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Two top-ranking blacks in the campaign organizations of the leading Democratic presidential candidates are scheduled to meet in a debate Thursday (March 13) at the University of Illinois.

Benjamin Brown, deputy national <sup>Chairman</sup> [campaign manager] for Carter-Mondale, and Ronald Brown, deputy national manager of Sen. Edward Kennedy's race, have agreed to present the free public debate at 8 p.m. in 100 Noyes Laboratory.

Previously, Benjamin Brown was deputy chairman of the Democratic National Committee and Ronald Brown was vice president for the National Urban League's Washington operations.

The debate is sponsored by the Afro-American Studies and Research Program and was arranged by Gerald McWorter, professor of sociology and director of the program.

The event will be the first time the leaders in the two campaign organizations have met in a debate, McWorter said.

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