

Stand and Deliver Conference

News

SGA hosts leadership event to develop students

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Fayetteville State University is a great institution and great institutions do great things.

This weekend, the Stand and Deliver Conference will prove itself as the epitome of leadership, intellectuality, networking, creativity, and nobleness. The conference continues in the legacy started two years ago by the FSU Student Government Association.

Clifford Parker will oversee the signature venture. He is the President of the SGA, as well as a notable member of the elite Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Mr. Parker is a junior majoring in English Language and Literature.

The young exemplar is an important figure here at Fayetteville State. He is a member of the FSU Board of Trustees as well as an elect Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholar. Standing proud from Kinston, NC, Parker has aspirations of completing a Student Affairs M.A. Program, and eventually serving as chancellor of a prestigious university.

Along with being a fan of African American literature and ESPN, he takes utmost pride in helping the student body. "I'm not into politics, I just enjoy helping others in whatever facet", Mr. Parker explains.

The Voice was privileged to sit down with Clifford Parker to get a better idea of how the Stand and Deliver Conference will benefit Fayetteville State University.

The Voice (TV): What is THE

STAND & DELIVER CONFERENCE?

PARKER: THE STAND AND DELIVER CONFERENCE began two years ago as SGA's attempt to provide FSU students with a leadership conference of the same caliber as the popular Think Tank Leadership Conference often hosted by NC A&T. The SGA decided to host its' own conference rather than spend ridiculous amounts of money to send only a few students to the Think Tank. We have the resources right here at home. THE STAND AND DELIVER CONFERENCE has one core and fundamental purpose. That purpose is to meet the needs of our students. THE STAND AND DELIVER CONFERENCE is designed to meet the needs of our students in areas of both personal and professional development, areas directly related to career preparedness and development, and areas of methodological thinking & ideological analyses that are not met in the classroom.

TV: Why should the student body at FSU attend THE STAND & DELIVER CONFERENCE?

PARKER: FSU students should attend THE STAND AND DELIVER CONFERENCE because it was designed with students in mind. This conference offers things that are not covered in the classroom that will make us more competitive in the workforce and a cut above students that we compete with at other universities. We all want to be valuable and marketable in today's more than competitive world.

TV: What are SGA's intentions for the prospective attendees of such a beneficial program?

PARKER: The Association's hopes and intentions for the attendants are



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that each of you will leave feeling empowered, motivated, and more than capable of doing whatever you set your mind to do. We, in the Association, are THOUGHT ARCHITECTS. You will be too if you attend THE STAND AND DELIVER CONFERENCE. We wish to equip each attendant with the necessary tools to get ahead, be a better student and a better, more socially aware person.

TV: Why should students want to gain the networking skills, social encouragement, and ethnic strength that the conference aims to provide?

PARKER: Students should want to soak in all that THE STAND AND DELIVER CONFERENCE has to offer because it is relevant and needed. The Association will not waste student's valuable time with content that they could afford to miss. We need this type of training and sharpening to become the best "products on the shelf."

TV: What do YOU hope to take away from this year's event?

PARKER: I hope to leave THE STAND AND DELIVER CONFERENCE ready to take on the world. I am going to be on the front row for all of the workshops with my paper and pen; taking in every bit of information that I can from the presenters.

The Stand and Deliver Conference will be held Saturday March 15, 2008 in the School of Business and Economics beginning at 9:00am and will close with a keynote address from the esteemed Dr. Michael Eric Dyson at 4:30pm in the Seabrook Auditorium.

The Stand & Deliver Conference is a joint venture of the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the A.U.T.O.S. Commuter student, and Vision Student Leadership organizations.

FSU Sets Date For Open House

By FSU Public Relations

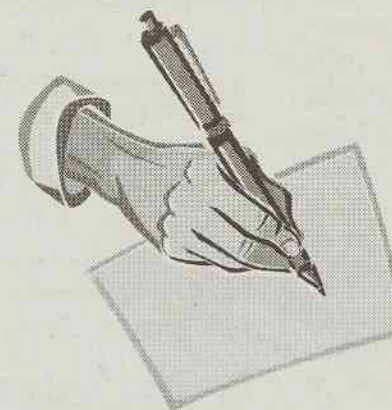
If you want to learn more about the various academic, athletic, and student activities at Fayetteville State University (FSU), then you do not want to miss Open House 2008. The event is a day where prospective students and parents can meet with current FSU students, faculty, and staff, tour the beautiful campus, visit residence halls, and learn valuable information about financial aid resources. Open House 2008 will be held April 12 in the Felton J. Capel Arena on the FSU campus. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Faculty will be on hand to talk about the various academic offerings. Members and advisors from various clubs and orga-

nizations will be in attendance. A panel consisting of FSU student leaders will answer questions about life as a Bronco. Lunch will be provided by Fayetteville State University to all students who register to attend. To register, please visit the website at <http://www.unccfsu.edu/admissions/Openhouse.htm>.

FSU is the second-oldest public institution in North Carolina. A member of the University of North Carolina System, FSU has nearly 6,700 students, 300 faculty, and offers degrees in 70 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

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