

Finance Committee Calls for SBP Impeachment

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The Student Congress Finance Committee issued its report on its investigation of the executive branch Wednesday night, including strong demands for an investigation into bribery charges brought against George Battle, impeachment proceedings against Battle and numerous other investigations.

After detailing the proceedings of the finance committee's investigation, the report demands that the office of the student attorney general investigate the allegations of corruption in the distribution of parking permits brought against Battle by Charlton Allen.

Outgoing Student Attorney General Shannon Kete declined to comment on whether a complaint had been filed with her office but did say any complaint would

be fully investigated.

"If anyone does file a formal complaint, it will be the duty of the attorney general to see if the complaint falls under the jurisdiction of The Instrument of Student Judicial Governance and determine if there is enough evidence to have a charge," Kete said.

The report lists four reasons to begin impeachment proceedings against Battle.

It alleges that Battle misled Student Congress about "the necessity of funding



Congress Speaker **MONICA CLOUD** said she had not had a chance to answer the false allegations against her.

the Minority Recruitment Bill." Battle allegedly said the General Alumni Association was willing to fund minority recruitment without student funds, the report states.

The report also accuses Battle of attempted bribery by offering to exchange a parking permit for an affirmative vote by Rep. Julie Gasperini, Dist. 14, on the Minority Recruitment Bill. It alleges that he distributed parking permits to members of The Daily Tar Heel staff and of student government and that he illegally signed the Minority Recruitment Bill.

The report also calls for investigation into the actions of Student Congress Speaker Monica Cloud.

Cloud said the allegations were lies. "It's a witch hunt. I am disgusted."

Cloud said she had been unable to refute the charges made against her at the last meeting. "I was not able to make the meet-

ing," she said. "There were allegations made, and I haven't had a chance to state my claim."

Battle defended himself against the finance committee's allegations, calling the investigation "ludicrous."

Battle said the GAA had not offered to fund the Minority Recruitment Bill. He said members of the GAA had approached him as private individuals during the controversy and had told him they would be willing to contribute money or help him find alternate sources if congress did not fund the Minority Recruitment Bill.

"Had GAA agreed to pay for this, I would not have gone through congress," Battle said.

He emphasized that the entire report was an unfounded attack.

Lyon, chairman of the finance committee, could not be reached for comment Thursday night.

Students Can Apply to Help Select DTH Editor

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The Daily Tar Heel is initiating steps for a new era as the search for a DTH editor begins. Students across campus are invited to become involved with the selection process by joining the editor selection board.

The process of selecting a new editor begins with a board of 11 students. Eight students are chosen from the campus at large to join the three DTH staff members on the board, said Kevin Schwartz, the DTH general manager.

Students must apply to be on the editor selection board. The applications will be reviewed by the DTH board of directors' editor selection committee.

Sam Guo, a member of the DTH board of directors, explained how the board would choose the selection board members.

"Basically, we take the applications and see if they have any special interests," Guo said. "We are looking for people who are involved with the University and read the DTH. It would be helpful, but not necessary, to have a journalism background. We look for diversity and we welcome graduate students, as well as underclassmen, to apply."

Guo served on the editor selection board last year before he joined the board of directors. He said it had been his way to become a part of the DTH.

"It made me feel that I was contributing to the DTH as a reader," Guo said. "I am concerned with the well-being of the paper. That's why I chose to become involved with the board of directors."

Kelly Ryan, the editor of the DTH, also

serves on the editor selection committee that will choose the selection board members.

"I can't stress enough that the DTH is about the University and the community," Ryan said. "In order for us to do a good job, we need people who care about the paper. I love the DTH as an institution, and I want it to grow every year."

"We certainly don't want anyone who has a political agenda," she said. "We don't want this to be about politics. We want people who can look at the paper and be critical about it — someone who has a package of ideas and awareness."

In the past, editors were elected by the student body during the campus election along with other offices such as student body president.

Schwartz said the process had been changed because problems frequently had developed during the election. All candidates who were staff members of the DTH were forced to quit in order to run for the office. If they lost the election, they often failed to return to the paper. He also said he thought the choice of editor should not be about politics anyway.

The changes in the selection process have received some criticism. "I think the biggest criticism is that we took students out of the process," Schwartz said. "But we are picking an all-student board."

Applications are available at the Union information desk and at the DTH. The deadline for applications is March 3. Applications for editor will be available Monday and are due March 17.

Members will need to be available March 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. and all day March 25.

Elections Board Vice Chairman Elected to Congress

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Ross McKamey was elected Feb. 14 as a Student Congress representative for Dist. 9 with three write-in votes while he was still serving as Elections Board vice chairman.

McKamey said he gave Erin Lewis, Elections Board chairwoman, his resignation as vice chairman Feb. 15, the day vote counts for his race were finalized. He said he believed his election did not pose a conflict of interest because he had not campaigned to be elected. "If I had been running, it would have been (a conflict of

interest)," McKamey said.

Lewis also said there had been no conflict of interest involved in McKamey's election to a seat on Student Congress because he had turned in his resignation immediately after he knew that he had been elected.

McKamey said he would take the Dist. 9 seat if his election were allowed to stand by Student Congress. He said he was not sure whether a conflict existed.

UNC law student Elliott Zenick said it appeared that McKamey's move had been within his rights. "The only person who is not allowed to resign is the chair, and he is not the chair," Zenick said.

"If a member of the Elections Board

takes out or files a petition for any student office, he is supposed to be immediately disqualified from office," he said.

"Because he was a write-in, he did not file a petition and should not be disqualified."

Lewis said she believed that McKamey should be sworn in as a representative in order to keep the seat from remaining empty. McKamey was the only candidate written in for Dist. 9.

"I think that it would be a shame to disqualify him, since no one else wanted the seat anyway," Lewis said.

Lewis and McKamey also said almost all of the financial reports for the campaigns had been turned in and had passed

inspection.

They said they had looked at them twice in search of obvious discrepancies but had not found any.

"I didn't go over them with a fine-toothed comb," McKamey said. "If they said they were below their spending limit, I took them at their word."

Lewis said Stacey Brandenburg had been granted a 48-hour extension to submit her financial reports, making the deadline 5 p.m. today. "There will be no more extensions after this," she said.

Lewis said a disqualification would make Brandenburg ineligible to take office even if Calvin Cunningham were disqualified within 96 hours of the runoff.

goal is to get all the teams involved."

And like the goals he sets for himself in wrestling, Harty doesn't take this one lightly. He began working with the program as a true freshman while sitting out wrestling season with a severely injured shoulder. That year, about eight teams were involved. Now, with Harty's leadership, the program has 15 teams regularly contributing and all 27 varsity sports lending a hand at one time or another.

"I knew when he first came in as a freshman — he was so enthusiastic and excited — I knew that's who I wanted to take over the program," said Smith, who now works in the University of Houston Athletic Department. "He was truly dedicated to the program and put in a lot of time. He knew he was going to take things

over this year so he wanted to get in a lot of hands-on experience."

Harty gets excited talking about the program and thoroughly checks his datebook to make sure he doesn't miss any minute details. He has to be organized during this time of year. Not only is he nursing the knee, he's preparing to make a run at the national championship while leading the Outreach program. He also is actively involved in four other campus groups and maintains a 3.2 GPA. Occasionally, he even sleeps. "I find time to get it all done," he said. "It sounds crazy, but it all just gets done somehow."

The program has a full slate of activities in both the fall and spring, allowing more student-athletes to participate while their sport is out of season. "This thing wouldn't be a success without the athletes' willingness to give up their time to help others," Harty said. "The reason I do it is because we're out there, we are making a difference, we're helping people, and we're making an impact on people's lives."

In the fall, ACC Outreach takes part in

a walk-a-thon to benefit people with diabetes. Harty said four UNC athletes participated a year ago and raised \$400. This year, 30 Tar Heels took part and raised \$1,200. Credit much of that newfound participation to Harty's leadership.

"He's not a pusher, he leads by his actions," said John Lotz, assistant athletic director for campus and community relations and faculty adviser to ACC Outreach. "The other athletes know he's involved, and they see him out there leading the cause."

Another program that has grown during Harty's tenure occurs at Thanksgiving. Last year, the organization gathered food for 20 baskets that went to needy families in the Chapel Hill area. This year, 35 families benefited and enjoyed personalized goodies such as media guides and schedules from the team sponsoring each basket.

Harty is especially proud of the Angel Tree project his program put together for the first time last Christmas. Twenty-five needy children's gift wishes were placed on a tree, and one by one, teams claimed

them on a voluntary basis and made Christmas a bit happier for those 25 kids.

Events planned for this semester include: a shoot-around at the new Carr Court with varsity basketball players, a clothing drive for the Oxford Orphanage, speeches at elementary and high schools, trips to area rest homes, preparing meals at the Ronald McDonald House, and working at the soup kitchen on Rosemary Street.

"It's a way of team-building," Harty said. "It makes you know how blessed you are to be where you're at. Even though we are where we are at as athletes, we can still help others. To know that we are doing that, and we are making a difference, makes all this work we're doing worthwhile."

Along with the long-term items, the athletes use short-term ideas to get away from the pressures of competing on and off the court. Occasionally, Harty and his companions visit the pediatrics ward of UNC Hospitals to meet with ill children.

"I can just imagine some of those kids being intimidated when they first see him," Smith said with a chuckle. "But, a few words and a kind touch from Justin, and I'm sure they feel comfortable around him."

The group also volunteers to help elementary schools in read-a-thon projects and to trade in textbooks for classics such as "Clifford, the Big Red Dog." Teenagers also benefit from the Outreach program, getting an opportunity to just hang out

with some of the athletes on the weekends at the Street Scene Teen Center in the basement of the Franklin Street post office.

As if ACC Outreach weren't enough, Harty finds time to be a peer counselor for freshman athletes and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Athletes in Action, Tar Heels for Christ and his church group in Durham. Although each of these groups helps others on a voluntary basis, Harty reaps the rewards of his work each time he talks with the people he helps.

"One of the biggest things about this thing that is so gratifying is really seeing the people's reactions and responses when we help them. They're just so thankful and grateful. Some of the letters we get back — that's what makes it all worthwhile. When people do recognize that and say, 'We wanted to write and tell you thank you very much. You made our Thanksgiving.' When you hear that type of stuff, it doesn't make you feel anything but good."

For the Record

In the article "No New Representatives Sworn In to Congress" in Thursday's edition, Rep. Roy Granato was misquoted. Granato sponsored the bill to fund the Black Student Movement's gospel choir and was in favor of appropriating \$900. The DTH regrets the error.

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