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**Editorial Board**

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## What's next?

*Election results indicate call for change; better cooperation needed between parties*

After a considerable amount of mud-slinging this election year, the dust has finally cleared, and Americans are asking what's next. It's a valid question, especially considering the Republican party's takeover of Congress and other Democratic strongholds across the nation.

With such upheaval in the basic political structure of our nation, it's no wonder election results have stunned winners and losers alike. As interesting a turn of events as these past few days have been, now is not the time for gloating or back-slapping by the conquering party. Such actions only fuel the animosity that exists between the rival factions.

After close races and negative campaigns, harsh feelings exist between members of both political parties. It's no great surprise such enmity exists between the two; it always has. Every once in awhile, a crisis shakes the nation and forces the two camps to come together. However, the United States should not have to wait for natural disasters and presidential assassinations to attempt to work things out. Our political system is one based, at least in theory, on compromise. The situation that now exists between a Republican Congress and a Democratic president will test this concept fully in the next two years.

The American public has reiterated a message it sent out two years ago. It wants change. Voters wanted it then, and they want it now. It's time for those in positions of power to stop bickering amongst themselves and get down to the business of righting some of the many wrongs that happen every day. Just because Congress has taken on a new identity doesn't mean the problems of health care and homelessness will just go away.

America needs its elected officials to look past partisan politics and at the issues that desperately need to be addressed. After all, that's why the voters send them to Washington in the first place.

## Wording, exaggeration key to great resume



**CHRIS MULDROW**  
Columnist

I've been interviewing at several newspapers lately. I'm trying to get an internship over the summer so I don't end up with that job grinding up frogs at the Savannah River Site again. (Believe it or not, I know people who've actually had that job. Why they blend frogs at the site, I don't know, but I bet it keeps errant frogs from wandering around the expensive equipment. Which reminds me of a joke: what's green and red and spins round and round? A frog in a blender. What do you get when you add eggs? Frog nog.)

I know it's a bit early to apply for summer jobs, but everyone seems to want to interview now. I guess they need to time to hone that razor-sharp edge on their witty rejection letters. It seems that every place has a different requirement for things to bring to the interview. Everyone demands one thing, though — the resume. Welcome to The Beardman Guide to Making Everything You've Ever Done Sound More Important Than It Actually Is.

A resume, for those of you who've just entered college or those of you who've decided to make classes a career, is a page or two filled with carefully fabricated former jobs, accomplishments and references designed to convince potential employers to offer you the big office with the window, the electric pencil sharpener and the assistant who's paid to tell you how witty your 'Aunt Bertha goes Rollerblading' story is.

The first step in writing your resume is to buy expensive paper, the kind that costs \$20 for two sheets. Buy a couple of packages because you'll misspell something on every sheet of the first package. Employers who see expensive paper automatically think, "Hey, this potential minimum-wage employee really knows his paper. He'd be great for that photocopying position we need filled." (Notice I didn't say "Xeroxing" position. That's because, according to the Xerox company, the word "Xerox" is not a verb, it's only an adjective. If you misuse the word "Xerox" masked gunmen from the company abduct you and force you to clear paper jams for the rest of your life.)

Second in your quest for the per-

fect resume is the selection of a classy looking font. Modern computers have made it possible to select from billions of fonts, but it's good to use some careful judgment when selecting the right resume look for you. I suggest any font named after a European person. Fonts you should avoid: Road kill (possums, squirrels and other critters flattened into letters), Inkblot (letters look like they were almost written when the ink cartridge exploded) and Invisible Ink (the employer has to use a special "ghost pen" to reveal the hidden references).

Now you can start writing. Remember that everything you've ever done is important in its own little way — employers want to know that you potty-trained quickly. Be concise, though, and think of ways to summarize what you've done. For instance, I didn't want to bore my future bosses with the story about how I went out every morning of my copy-editor training this summer to pick up 20 newspapers out of the box for the other members of the class, so I simply called it "circulation experience."

That paper cut I got shuffling tax records was rather bloody and gory, so I just said I was injured while reporting on a major government operation.

The time I realized the computers in the newsroom weren't printing because the printer was turned off is much better described as an "advanced computer technical repair."

Be sure to list awards and achievements, too: Eagle Scout, scholarships, writing awards, finalist status in the Publishers Clearinghouse Sweepstakes, Nobel Peace Prize, two toys in the Cracker Jacks box.

You should also list old jobs and reasons for leaving them. If you left the job because you accidentally blew up the office after mixing two cleaning fluids together, you might want to leave that one off.

References are important, but remember that occasionally employers actually call the people. One of my interviewers was really upset when he called Mother Teresa and she denied ever knowing me.

The key to an effective resume is to be totally honest in as roundabout a way as you can. Just ask my wife, Cindy Crawford, when she gets back from picking up our Ferrari from Richard Petty's mechanic.

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### QUOTEUNQUOTE

**"I'm doing my part for the university. I'm also drinking back my tuition."**

Stuart, a student at the University of Alabama on performing breathalyzer studies

## Election results signify bright future for America

On Wednesday, Rush Limbaugh's radio show began with a new introduction. For nearly two years, I have listened to a count of the days of the "raw deal" at approximately 12:07 p.m., but this Wednesday was different. As I traveled north on Bull Street on my way to lunch at Bojangles, I turned my radio up and rolled my windows down in anticipation. Normally, I only crank AM 560 all the way up. I was proud. America was truly on my side now.

Rush's radio program began, "And now a special edition of the Rush Limbaugh program. Democracy restored." It was one of the greatest feelings I have ever had. I compare it to the way I felt on Nov. 10, 1984. The Gamecocks had just beaten Florida State and had secured the No. 2 spot in the football polls. In fact, I would put those respective events second only to my accepting Christ in 1983.

Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 1994. A historic day. The American people have spoken. They want their country back. This is the greatest country in the history of mankind. Nothing, I mean nothing, will stop this great nation.

I have never been one to give up on America. I have never let myself become too pessimistic. The day after Bill Clinton was elected president one of my friends jokingly said, "I'm moving to Canada; this country sucks." My response: "Never give up on America. America is too important. I love America too much to ever give up."



**TOMMY TOUCHBERRY**  
Columnist

The Republican party stood unified during this election in support of conservative principles. Economic freedom, fiscal responsibility, traditional values, respect, integrity and, most importantly, honesty. America has elected the Republican party into a majority position in the U.S. Congress, governorships across the nation, state houses and many other positions. States like South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama made a strong move to the right. Others like Georgia, California and New York weren't far behind.

The Republican party and its leaders have an awesome responsibility. Newt Gingrich, Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, David Beasley and many others must deliver on their promises to do everything in their power to limit government's control over our private lives. I am confident they will make good on their promises.

According to voter research by the Voter News Service, Republicans made significant gains among whites, Hispanics, Protestants, Catholics, the non-religious affiliated, both males and females and all age groups. The Republicans won a majority of support from all

age groups except the 18-29 segment, which they split evenly with the Democrats. Republicans did especially well among Protestants and white males.

Next week, I will fulfill my duty as a marketing research major and provide you with an in-depth analysis of the election and voter research. I would like to close with one point and a list of thanks. First, I want everyone to hold the elected Republican majority accountable for what they do and not for what they have no control over.

Finally, I want to honor those individuals that helped make this election possible (sounds like one of those acceptance speeches at an awards show!). Carol Campbell for building the Republican majority in South Carolina, Newt Gingrich for sticking to principle and rallying the Republican party around a sound conservative agenda, Rush Limbaugh for being the conservative "voice" in broadcasting, Pat Robertson for helping to build the Christian grass-roots base in the Republican party and, finally, the man who fathered modern conservatism, Ronald Reagan. My prayers are with you, pres, as you battle Alzheimer's disease, but I am proud to say on behalf of all conservatives everywhere, "We won this one for the gipper."

*Tommy Touchberry is a marketing junior. His column appears every Friday.*

### LETTERS

## Students need to be concerned about world hunger

While I was sitting at the Oxfam Carolina Fast sign-up table the other day, a student stopped by and looked at at poster with statistics relating to the 35,000 children of the world who die each day of hunger-related causes. "Who cares," was his comment. I was shocked!

Who does care? Who will intercede on behalf of the 1.2 billion hungry in our world? Hopefully, students, faculty and staff at USC!

On a campus where there is no hunger problem, no shortage of food, how is it possible to help fight hunger, let alone understand the problem?

Oxfam Carolina, a coalition of USC organizations and individuals coming together to fight hunger has organized events that go beyond just asking for donations. To dramatize the way the world's food resources are divided, a Hunger Banquet was held on Wednesday, Nov. 9. A Fast Day, Wednesday, Nov. 16, will challenge the USC community to experience for a short time and in a limited way the hunger and deprivation that 1.2 billion of the world's population chronically experience. All are invited to give up a meal (or meals), snacks, cigarettes, etc. and give the money that would have been spent to Oxfam America, an international hunger-fighting organization. An interfaith service that evening will be a powerful expression of the concern of the world's religions to helping the hungry.

The challenge to us at USC is to see

better, so I picked on you) is weakened by self-indulgence, preachy flavor and unprofessional sarcasm. Professional sarcasm flays the reader to the quick without resorting to playground insults. The editorial column should persuade or berate but never scold. (Read James Kirk Patrick.)

For an example of a strong, mature columnist at The Gamecock, look at Stephen Brown's frequently brilliant movie reviews. Kudo's Stephen! Thank you for addressing the faculty and students of this university as literate, intelligent adults.

### Columnists need to be focused on better issues

There is a disturbing trend in the editorial page this semester. That is, the proliferation of people attempting to write like Chris Muldrow.

The Beardman is great! I look forward to his columns. I loved the Horsehoe "keep off the grass" column from last year. But I want to impress upon our budding journalists that not everyone who writes a column has to sound like Dave Barry. There are other ways of being humorous, and better ways to make a point if you are discussing a serious issue.

An editorial column is an expression of one person's opinion on an issue, but the column should focus on the issue! Self conscious prose like, "I also ask that you take time from your busy and pointless life to consider..." (Sorry, Mr. Matthews, your column was one of the

its own laws; a line-item veto; welfare reform; tort reform; pro-family provisions; term limits and tax reform.

Is this a return to the eighties? Let's hope so. The liberals have done their utmost to wage a disinformation campaign about that seminal decade, but the fact is that Reaganomics worked for all Americans — of all incomes.

An instructive example (of which there are many): since 1989 median household real income shrank from \$33,585 to \$31,241, or about seven percent. Last year's drop was \$300. That hasn't happened during a recovery since the Carter administration.

But from the 1982 to 1989 the same measure rose by about \$3,200 or 10.5 percent! The reason? Lower marginal tax rates spur economic growth, which is the key to deficit reduction. Actual tax revenues (far more important than rates) soared under Reagan, but entitlement spending grew even faster.

### "Contract with America" the way GOP promises

This letter is in response to Phil War's column in the November 2 issue. The Republican "Contract with America" is a believable GOP agenda that cuts through voter cynicism. These are not empty campaign promises akin to Clinton's "middle-class tax cut," but 10 actual bills to be enacted during the first 100 days of the next Congress. Rather than taking the safe route and merely opposing Clinton, the Republicans have boldly given Americans a real choice.

The Contract features provisions for requiring a three-fifths supermajority to raise taxes; forcing Congress to obey

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## How will Tuesday's elections affect President Clinton?



"I think it will be certainly bad for him. He's losing the support of the country, as reflected in the way everyone's voting."

**Erin Shaw**  
Journalism freshman



"I think he's going to have to move back to the center, that's where he campaigned from in '92. I don't think it means he'll be automatically defeated."

**Kai Musielak**  
Advertising freshman



"Because most of them are Republicans, it doesn't help him at all. And the bad publicity media gives won't help him either."

**Donald Gore**  
Engineering freshman



"He'll have a harder time working with Congress. He'll probably end up with a lot of negative publicity from what people in Congress are doing."

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