

Drescher, Saad named class presidents

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The senior class of 2012 will be led by Dean Drescher and Mohammad Saad.

The pair received 1,073 votes from the junior class, almost doubling the 684 votes obtained by their opponents, Susan Chen and Omar Currie.

These numbers are unofficial until the Board of Elections certifies them.

"It's really exciting to see all our efforts come through and see all our hard work from the past three months pay off for our goal," Saad said.

Drescher and Saad's main campaign objectives were class unity and community involvement.

Their platform included a variety of options for community service, including school supply drives, Operation Christmas Child and teaming up with organizations in the surrounding Chapel Hill and Carrboro areas.



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At left, juniors Mohammad Saad (left) and Dean Drescher (right) bump fists after winning the race for senior class president. At right, Susie Chen (left) and Omar Currie (right) react after hearing the results on Tuesday.



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Drescher and Saad collected 322 signatures, more than 200 fewer than their opponents. The duo attributed their signature count to their decision to stop petitioning after reaching the required amount.

While Drescher and Saad took a rather traditional campaign approach, Chen and Currie's tactics were more eccentric.

The duo made a video, which is posted on their campaign website and YouTube, explaining what it would be like if they were elected to serve as the senior class leaders. The video features many recurring images of Chen and Currie with cupcakes — an image that reflected the team's initiatives.

The cake portion stood for the

classes and memories at UNC, while the icing and cherry represented the finishing touches — the senior year.

Chen and Currie said they would have focused on the social aspects of senior life at the University.

The team had an array of social event ideas exclusively for seniors. Their ideas ranged from semi-for-

mals to date-and-dash events to an affordable Spring Break trip for the whole senior class.

Chen and Currie had 563 signatures, which is well above the 250 needed to get them on the ballot. Going into the election, they did not think having more signatures would provide any advantage.

After the results were announced, Chen said she was glad that she and Currie were able to run together, and they would not trade this experience for anything.

Chen and Currie were quick to congratulate Drescher and Saad after Andrew Phillips, chairman of the Board of Elections, announced the results. Both sides said the campaign was positive and friendly as it came to a close.

"We just hope they keep their commitment to service," Currie said. "They have a unique opportunity and I hope they take advantage of it."

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Three students win easy elections

Term, not race, will be challenge

BY CAROLINE CORRIGAN
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For the three candidates in uncontested races at Tuesday's student body elections, victory was not the question at hand.

Junior Caitlin Goforth, who claimed the Carolina Athletic Association presidency with 6,008 votes, said that running uncontested has been very two-sided.

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"It's disheartening that I feel the need to prove myself to the student body," she said. "I do have experience and I'm ready to take on this role as CAA president."

In fact, Goforth said not having to wait for election announcements actually benefited her campaign.

"I didn't have to stand in the pit campaigning in the rain," she said. "Instead, I was using my time to meet with leaders and organizations, such as the athletic department."

As president of the organization, one of Goforth's main objectives will be to review the athletic department's ticket policy through a series of evaluations that will combine the opinions of the student body, the athletic department and the ticket department, she said.

Graduate student Serena Witzke was elected as president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation with 609 votes.

Witzke said the organization she now leads is made up of serious and passionate members.

She added that her main objective for the remainder of the semester is to look to current GPSF president Laura Blue for guidance.

"I want to see what she thinks are the most important things to focus on as she's leaving office and what we need to watch out for," she said.

She added that she already has concrete goals, including the creation of a website that will show specifically where tuition funds are going.

One of Witzke's principal concerns is graduate students' ability to receive tuition remission beyond the 10-semester cap.

Witzke said she is firmly committed to serving the interests and protecting the safety of all graduate and professional students at UNC.

Hans Peng was elected president of the Residence Hall Association with 3,380 votes.

Peng was not in attendance for the announcement of the election results Tuesday night.

He could not be reached for comment.

One project Peng has planned to improve communication between residents and their community is by providing suggestion boxes in residence halls.

He has also said he will work to implement a bike-share system, enabling residents to borrow bikes from their communities.

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Caitlin Goforth will be president of the Carolina Athletic Association.



Sophomore Hans Peng will serve as the president of RHA.



Serena Witzke will be GPSF president after an uncontested race.



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