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EDITORIALS

Registration

Three Furman University students have been granted the right to register to vote in Greenville County by the Greenville County Voter Registration Board.

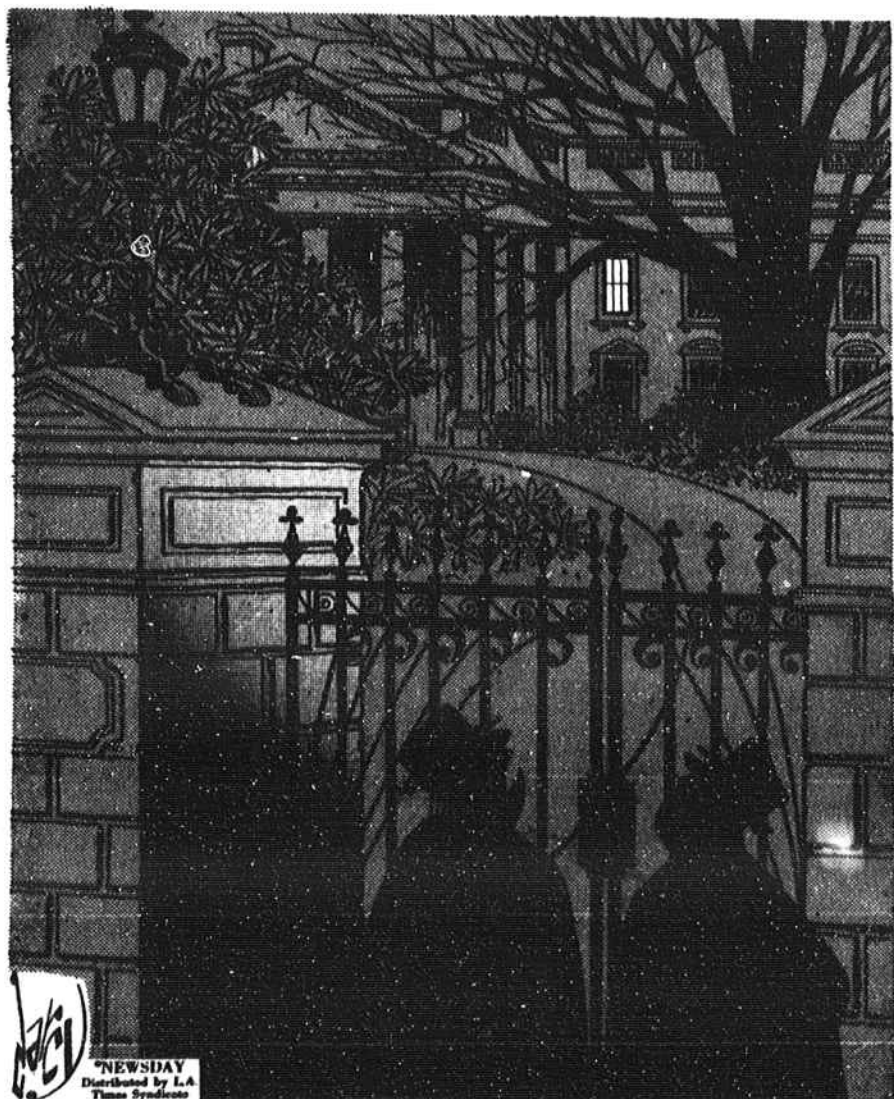
The decision was given because the students were able to give the board the reasonable assurance that they planned on living in the county after they were graduated from the school.

The board chairman was informed by legal authorities that a statement of intent constitutes their right to register. This move was a wise one and will help in the bringing about of fresh voter response with the younger citizens being able to vote.

The students here at Carolina should look into something of this nature because this would help in bringing about the same effect here in Richland County. There are many USC students that plan to live here if they do not now and many others that have established enough of a permanent residency in order to carry this action through.

The old questions of residency requirements, automobile registration and parents' residency are no longer according to this decision.

The student population here at USC has a responsibility to themselves, if no one else, to try and bring about changes within this county. The chance may now be here if the support of such a move is big enough.



Letters to the editor

Election mistakes obviously result of gross blunders

MR. FARRELL,

The recent Student Government elections were thrown out for four reasons. 1. They were not held at the time specified in the constitution. 2. The referendums were worded incorrectly, were vague, and in one case were not even posted at the polling place. 3. Under the system used, it was possible to trace how a student voted. 4. There was a student senator on the election committee.

All four of these reasons point directly to the election committee. It is obvious that only gross carelessness could account for these blunders.

Since the election will be held again, the candidates can try again, but I wonder what good it will do as long as the election committee can jeopardize the results.

This is one blow against USC's Student Government, one, from the already apathetic and even hostile feeling of the students, it can ill afford.

J. CHARLES LEHMANN

God's existence doesn't involve question of logic

MR. FARRELL:

After reading M.C. Reid's (Mr. or Miss?) letter in Monday's Gamecock, I feel that there are a few things which now must be said.

First, contrary to Reid's beliefs, my name is Whacker not Thacker, it's such a pity that someone who uses such big words (disgorges anyone?) can't even read. What was the old saying about common sense?

I previously stated that I was open to suggestions and still am. However, what Reid offered weren't exactly suggestions. I would engage him a battle of wits, but I never fight an unarmed man.

Reid says we are dealing with an irrational situation. Who came first man or God? The only thing here that is irrational is Reid's mind! Obviously, man didn't create the universe, although he seems to be having a good time destroying it.

Also this question of existence of God doesn't involve logic. F—logic! God exists, always has, always will and you—Mr. Reid and all you other atheists—better be glad He does!

If the universe is self-perpetuating please explain its formation. If the world is rational, kindly explain how so. Rationality is a lot of bull—you can rationalize anything in your own mind. But you try to get billions of people over thousands of years to believe it (trace man's belief in God). Are you—Mr. Reid—placing man at the top? Is he the supreme entity? You tell me what is right, Mr. Reid. I'm not saying that I'm better at nights knowing that someone greater than I is around to take care of me.

As to your hypothesis of mankind taking a cheap ticket to ride, it is you who are taking the cheap ticket. It is a lot harder to fathom the idea of a supreme being greater than man. Atheism is a far cheaper way out.

However, you, Mr. Reid, live in your fantasy land, and I'll gladly live in mine. Then we will see where man's only ride takes him. It's a pity that we must wait until we die to see who is right. But in the end Mr. Reid, we if you can rationalize. Hell fire!!!

T.W. WHACKER III

School libraries should open earlier on Sunday

MR. FARRELL:

IF I were the only student with this complaint, I wouldn't write this letter. However, there are many other students who share my gripe concerning the opening hour of the P.S.C. library on Sunday (2:00 p.m.). Is there any reason the P.S.C. library, and McKissick, too, should not open at an earlier hour, possible 9:00? It would not be necessary for the professional staff to be on duty; and surely there would be students who could be on duty during earlier hours. A change of opening hours would be appreciated very much by many students.

KATHY BETTS

'Trumbo' information in movie review seems second-hand

MR. FARRELL:

I have just finished reading Frederica Green's review of the movie "Johnny Got His Gun". It seems that she has merely heard second-hand of Dalton Trumbo's problems with the Hollywood blacklist of the McCarthy era.

She says that Dalton Trumbo was "finally . . . permitted to return and film his novel."

Perhaps Miss Green should be apprised of the fact that Trumbo never left Hollywood. He continued to work in Hollywood during the blacklist and after under a variety of pen names. When Otto Preminger was filming "Exodus" he announced that Trumbo was at work on the screenplay and that he would receive on-screen credit for doing so. This announcement prompted the producers of Stanley Kubrick's film "Spartacus" to give Trumbo on-screen credit for having written the screenplay for that film also.

I might also add that Trumbo got no financial support from the Hollywood he was "finally permitted to return" to. "Johnny Got His Gun" was filmed with money which Trumbo was forced to raise himself.

Miss Green ends her review by saying "Trumbo's back." Perhaps with a slight bit of research, she would have realized that Trumbo "never left"!

STEVEN J. WHITTON

Letters Policy

We will continue our policy of printing all signed (no pen names) letters we receive.

We have received quite a few letters without the necessary signatures. Thus, we couldn't publish them. However, if the reader wishes to have his name withheld, we will do so only after he has signed the letter.

Also, please have the letters typed or written neatly so our secretary won't get eye strain.

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Or bring them by the third floor of the Russell House (after all the controversy we stirred up in the past, they took away the numbers on our door. You can probably find us halfway down the hall on the right side.)



Breakfast-in-Bed Contest
Win and you get early morning room service November 15 through 19. Carolina students everywhere* can enter. Just drop your name, telephone and room number in one of the contest boxes in either Capstone, or South Cafeterias between Monday, November 8, and suppertime Friday, November 12. Two winners. One from each cafeteria. Drawings Friday, November 12. Winners will be notified.

*Room service applies to campus only. Off campus winners receive breakfast free at any University Dining Service facility, November 15-19.