

Precarious

Campbell has tough choice; should reject nuclear waste

Gov. Carroll Campbell is in a tough spot — between a rock and a hard place, as it were.

The South Carolina governor has been asked by President George Bush to allow a load of nuclear waste to be dumped in this state. Bush says the Colorado nuclear weapons facility will have to close if no state accepts the load.

Bush has asked one his most trusted and powerful allies to help him out. But Campbell may not be able to comply.

Campbell has a tough decision to make because just last year, he put a moratorium on accepting waste from other states. He laid down his law — to protect South Carolina's environment.

But for the governor, who many say could aspire to national prominence one day, this request has to be tearing him apart. If he accepts the waste from Colorado, he'll keep his political stronghold with Bush, but he'll look weak locally for having gone back on his moratorium and jeopardizing the environment. If he doesn't accept the waste, the state will love him, but Bush might be a little miffed.

Campbell has to decide where his priorities lie. No one really believes this issue will kill Campbell's political life if he doesn't accept the waste, but most agree there could be a little bit of embarrassment on Bush's part if his most trusted Southern ally turns him down.

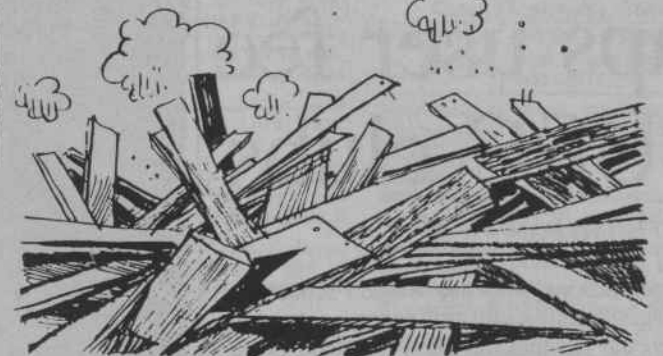
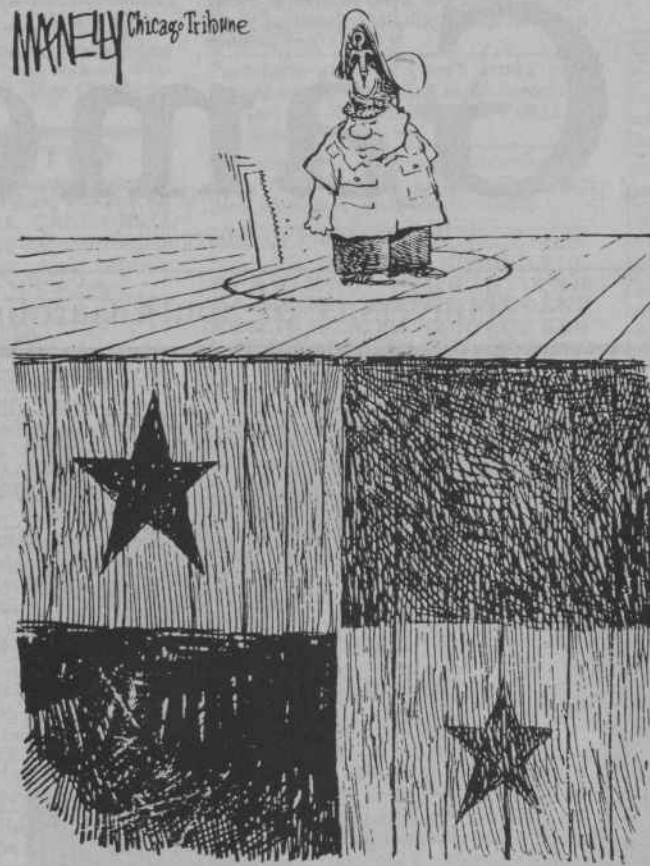
But Campbell has to look at the big picture in this decision.

Does he really want to risk the environment of his state and risk looking two-faced with his promises just for the sake of a few more brownie points with Bush?

He should not put his political aspirations above the welfare and future of the state that elected him.

He should reject the nuclear waste no matter how much pressure his republican buddies put on him.

MacNeely Chicago Tribune



The Nine Lives of Noriega

Fla. ruling says raped girl 'asked for it'

"She was asking for it because of the way she was dressed."

A Florida jury acquitted a man of rape for this reason. This jury of six (three men, three women) sent a message to America that rape can be justified and that rape is a crime of sex.

There is no justification for rape. Rape is a crime of violence, motivated more by the desire to dominate than by a desire for sex.

Uniform Crime Reports defines rape as the carnal knowledge of (an individual) forcibly and against (his/her) will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included.

Rape is not as simple as 'just say no'; it's a problem that needs to be addressed more than ignored. It's time to address the misconceptions.

A Florida jury is not alone in its misconception of rape. Many still believe common rape myths such as:

- If women tease and then say "no" they deserve to have sex forced on them.
- Men cannot control themselves sexually beyond a certain point.
- Women enjoy being overpowered.
- Only 'bad' girls get raped.



Amy Loomis

● Women place themselves in potential rape situations.

The validity of these myths isn't worth evaluating, but their wide-spread acceptance proves that our society is a sexist one that teaches men to be dominant and women to be submissive.

The persistent propagation of these myths does not entirely rest upon the shoulders of men or women, but society as a whole.

One of the most influential is television. So often people confuse what they see on TV with reality. Tune in to any channel at any time and you'll often see an unrealistic depiction of woman's nature, status, intellect, etc. How many times have we laboriously watched the frail woman be rescued by some brawny male or watched bubble-headed blondes bounce on the screen with a laugh track following her every move or watched a car or beer commercial show the product and then pan to a sensually clad woman as though to say, "to buy this product is to assure yourself of acquiring this woman as an additional commodity." The coincidental timing of these with sports programs assumes that not only is the consumer market male-dominated, but so is the entertainment market. Some of these commercials are aiming at the female consumer, but as yet it's an unexplored area — too little, too late and still stereotypical.

In his book *Men on Rape*, Timothy Beneke writes "Not every man is a rapist, but every man who grows up in America and learns

American English learns all too much to think like a rapist, to structure his experience of women and sex in terms of status, hostility, control and dominance." In fact, UCLA researcher Neil Malamuth reported in 1986 that 30 percent of the men he questioned said they would commit rape if they knew there was no chance of being caught. This attitude is reiterated in Nicholas Groth's *Men Who Rape*. A sex offender says, "I wish the guy didn't have to be the aggressor. I wish there were more aggressive girls around — there probably would be a lot less rapes."

It's not the fault of men "who can't control themselves," or women who "should be more careful," it's everybody.

If a person walks down the street with a \$20 bill in plain view, does that mean mugging that person is justifiable? Most juries would say no. Being a careless or vulnerable victim of crime does not make you less of a victim in the eyes of the law.

Society teaches us that women play hard to get and men see just how far they can get. We accept the fact that men are supposed to dominate, and we believe that this is what every woman wants. We teach boys to be aggressive and girls to be passive. And we tell our children to beware of strangers because they might be dangerous. We never give a second thought to how our own culture promotes miscommunication between the sexes and how that miscommunication can lead to the violent crime we call rape.



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Letters to the editor

America not just apple pie

To the editor:

When many think of America, they think of red, white and blue and the traditions of baseball and apple pie. I feel a sense of anger, hatred and disgust when I think of America. Many of you think and say that America is by far the best country to live and the freedoms that exist here don't exist elsewhere. True, but do you call the following examples of my people true freedom?

First, we have the right and freedom to travel to Virginia Beach and expect a holiday of peaceful fun. Instead we are faced with a racial riot. To my knowledge, these are the '80s, not the '60s, and blacks will not stand for the brutality of black students. Second, we have the right to eat anywhere we choose, but instead are turned away in North Augusta because the owner only permits whites to dine there. I will eat anywhere my two feet take me and dare anyone, black or white, to deny me that privilege.

Next I attend a party and it was cut short because a white guy called someone a "nigger." Can a group of blacks congregate and not be looked at as "niggers?" The simple fact is the narrow-minded guy who said it will not receive any respect. Why? Because his remark can not and will not hurt us. We will still continue on and only look down on him as an incompetent fool. Lastly, I attended a S.C. State-Citadel football game and the sight was horrendous. No, not the football action, but instead the sight of many rebel flags waved by Citadel fans. Little do they know, the rebel flag only symbolizes the continuing legacy of Southern ig-

norance. I also hope the fraternity Kappa Alpha, who has won the so-called excellence award, knows the history behind the sickness of the rebel flag. Again, anyone who glorifies the rebel flag is a fool representing a sick illogical ideology.

This subject of racism will not be kept quiet any longer. This society has held us back long enough and I and many others will not be held back any longer. Wake up, America, your dream is over and the nightmare for blacks will soon be over.

Ricky Kerns
Political science junior

MacNeely art overblew nose

To the editor:

I was dismayed at the MacNeely cartoon so prominently featured on your opinion-editorial page Oct. 4. The cartoon featured renderings of two humanoid creatures shining a light up a cavernous nostril. One of the creatures suggested an air strike be levied against the nose. I presume from the graffiti tattooed upon that magnificent proboscis "demand" and the labels stitched upon the two characters' jackets, "czar" and "drug war" respectively, that the point of the cartoon was to communicate frustration at the current futility of enforcing "drug" laws.

Be that as it may, the main victim, the innocent victim of such a spurious attack, was the grand, up-lifted proboscis. I feel the time has arrived to shed light upon, not up, nostrils. The widespread neglect flung upon this misinterpreted, God-given sensory apparatus reflects society's loss of direction.

It is time to wipe the slate clean; to bridge the deviated septum of injustice; to expel from our midst

such unwarranted prejudices! And let the only thing that strikes the air be the vaporous creation of the noble nose.

Joseph Wegrzyn
English instructor

USC correct in Hugo help

To the editor:

I couldn't believe it when Patrick Jean complained that our coliseum was used as a shelter for Lowcountry evacuees when Hugo hit.

Mr. Jean said it was fine to use the coliseum for many different types of events "as long as they are not deemed obscene or offensive." Does he find the homeless offensive? USC exercised good judgment when opening the coliseum as a shelter. It has plenty of space, ample parking and plenty of facilities designed to handle large crowds. Who could possibly ask for a better shelter?

Then Mr. Jean said Lowcountry residents should skip USC and go to Clemson or Raleigh when a Category 4 hurricane hits. Does he object to the evacuees having anything to do with USC? One good effect of Hugo is that state residents were brought closer together through mutual suffering, consolation and help for those who need it. USC was exercising its position as a state institution by helping out residents through the use of our facilities and influence.

Finally, Mr. Jean called on Mike Fair. Why, Mr. Jean? I doubt Mr. Fair would have told evacuees to go home so our big, empty building could remain clean and dry.

I would hate to be in Mr. Jean's neighborhood when the next category 4 hits.

Corey Cushing
Journalism sophomore

Gays against God's ideas

To the editor:

It's that time of year again. "Coming Out Day." I thought this year I would say a little something about the section of the community that celebrates this day. I am not going to deny that homosexuals have the right to live in promiscuity, and in direct disobedience to the Lord's will. No, not even a little bit. Of course they have this freedom. The short message I would like to leave with them though is found in the Bible: "If a man also lie with mankind as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death." (Leviticus 20:13)

One might cry unfair, insensitive, ignorant!

Who, me? Naaaaaaa! I did not make this up, rather this is what the creator of the universe stated. Life is full of unpleasant surprises, isn't it? Nice day.

Wayne Aaron
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Alma Mater sign confusing

To the editor:

During the singing of the last verse of the Alma Mater at the football games, everyone holds up their arm and makes a symbol with their hand. What symbol are they supposed to be making? Everyone seems to do something different. It would be good to let everyone know exactly what symbol to make. I, for one, would like to know the correct way.

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