

# Jeremy Cohen and Janora McDuffie

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## Senior Class President and Vice President for 1998!

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**By Ange-Marie Hancock**

On February 17, students on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill will have the chance to make history. Two African American women, both long-time BSM members, are poised to win executive level positions in Student Government. This crucial election occurs at a time when affirmative action is under attack at UNC, the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center has yet to be built, and everyone is wondering, what next? We have the opportunity to carry BSM representation to the highest levels of student government on Election Day. Will you play a part in making history?

"Experience. Diversity. Leadership"

This campaign motto of Jeremy Cohen and Janora McDuffie for Senior Class President and Vice President reflects the broad experience each bring to the jobs they hope to win on February 17th. McDuffie and Cohen met during their freshman year through the North Carolina Fellows Program. They decided to become running mates because, "We respected each other and knew a lot about each other's community service activities," McDuffie stated. "We thought about our assets and decided they complimented each other."

McDuffie, a psychology and communications major from Durham, and Cohen, a political science major from Knoxville, TN, have several fresh ideas for senior class traditions, including raising money for a \$3000 contribution to the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center by encouraging all seniors to give \$1. They also propose a senior class-sponsored event on Senior Day of Homecoming Week open to the entire campus, and networking opportunities via senior socials, an opportunity

for seniors to have informal dinners with professors and community leaders. "We also emphasize the importance of having the best and most diverse group of senior marshals to develop new ideas and implement them," according to McDuffie.

McDuffie and Cohen have received the endorsements of the BSM, NAACP, and The Daily Tar Heel. McDuffie is a member of the Kappa Omicron chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, and has also taken on the service project of a Walk

for the BCC, scheduled to occur on April 25. Cohen is a member of Chi Psi fraternity and the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor. McDuffie, who has been member of the BSM since her freshman year, responds with an easy smile and excitement when asked about the ideas a Cohen-McDuffie administration

would bring to the table, such as the senior-senior service projects, where UNC seniors invite senior citizens to the Great Hall for a dance and UNC seniors spend a day hosting elementary school "seniors" (fifth-grade students).

"Beyond the obvious gender and race differences..."

What sets McDuffie and Cohen apart from their opponents? "We're able to represent the diverse senior class better than the other candidates because of our diverse identities and experiences throughout the university." McDuffie enthuses. This much is clear: McDuffie and Cohen are bright, committed candidates who will bring a wide-range of talents, contacts and commitment to diversity at UNC.

The Black Ink urges all members to turn out and vote on February 17. Make history at UNC!

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