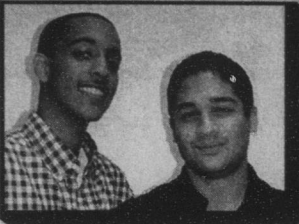


**Neil Bagchi & Adam Aberra**  
for senior class president and vice-president



**Adam Aberra**  
political science  
Hometown: Charlotte

**Neil Bagchi**  
political science & African and Afro-American studies  
Hometown: Toronto

# Bagchi, Aberra make moves to help seniors prior to vote

■ The candidates said they had plans for a local discount card for seniors.

Although the election process is not over, Neil Bagchi and Adam Aberra are already taking the first steps in implementing the programs in their platform.

The running mates have created a Web link, listing contacts and employment opportunities. The candidates consulted with 30 businesses about supporting a senior discount card.

Bagchi said he wanted to assure voters that the pair intends to back their claims — something which he said hasn't always happened after elections.

"We noticed a lot of unfulfilled promises," said Bagchi, a junior political science and African and Afro-American studies major from Toronto.

The fact that they've begun to implement their plans is the main thing Aberra and Bagchi said sets them apart from the other candidates.

"Everything's lined up ready to go. We're just waiting to get elected to mobilize it," said Aberra, a junior political science major with a minor in international studies from Charlotte.

Aberra and Bagchi first met their freshman year when they were residents in the Living Well Program in Ehringhaus Residence Hall.

The two became roommates the following year and decided to run for senior class positions because it was the "least political" office.

Aberra is co-chairman of the campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and president of the Organization for African Student Interests and Solidarity among a variety of other activities.

Some of Bagchi's achievements include being captain of the men's Club Rugby team and co-president of Masala, an organization that unifies other minority groups on campus.

Bagchi said that he and his running mate have spoken with various organizations on campus to include diverse perspectives in their platform.

"If you look at our (staff), we've got men, women, black, white, brown — it represents a platform," he said.

But the pair challenged everyone to look past their diverse backgrounds and consider their platform.

Bagchi said, "See if it doesn't touch everyone on campus."

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# Cohen, McDuffie depending on varying team experience

■ Jeremy Cohen said he hoped to place seniors on committees related to them.

Experience, diversity and leadership. Jeremy Cohen and Janora McDuffie said the three words represent their campaign for senior class president and vice president.

McDuffie, a psychology and communication studies major from Durham, said the team's experience was different from other candidates. "Of course, all of the candidates have experience," McDuffie said. "But is it in such a variety that enables them to truly be effective in knowing how the University works?"

Cohen said his experience included


working as a resident assistant and as a student intern to Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor of Student Affairs. Cohen, a political science major from Knoxville, Tenn., also serves on the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor.

McDuffie is a member of the Black Student Movement, the Order of the Bell Tower and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Cohen and McDuffie said their diversity of experiences allowed them to better represent next year's senior class. "We're going to carry that (diversity) through to our senior marshals," Cohen said. "We want to get a very diverse class of senior class representatives to come together and work hard to develop those ideas and the ways we can carry out those ideas."

Also, McDuffie said the team's acts

**Jeremy Cohen & Janora McDuffie**  
for senior class president and vice-president



**Janora McDuffie**  
psychology & communication studies  
Hometown: Durham

**Jeremy Cohen**  
political science  
Hometown: Knoxville, Tenn.

of leadership went beyond participating in campus activities. "We have leadership in terms of coming up with brand new ideas that haven't been done and the leadership capabilities to follow through in implementing them effectively," she said.

Cohen said one idea was placing seniors on committees directly related to them. "I know for a fact that if there was

a senior representative on (the parking) committee, which there very well could've been, seniors would have gotten more parking spaces this year."

Other ideas include pushing a fundraising drive for every senior to donate \$1 to the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center and increasing involvement in Homecoming activities.

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# Heise, Warren campaigning heavily in Greek community

■ The candidates said they wanted to provide direction for seniors in their majors.

Carrie Heise and Bill Warren continue to make rounds to the sorority houses — a campaign strategy they've made a priority in the last couple of weeks.

For in one way or another, Heise and Warren, like other candidates for senior class president and vice-president, have contacted campus Greek organizations.

Warren, a business major from Laurel, Md., said sororities were heavy campaign targets because they contain so many juniors. "There are very few organizations that boast as many as 50 juniors," Warren said.

But Heise, a business major from

Greensboro, said she and Warren were particularly focusing on the sorority scene because of their personal ties to the Greek system.

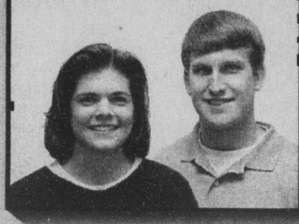
Warren has been president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity for the past two years, and Heise is a member of Chi Omega sorority. "Our first focus group would have to be the one we're closest to," Warren said.

Heise said their diversity of experiences will add a lot to the senior class office if they're elected. Heise has been on the varsity track and field team since her freshman year. Warren participated on two executive committees and was a counselor for the YMCA.

"Between the two of us, we've tapped into a lot of different areas on campus," Heise said.

Although the two met their freshman

**Carrie Heise & Bill Warren**  
for senior class president and vice-president



**Carrie Heise**  
business  
Hometown: Greensboro

**Bill Warren**  
business  
Hometown: Laurel, Md.

year, it wasn't until last summer that they decided to be running mates. "We had a lot of time to talk and plan out ideas," Heise said.

Heise said she and Warren had been concerned with the direction provided for seniors. As a business major, Heise said she was practically "spoon fed" the information she needed to graduate and have job opportunities but that she want-

ed to provide more support for other majors.

If elected, the pair would work to establish a stronger alumni connections to allow for more networking, Warren said. "All of our ideas are very similar to the other candidates," Warren said. "The idea of alumni connections is something that sets us apart."

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# Groups say they deserve funding

BY ANNIE CLIFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Funding decisions of the Student Congress Finance Committee have left two organizations potentially empty handed and feeling concerned about the fate of their programs.

Student Congress met for 30 hours last week to determine the distribution of \$196,320 to various student organizations.

The two groups that were denied of the 85 requesting funds are the Great Decisions Lecture Series and the Alpha Epsilon Omega Christian Sisterhood.

Great Decisions is an eight-week international lecture series that provides students with one hour of credit. Members meet weekly where they listen to the experiences of various speakers.

Chairwoman of Great Decisions Alexis Slagle said she applauded the

efforts of Student Congress, however she was frustrated because the class was not financed by the University.

"We will not be able to continue these lectures that are for the sole benefit of the students (without Student Activities funding)," she said.

Rashanda Webber, president of the Christian Sisterhood group, also demonstrated concern regarding the committee's decision to deny necessary funds.

The sisterhood currently depends on internal efforts to finance its service programs, which Webber said was difficult because the organization had few members.

Webber said she was concerned about other small student groups who might fall through the cracks in the committee's funding plans.

Senior member of the Finance Committee Dara Whalen said that the decision to deny funds to the two orga-

nizations was difficult. Since students receive credit for the course and students pay tuition to receive credit, they are already paying for it, she said.

"The guiding principles behind my decision regarding Great Decisions was the concern over students paying twice," Whalen said.

Congress denied the Christian Sisterhood funds because they excluded male students from membership, she said.

But the two groups can still appeal to the full congress to get their requested funding.

"The weekend has given me time to think and I may reconsider, since the activities of Great Decisions and the benefits of Alpha Epsilon Omega are open to the entire Carolina population," Whalen said.

Next week's hearings before the full Student Congress will determine the final allocation of Student Activity funds and, more importantly for others, the fate of their organizations.

# Sidewalk construction hinges on better weather

■ Officials said the new sidewalk would provide for more pedestrian safety.

BY CAROL ADAMSON  
STAFF WRITER

Merritt Mill Road will no longer be the place where the sidewalk ends.

David Bonk, senior transportation planner for Chapel Hill, said the sidewalk being built along the east side of Merritt Mill Road between Franklin Street and Cameron Avenue would provide a safe and convenient walkway for citizens.

"Like any other sidewalk in town, anything that can result in providing safe, separate facilities for people to walk on will encourage them to walk more."

Bonk said the project was approved by the Town Council after Chapel Hill residents requested the project.

"We had requests from residents to build a sidewalk, and that played a big

part in swaying the council to authorize the funds for the project," he said.

Richard Terrell, field operations superintendent for the Public Works Department of Chapel Hill, said the 900-foot sidewalk would be completed soon. Work on the project began Dec. 2, and will cost \$20,000 when completed, he said.

"We need about five good days of weather," Terrell said. "We'd have completed the project already, but you can't pour cement in the rain."

Terrell said the project had been met with little opposition by residents.

"Motorists and residents have been real pleasant to work with," he said. "We've had a good working relationship with the residents, and everybody's been patient. We really appreciate that."

Jack Terry, a traffic officer with the Chapel Hill Police Department, said the lane that was closed due to the construction had caused no problems with the flow of traffic.

"There are so many routes that individuals can take to get to Rosemary

Street that [the construction] has not affected us at all," Terry said.

For some residents, however, the construction has caused some disturbance.

Karie Jackson, a processing assistant with UNC Hospitals and resident of Merritt Mill Road, said the construction taking place in front of her house was a minor inconvenience. "They're right at our driveway," Jackson said. "Everytime I come out in the morning there are three big trucks in our driveway. It takes a few minutes to move them."


Jackson, who works later in the day, said construction early in the morning had consistently awakened her.

"I guess I'm glad they're putting in a sidewalk, but it's taking a long time," she said.

Lizzie Lyght, who has been a resident of Merritt Mill Road for 23 years, said she felt the sidewalk was worth the disturbance. "As far as I'm concerned it hasn't really bothered me that much," Lyght said. "They really did need a sidewalk. Now residents and especially children can walk down the street safely."

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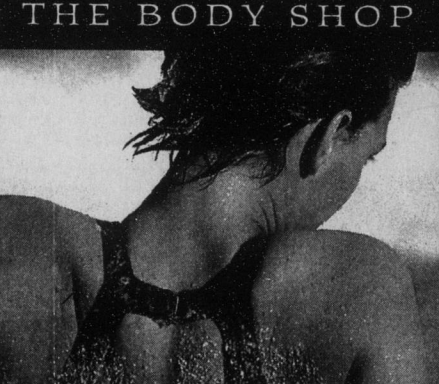
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