

# Reyna

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## the woman making history

Story and Interview by Courtney Rogers

*Who would have ever guessed that the 1997-98 year at UNC would be the year of Black historical events?*

*In this 30th anniversary year of the Black Student Movement, we have witnessed an upsurge of Black political mobilization. From the March on South Building to the Ward Connerly protest, Black students are making their demands for equality and justice heard in the deteriorating racial climate at this university. So what could really top that?*

*Reyna Walters did when she became the first Black female to run for Student Body President at UNC. In a year where Black women have been making a strong impact on the political climate at this campus, Reyna has — with grace and poise — demonstrated why she should be the next Student Body President at UNC. For those of you who for some reason could not attend the BSM/NAACP Campus Elections forum on February 4th, you missed seeing firsthand the strength and determination that she emanates by her mere presence. You missed the straightforwardness of her answers to difficult questions posed by members of these organizations; questions designed to find out who has the best interests of the minority students on this campus at heart. It was determined at that meeting that Reyna did without a doubt.*

*Approximately two weeks before the forum, I sat down with Reyna and spoke with her about her life, her vision, and historical candidacy for SBP. After about a hour and a half of conversation, I left the interview in awe of the strength of character Reyna possesses and couldn't help marveling at the bright future that she and this campus would have if she wins this election.*