

The Battle Plan

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George Battle

In fact, some of Battle's most noted accomplishments were achieved in student government.

Over the past three years, Battle has served as senior vice president for Business Affairs for the UNC-System Association of Student Government, and Internal Chief of Staff of the executive branch of the University's student government. Battle was also the sponsor of the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center Resolution for a free-standing SHSBCC while serving as the Rules and Judiciary Committee Chair of the 74th Congress.

"I have served in both the legislative and executive branches of UNC student government," Battle said. "It says that I have seen the good and bad side. I know the problems, and I know how things work. I think that will give me an advantage in finding a

solution to these problems."

As part of his agenda for a reform student government, Battle wants to appoint more women and minorities to positions where they will be able to have real influence over student affairs. By appointing more people of different backgrounds, Battle said student government can become, "a vehicle to accomplish racial equality and become part of the solution to the problem instead of part of it."

Calling his platform a "five-point plan to return the focus of student government to students," Battle stresses improving the academic area of the University community; protecting the environment and improving human relations and University services.

Battle said he's dedicated to serving the needs of all students and has proven his commitment to positive change through his work in congress.

Campus elections will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 8. Poll sites are: the Student Union, Chase Dining Hall, Granville, the Law School and the Health Sciences Library.

As campus elections at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill draw near, the race for student body president offers a field of contenders who promise to make the bid for Suite C an interesting one at best.

Among the candidates is 21 year-old George Battle, a junior political science major from Charlotte. For those who still don't recognize the name, Battle is the one with the purple and white posters reading, "Battle for Student Body President."

"I am running for student body president because I believe that in the past few years, student government has gotten away from its purpose of serving student interests," Battle recently said. "It has become so self-absorbed that it is now incapable of doing the things that are needed to provide for the upward mobility of the student body."

Support for Battle's candidacy can be found among all ethnic groups.

Junior LaRavi McCauley said she's supporting Battle because, "George is a man of integrity, sincerity and a man of his word."

When it comes to politics, Battle is far from being a novice.

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Black Ink Briefs

Past and Future Issues Affecting UNC's Black Community

•The Carolina Union Activities Board will present "Camp Logan: Was It Justice? Or Was It Murder?" at 8 p.m. Feb. 9 in Memorial Hall. The play is the story of 19 black soldiers executed in Texas in 1917. Tickets are \$5 for students. Call 962-1449.

•Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., will conduct its second annual Minority Scholars Summer Institute in Accountancy from June 19 to July 30 for college sophomores and juniors. All tuition, room and board, transportation costs and fees are paid for accepted students. Students also will receive a \$2,000 stipend and six semester undergraduate credit hours upon successful completion of the program.

For more information or an application, contact David Schwarzkopf at 617-891-2783.

•The Office of University Affairs, the Office for Student Counseling and the Leadership Development Committee will sponsor a group of students to attend the North Carolina African-American Student Leadership conference in Wilmington on Feb. 4-6.

•sauti mpya, the African-American literary magazine, will release its Fall issue in February and its spring issue in March. Submissions for the Spring issue are due by Feb. 18. Contact Renee Alexander, at 914-1333 for more details.

•Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., will sponsor a Great Hall party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 11. Cost is \$3 with UNC ID.

•Black Parents' Alliance Weekend will take place April

16. To have your organization included in the parents' newsletter, contact Latarsha Chambers at 914-6731.

•Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will sponsor a spades tournament at 2 p.m. Feb. 13 in Great Hall. The first prize winner will receive \$100. For more details, contact Malcolm Logan at 914-2845.

•The Freshmen Class Committee meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the SHSBCC.

PAST EVENTS:

•The BSM endorsed George Battle for the office of Student Body President during its candidates' forum on Jan. 31. Campus elections will take place Feb. 18. The BSM will also sponsor a candidates' rally at noon on Feb. 7 in the Pit.

•Reverend Gene Hatley was recently named president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

•Rupa V. Kathandapani received this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship during the week-long birthday celebration, which also featured a lecture by Dr. Mary Francis Berry, the chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission in Washington.

•Movie Night sponsored by the BSM begins Wednesday, Feb. 2. Look for details.

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