

A New Era

Work in the University's 200-year History to Hold the Post

Battle assumed the title of internal chief of staff in out-going student body president Jim Copland's administration.

"Working with both the legislative and executive branches of student government in leadership positions has prepared me for the presidency," Battle said.

Battle will, unlike most student body presidents, reside on campus during his tenure.

"I want to stay in touch with the student body. I do not think I

Since winning the race for SBP, Battle has also become a popular figure in the local news media especially in his home town of Charlotte.

Of this recent notoriety, Battle said, "It's been very positive for the most part, but I do not put a lot of stock in what the press says. You can be up one day and down the next."

This lesson is something, which Battle learned from his parents. They have both expressed

and has worked diligently to meet them. He will do a wonderful job and will be an outspoken voice for all students at the University."

Students also appear to be confident in Battle's leadership credentials.

Former student body treasurer Aaron Bell said, "George has always been successful in all of his endeavors. I have no doubt that he will do an excellent job as

They Said...

"I think George is an excellent choice for student body president. He's a fine young man who comes from a good family....He not only supports negritude, but he also embraces the larger community. It's the essence of W.E. B. DuBois' double consciousness, and George reflects that nicely."— Chuck Stone, Walter Spearman professor of journalism.

"George's election will ensure that a large range of interest will be represented because he knows what it feels like not to have his interest represented." — Ellington Graves, second-year graduate student in department of sociology.

"A journey of a thousand miles starts with one step. This is the first step for the inclusion of Blacks at this predominantly white institution." — Carin Ross, junior psychology major.



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Despite being nervous, Battle always had a smile.

could be an effective student body president being physically removed from the trials and tribulations of everyday student life," Battle said.

their pride in their son's recent achievements.

"I am very proud of him," said Battle's mother, Iris Battle. "George has always set goals

student body president."