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SBP-elect George E. Battle III, recently made history by becoming the fourth Black to hold the title in UNC's 200-year history, p. 8 and 9.



## How About A Little Respect, Uhn?

Respect.

It seems so simple, doesn't it? I mean, how hard, can a seven-letter word be? Well, unfortunately, for many of us on campus, the answer is, "real hard."

Lately, I have been giving this subject a lot of thought. And in all of my thinking, I keep coming back to the same question, "Where is our respect for one another?"

One would assume that as the "brothers" and "sisters" we profess ourselves to be to one another, that we would treat each other with some respect, not to mention, dignity. But after much observation, I have found this not to be the case. In fact, we go around disrespecting each other everyday.

When we walk by the housekeepers and don't even open our mouths to say hello, we're being disrespectful. When we pass each other on the Yard in silence, we're being disrespectful. When we tear down another organization's pub, we're being disrespectful. When we wear the paraphernalia of an organization that we don't belong to, we're being disrespectful. And when we refer to each other, using terms such as 'Bitches' and 'Hos,' we are being disrespectful.

Some have said, that to get respect, you must give respect. To a degree this is true. However, why do we have to wait around for something that should be automatic. We learned it along with the other things that supposedly make us "home trained."

Respect should be given no matter what. When you disrespect another individual, not only are you showing that you, yourself have no self-respect, but also, no home-training.

The fact is, we are all adults, and something is going to have to give. Frankly, I am tired of hearing people, guys especially, talk about needing respect and then in the same breath, dis' a female. If you won't go in your momma's face and call her a 'Bitch' or a 'Ho,' then you shouldn't do it to me or any other female for that matter. And just in case you don't have any respect for your momma, you still shouldn't treat me or any other female without any respect.

As a people, we have got to stop violating one another. We are too few, especially on this campus, to go around creating conflicts among ourselves over stupid little things. So what, if you don't like that fraternity or sorority?

Does this translate into tearing down a banner and pub, like someone did to the Kappas just a few weeks ago? Does this translate into walking across the yard, wearing the paraphernalia of an organization that you "wannabe" a part of? Or does it translate into disliking someone or another organization simply because your colors are different?

If you don't like it, distance yourself from it. But don't disrespect it. The fact is that after we take away all the names, colors and other adjectives we use to describe ourselves, we are all the same. We ain't got no house niggas here. We're all in the fields.

Think about it. If we can't come together and get along amongst ourselves, what do you think will happen once we start dealing with people outside of the race?

Peace.

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