the improvement of the physical buildings on campus. The elimination of broken seats in classrooms, painting of classroom walls, refinishing of building floors and central air systems will allow the University to strengthen educational foundations and study atmosphere.



Joshua Ray

Erica Smiley

Ibelieve in the power of student government. With an accountable and accessible student government, we can create a space where the pressing issues of our diverse student body are addressed and not marginalized.

■ **Making student government accountable to students.** Student government will increase student participation at all levels of the decision-making process: ensure that the student body president and the executive branch are not the only students advocating for students in Raleigh; create legislative liaisons to the N.C. General Assembly; formalize the relationship between our student government and the Board of Governors; establish a committee with equal proportions of students, faculty, staff and administrators with the purpose of reviewing University contracts; and actively reach out to a diverse applicant pool for appointments to various University committees.

Student government will consistently address and inform the student body on pressing student issues: establish student government outposts at various sites around campus; and send out student government updates to resident assistants; re-evaluate the structure and efficiency of the executive branch of

student government; continue efforts already established to make student government activities more accessible; continue residence hall-to-residence hall Cabinet meetings; hold the State of the University Address and other University ceremonies in the Pit as well as in other various on-campus locations using different media techniques; and make student government laws more understandable.

■ **Keeping the University of North Carolina affordable.** Fight all tuition increases that arise due to situations other than inflation; ensure adequate financial aid for all students; lobby to increase need-based financial aid such as the Pell, LEAP and SIOG grants; establish state and federal aid watchdogs to track financial aid legislation; work to increase graduate students' stipends and tuition remissions, collaborating with the Graduate and Professional Student Federation; address the possible impact of the Carolina Computing Initiative.

■ **Working to improve the everyday lives of students.** Student government will promote the active civic participation of students: publicize open seats in various bodies of local government; continue work to establish a one-stop voting site on campus; form a coalition of campus groups to organize a massive voter registration drive for the year 2000 elections; support active membership in the United States Student Association.

Work to make changes for students within the local community: establish

off-campus emergency callboxes; improve lighting on streets with high student traffic; collaborate with Chapel Hill to add a late-night bus route.

Student government will improve on-campus life: bring back meal plan equivalency; extend the hours of Chase Hall; develop affordable on-campus childcare; support the efforts of campus queer student organizations in establishing a resource center; address gender issues with programs in conjunction with the Women's Center and other campus allies; improve pedestrian and biker safety by implementing changes such as all-stop stoplights and specified bike lanes; support efforts to establish an Asian Resource Center; advocate improved working conditions for graduate and professional students; continue to support the establishment of a freestanding Black Cultural Center.

■ **Building a sense of campus community.** Mainstream the issues of historically underrepresented students: ensure that student government addresses the needs and concerns of nontraditional students; facilitate the strengthening and expansion of programs for the retention of minority and first-generation students; create a body that focuses on the shared political interests of students of color within the University; illuminate the history of the University and make clear the aspects of our history that have been covered up; include sexual orientation in all of the University's official nondiscrimination clauses.



Erica Smiley

Preston Smith

Platform 2000: Preston Smith for student body president. Main focuses and goals: 1. Accountability; 2. Creating a more community oriented student body; and 3. Empowerment of the student body

Means of accomplishing these goals:

■ **Eliminate Suite C.** Student government should not hide in offices. We should be easily accessible and also accountable to the student body. For example, currently our campaign center is Jimmy John's on Franklin Street. This is easily accessible from campus and our meetings are open to the public. If elected, I would like to conduct a weekly radio show on WXYC, a weekly show on Student Television, a monthly meeting at lunch in the Pit, and an Internet site open to students. I would also like to create weekly chat or instant-messenger sessions online where we can directly interact and communicate with one another. Students should be informed of what their elected officers are doing, thinking and planning... it is your University!

■ **UNC students receive a great deal of state subsidization and we should be willing to give back to our state and community.** I would work to create a service class, which includes communi-

ty service from all students. The service would be focused in the area of the student's major or with other service groups like Habitat for Humanity, Heels on Wheels, etc. By focusing our volunteer service in the area of our majors we will receive valuable hands-on experience, three credit hours, valuable volunteer experience, interact with the professors in our field and benefit our community of UNC and Chapel Hill.

I would attempt to move the UNC-Duke basketball game to Carmichael Auditorium. UNC students, especially seniors, deserve to see this type of game in this type of environment.

■ **The student body is currently at a huge disadvantage on campus.** We are unable to control our own destinies or future within this University and in addition are completely dependent upon the administration.

My solution would be to create financial independence from the University.

I would work to create an Internet-based site that would allow students to sell their textbooks to other students and purchase other textbooks, thus eliminating the middleman (Student Stores) and the inappropriate monopolistic pricing.

I would focus on other means of financial income for the student body by exploring opportunities for possibly creating a rival Student Stores on the Internet or even a rival debit/UNC ONE Card.

Students are currently sponsoring

the proposed faculty raises through a tuition increase. Therefore, students should be actively involved in deciding which faculty members receive a raise from our money. In addition, the students should have a say in which teachers are hired and fired.

Students before athletics. We love varsity athletics; however, students should be the main priority on this campus. Problems include the elimination of intramural fields for another varsity fields and the proposed partial elimination of Raleigh Road for new varsity softball fields.

What about the creation of more student parking or replacing the lost intramural fields?

We also plan on focusing on short term goals like the meal equivalency program, the Morrison Residence Hall fires and the current debate regarding parking permits at night. These issues are also very important to our University community.

It is time for the student body of UNC to recapture our voice and strength on this campus, while also proving that we are valuable members of this state, community and University. Together we cannot only become a unified student body, but we can become a powerful force within the community of Chapel Hill and the University. If anyone has any comments, suggestions or ideas please contact me.

Preston Smith for student body president. Thank you for your vote and support.



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