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Single-gender schools still an issue after all

Roughly two months ago, Shannon Faulkner walked away from The Citadel, presumably ending a lengthy, ugly struggle.

However, Thursday's debate at the law school proves that the battle over single-gender education is not dead. In fact, it seems that the struggle is alive and well.

Just in case any one has been asleep for the past two years, here's a quick refresher from The Gamecock:

Publicly funded institutions of higher learning cannot close their doors to women. This practice is highly unconstitutional.

Both The Citadel and the Virginia Military Institute have been ordered to either open their doors to women or provide an equal opportunity for education (the latter is an extremely difficult task at the very least).

Women pay taxes in Virginia and South Carolina. Regardless of the amount of state funding an institution receives, if it retains a public status, it must benefit all taxpayers.

On the other hand, if an institution is private, it has every right to set its own exclusive standards. In fact, single-gender institutions have some benefits. They only benefit a smaller percentage of the population, but they also have a smaller funding base.

Tradition is not a valid argument in this case. Just because a wrong has been committed for a great length of time does not make it any less wrong or mean that it shouldn't be done away with. Slavery has existed since Old Testament times, but that doesn't mean it is right.

Conclusion: If you're private, you can keep your private practices. If you're public, you must open up to the whole public.

I think I hear some knocking. Open up.



"BILLY RAY, YOU COME OUTTA THERE! YOU CAN'T SULK IN A CLOSET THE REST OF YOUR LIFE JUST 'CUZ YOU FOUND OUT COLIN POWELL IS A LIBERAL!"

QUOTE, UNQUOTE

"Race and sex are not the same thing. There is no biological foundation for racial distinction, but there is for women and men."

Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, Professor of History at Emory University

Beardman puts check on spelling of tattoos

Henry Price is something of a god in the copy editing world; his class is feared in the journalism school, but survivors leave with a superior grasp of grammar, writing and style.

In fact, every time I write something these days, I'm scared I've dangled a preposition or split an infinitive; I just know Dr. Price is going to chase me down and execute me for horribly mangling the language.

One thing Dr. Price always stressed in class was spelling. I always knew his class would be useful for people in majors other than journalism, but a story in The State opened a set of potential Price students I never imagined.

It seems a New Jersey tattoo artist misspelled one of client's tattoos. The Notre Dame "Fighting" Irish are now permanently immortalized on Dan O'Conner's arm. I'm not sure how one goes about "fighting," but it certainly doesn't sound as impressive as the "Fighting" Irish moniker that previously marked the team.

If Dr. Price is too busy to begin a seminar for tattoo artists with spelling problems, I believe I've thought of a stopgap assistant. Perhaps the same technology embedded in popular word processing programs could be ported to tattoo needles.

A spellchecking tattoo needle should eliminate embarrassing tattoo typos. It wouldn't even need the tell-tale beep that accompanies many spellcheckers. The needle could just sink a little deeper in the tattoo recipient's arm, causing a differently toned shriek of pain.

Shrieks of pain won't be coming from diners in Belfast, Ireland, however. (I realize the last transition was rather awkward, but the following story will be so amusing you'll forget my stylistic faux pas.) A restaurateur in Belfast proposed a School Din-

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ners business in the city. The restaurant would feature waitresses dressed as English schoolgirls who would whip patrons who didn't clean their plates. A judge said the business wasn't fit for the city.

I tried starting a similar restaurant here in town. If diners didn't finish their meals, however, I made them do some yard work, then sent them to their rooms without any dessert. It didn't have the same success the first School Dinners store in London had, though. I can't figure out why...

On the home front, I'm a bit concerned about the Columbia weather lately. I carried my kayak home over fall break because I thought it would be the end of the warm paddling season, and instantly the weather turned nice and stayed that way. I also brought all my winter clothes to school, which means time between laundry trips has dramatically decreased.

As clothes get bulkier, that dang laundry bag fills up to quickly. Luckily, there are new machines in the laundry room with cool digital timers.

The driers only take quarters, though, and there's no change machine, so the 3,452 dimes I saved for laundry are now totally useless unless I decide to park at a meter for the better part of a year.

Unfortunately, all the meters are taken most of the time, so I decided I'm just going to save up dimes and buy a new car.

Or, maybe I could use the dimes to run down to Georgia and get my own tattoo. I can see it now, brandished across my chest: "The Bearman."

Two weeks ago last Tuesday, O.J. Simpson was found not guilty of the murders of Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman. My Individual Liberties, meets at the same time as the verdict's reading, and I was sent as a class delegate to the TV room to find out and report back.

When the verdict was read, the TV Room filled with 150 people (it only holds about 50) erupted, with mostly the black students cheering. As I walked back to class, a member of the custodial staff, a black woman, came tearing around the corner, hands flailing in the air, screaming in excitement.

Back in Individual Liberties, the mostly white class sat stunned as I told them. Even my professor, a rather liberal woman and former criminal defense attorney, was shocked. The evidence, she said, was so thick, she couldn't see how anyone would vote not guilty.

On Monday, in Washington, the Million Man March (I'll give the organizers the benefit of the doubt) gathered at The Mall to atone, reflect, and rally in support of themselves.

During the week, to ten days, before the March, the national media focused

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not on the message of the March, or why one million people would take off work for two days to travel across the country, but on the past statements of the main organizer.

These two events, and the reactions by whites to both of them, raise serious questions about the state of race relations in the United States, almost a third of a century after the passage of the Civil Rights Act and more than 40 years after the integration of schools. This reaction should make us all take a great pause and question in what direction we are headed.

It should be apparent that whites and blacks, generally, see each other's state of being in this country differently. My belief is that white people believe the time for racial distinction is over, that the black community no longer suffers the injustices it did before 1963, and, because of this, the time for "payment" is over.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We know the problem exists; work on solution

In light of the Million Man March last Monday in Washington, D.C. I would like to express my concerns about the betterment of race relations in society today.

"White America" needs to recognize the voices of the people that were there and what they said. I do not believe that Louis Farrakhan was correct in saying that reparations need to be paid to African-Americans and that land should be granted to them in order to rebuild their culture somewhere else. I believe that slavery was wrong and unjust, but I also know that no one alive today was involved either as a slave or a slave owner.

Slavery lasted for 439 years; no one today was alive then so why should someone who was not even involved be paid reparations? I know that most people would respond to this statement by saying that they want reparations for their people that were brought into slavery, but has anyone thought about the other people that have been made slaves?

The Israelites did not demand that Herod give them money or land for the problems he caused, they just set themselves free with the help of God and started over on their own. My main point to this argument is that injustice may have been done to the African-Americans in the form of discrimination or slavery, but their is one place that justice will prevail — if not on earth it will be in Heaven.

To proceed in the betterment of race

relations today, we must break down all things that have happened in the past and begin to think about what we can do about it now to make it better.

A fairly new method of therapy is being tested and widely used now in the United States. It involves recognizing that there is a problem, but it deals with how to resolve that problem — not with the origin of it.

In society today, people blame each other for the injustice done to them or the people of their race. We need to move on and face the fact that a problem does exist and get moving towards a solution instead of blaming everyone and claiming that we are all victims of this injustice.

It is about time we also started to represent people as people — not colors. The whole idea that no one seems to understand is that in order to break the barrier that separates us, we need to forget about the past and concentrate on the future. If we do not, it is inevitable that race relations will become further aggravated as each day passes, making it that much harder to deal with in the future.

Adam Anders
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Berube defends complaints about legislature

I have a life and it's quite fulfilling. Thank you. Ms/Mr. Cook's remarks need to be

addressed in part. Regarding the legislature, my comments were made at the Faculty Senate meeting which led to the two elevators becoming "express" and non-express. A little research would have uncovered a decision to return to the non-express option has been made subsequent to grumblings from the 2-3 floors.

This issue hasn't occupied much of my time at all. What upsets me is your belief that there is so little office space value to the faculty at USC. I try to dispel as often as possible the fantasy that faculty are part-time staff with credentials. We work very hard and we need viable office conditions.

I am pleased you have time to visit the ground floor displays. I have as well. For that matter, one is dedicated to some of the work I have done with USC's award winning intercollegiate debate team.

This semester I teach three (3) courses (one of which is experimental and another on the graduate level). They meet in the BusAdmin and Humanities buildings. I also coach seven (7) intercollegiate debate teams and travel to weekend tournaments.

Did I mention I chair a university committee, am a faculty senator, am an associate editor to two professional journals in argumentation, visit high schools to recruit students, completed a second book (in two years) soon to be published by Praeger and published two articles on philosophical argumentation?

For your information, during the win-

ter break, I'll be at the Plaza preparing a 100-page treatise on debating communication and information technology and preparing my teams to attend tournaments during the break period.

Furthermore, if you really believe that our faculty will spend their time during the break sleeping late and goofing off, you have been sorely misled. Faculty at South Carolina and elsewhere will be spending their breaks on scholarship and class preparation for the upcoming semester.

For example, I'll be working on a graduate course in criticism and an honors course on the rhetoric of popular culture. I use my office regularly and my colleagues at South Carolina do as well. By the way, during the spring "break," the debate team and I will be attending the Novice and Junior Varsity National Championships and we will be preparing to do so during the "break." I'm not sure what you will be doing, but our faculty will be working and using their offices.

Finally, I have quite a bit of experience with lobbyists having served as a consultant to a few. I suggest that if you think they only work during lunch hours and legislative breaks you should consider another occupation. Legislators do not attend every session. They are available at all hours. I guess for you that makes them a lot like faculty.

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