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**IN OUR
OPINION**

Show respect, appreciation for hardworking custodians

You walk down the halls, throwing pizza boxes, pouring beer on the ground and spitting in the corner. Everything is a

complete mess, and then you pass out in your room. This is a Saturday night, and then magically, by Monday, your hall is completely clean from your drunken stupor during the weekend.

Well, it's not magic. And many of us know who cleans up our mess, but fail to give credit to them. It's our custodial staff.

They're the ones who, when you lived in the Towers, cleaned up your vomit in the toilet and made sure the shower was clean so you didn't get any foot fungus.

These people work very hard to do their job, one that if we all admit it is a very hard one, cleaning up after your average USC student.

Just for fun, let's imagine what it would be like without our custodial staff. Our garbage might get emptied once a week when some good samaritan in the dorm, who someone just grossed out by all the garbage, decides to take

Custodians

Our custodians work hard to clean up our messes, so show some appreciation.

it out. Same with the bathrooms, especially for guys. They would be utterly disgusting and there would probably be brawls in the

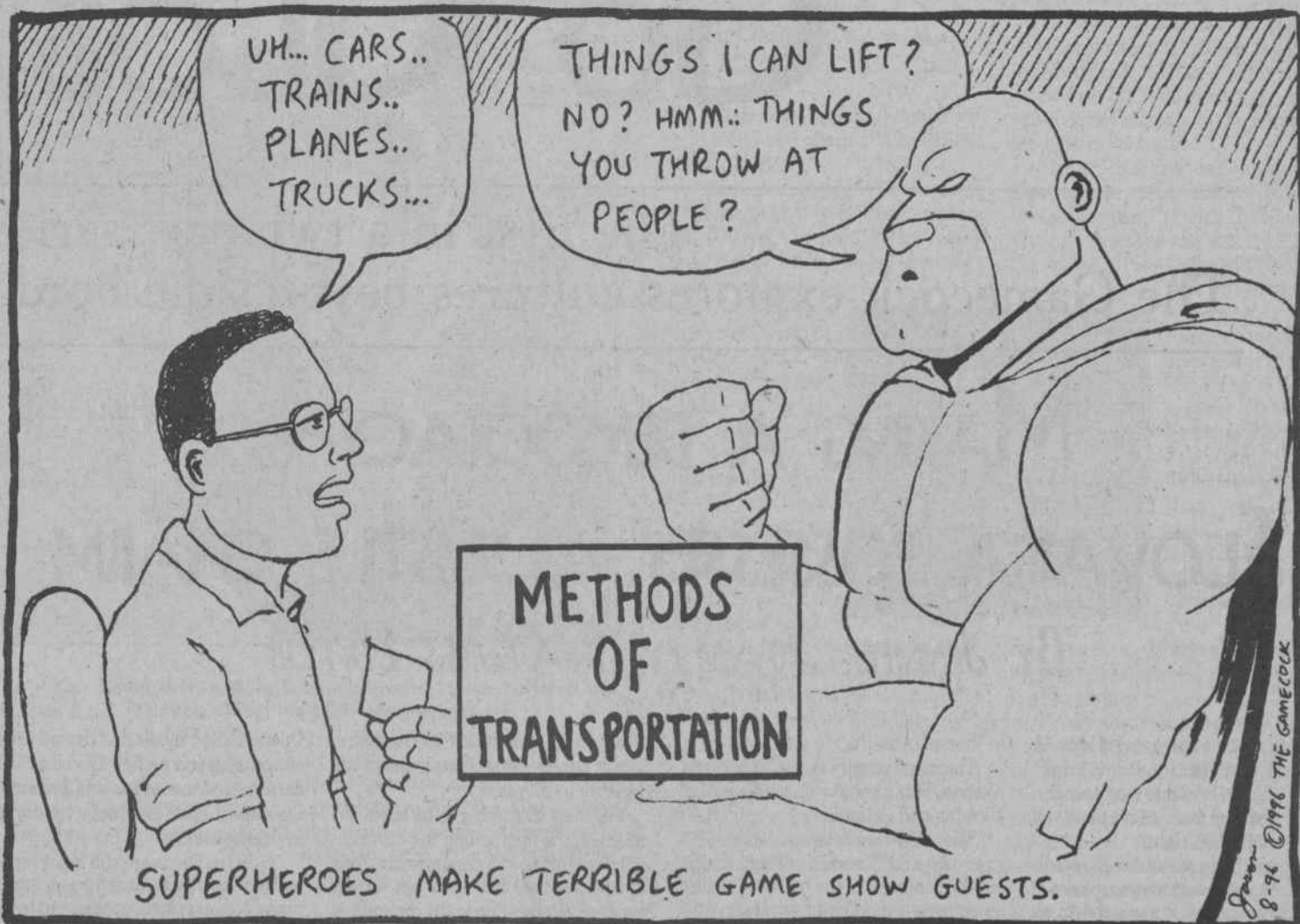
dorms over who should clean them out.

All the vandalism would never be cleaned, and especially in the Towers, all the lights would be knocked out and there would be writing all-over every wall, and a continuous stench in the stairway.

This is not a pretty picture, so we can see what the custodians do for us, so lets do something for them. Try to get all the garbage possible in the can and not just lying around on the ground.

Don't vandalize in the hallway, and don't see the bathroom as the place you can do anything you want, and you know what we mean. This will make their job that much easier.

Besides from this, say hi to the custodians in your hall. It doesn't take that long, and you are just showing them that you appreciate what they do, and you probably couldn't get along without them.



Quote, Unquote

"What a great crowd tonight. Boy, they deserve part of this victory, too. They were extremely loud - the loudest I've heard."

Brad Scott, Gamecocks Head Coach, on USC's victory over UGA.

Christian Coalition shouldn't dictate American morals

Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole and his running mate Jack Kemp spoke Saturday at a Christian Coalition convention.

Dole's decision to speak was made at the last minute after Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson told the convention attendants it would take a "miracle from Almighty God" for Dole to win the election on Nov. 5.

It may not necessarily take a miracle from the heavens for Dole to win, but it will take the support of the Christian Coalition's members and money. The Christian Coalition has the Republican party where it hurts the most: by the ballot box and the pocket book.

One organization, especially one with such extreme views, should not have such power over a political party. The Republican party knows the Christian

Christian Coalition

The Christian Coalition can not dictate what is or what isn't moral.

Coalition can deliver much needed voters and money to Republican candidates, so the Republican party caters its platform to what the Coalition deems

moral and acceptable.

During the convention, Robertson said morals, not economics, are the chief issue of the '96 presidential campaign. While morals are important, we can not pay our bills with morals. Such a statement is easy for Robertson to make because he has plenty of money. He doesn't have to worry about where the next month's rent is going to come from or how he is going to feed his children.

We can not allow the Christian Coalition to dictate to us what is or isn't moral. America is a diverse country with a plethora of cultures and religions which should be celebrated, not condemned because they are different.

**Jamel Franklin
SG Vice President**

The re-establishment of the USC Homecoming King and Queen is an issue that has received a great deal of discussion and debate over the past few weeks. Student Government is re-establishing this popular student tradition for a number of reasons.

First of all, the Homecoming tradition ended several years ago in controversy over the process of selection which many found to be unfair.

This was due to the fact that a person could win Homecoming Queen without a majority of the vote of the students. This situation led to a great deal of racial division over how students voted, as well. In addition to the racial problems, many students felt the fact that there was a

Homecoming Queen and not a King was indeed unfair.

Recognizing these past problems and consulting with administrators and student leaders, we have constructed a new process that would remedy the past problems with the Homecoming Queen process while still preserving the positive aspects of the Homecoming tradition. Our main goal is to have a fair process that concentrates on important values such as leadership, service and academics.

In order to do that we have implemented a process that rewards those important values, as opposed to the former process which the final outcome many times did not reflect leadership, service or academics. In addition, we have established a Homecoming Queen as well as a Homecoming King for equity and fairness to all. Also, while it is very important to have a Homecoming King and Queen competition that does stress

Ultimately, we will need full student support of the Homecoming King and Queen selected. This re-establishment of a popular Carolina tradition will promote Gamecock spirit and pride during our treasured week of Homecoming festivities. Only with the strong and continued support of the student body have we been able to embark on this effort.

The important, previously mentioned values, it is also important to have a competition that involves creativity and excitement as this competition's format encourages.

The complete details about the competition have been mailed to student organizations and are available to everyone in the Student Government office in the Russell House.

The Homecoming King and Queen competition still needs one very important element to be successful: widespread student support. We need student organizations to nominate and support candidates for this competition. We need

full student body support and attendance for the king and queen competition at the Homecoming Showcase on September 18 at 8 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom. Ultimately, we will need full student support of the Homecoming King and Queen selected. This re-establishment of a popular Carolina tradition will promote Gamecock spirit and pride during our treasured week of Homecoming festivities. Only with the strong and continued support of the student body have we been able to embark on this effort. Thank you for your support and God Bless Carolina.

Letters To The Editor

Columnist didn't consider true meaning of compassion

To the editor,

Just when I thought I was going to miss Tommy Touchberry's pearls of wisdom, Fred leach steps into the vacant space. Can you fill a vacuum with a vacuum?

Fred, I would like to comment on the "dose of common sense" that you offered in Wednesday's Gamecock. Your objective was to persuade us why the Republican party was the party for women. You began your persuasive article by making the joke that Republicans don't think that a woman's place is in the home, barefoot and pregnant, but they should allowed to wear shoes serving their man a beer. A poor attempt at humor that does not endear yourself to the audience you are trying to persuade. If this simple point does not hit home I doubt anything else will either.

You then proceed to provisionally concede that "for the most part, women are just as able as men are." If you are making this statement of Republican ideology as a reason to vote for the Republican candidates I would suggest that you are decades behind the current thinking about equality.

The issue of compassion is your next measure of proof that the Republicans deserve the vote of women. Let's face it, no one likes to see people on welfare, that includes Democrats and Republicans,

but shouting "Be Responsible!" and turning your back on the ugliness of society isn't going to solve the problem.

Don't you agree that compassion would entail getting people off welfare and working? Let's think for a minute about what might accomplish this. How about increasing job skills (support of vocational training)? Or possibly increasing the education level of those in need (support of education)? What if we were to encourage young people to take education seriously (support of programs like Head Start)? How about an earned income tax credit (something the Republican Congress recently scrapped) so that people at the poverty line can keep more of their income, making work more appealing than welfare? How about helping working families tend to the health of their families (support of initiatives like the Family Leave Act)? The point is that compassion is more than just a word, it is the support or non-support of compassionate action and policy.

On your view that abortion should be a non-voting-issue for women, I only wish that you experience an unplanned or problematic pregnancy.

You claim that it was not your "intention to ridicule women in any way" in your column. I won't claim you did or did not, but I do feel that you insulted their intelligence.

Fred, I wish you all the luck in the world as you embark on your college career. I also hope you get to know people with different backgrounds than your own, people with different world-views than your own. In short, use the compassion of which you speak to begin to understand those around you, and to broaden your horizons. You might find that the issues and answers are not as complex or as cut and dry as you portrayed. College is a great time to learn and grow. Seize the opportunity.

Bob Strack

WUSC format should be up to listeners

To the editor,

After reading the first page of the article from Wednesday's Gamecock on the DJs being pulled from their positions on the radio station because they didn't want to play what the radio station manager said to be played, I was shocked.

Have we, as Americans, forgotten about what was going on in the old Soviet Union not ten years ago? Radio and news used to be censored and controlled so only what the person in control wanted to see and hear was broadcasted. That

seems to be what is going on at WUSC radio.

I don't see what the problem is with playing mainstream music on the college station. No one that I know of listens to the radio station because it plays obscure music. The only time that I listened to it was last year when the '80s weekend was being broadcast. It is my opinion that if the radio station wants to have people listen to it, they are going to have to confirm the needs of its listeners.

I am also deeply disturbed by the firing of the two DJs that locked themselves into the broadcasting booth to try and make a statement while they played their music. What happened to the First Amendment? I don't believe there should be such constricting rules on what is played on the station. Furthermore, I believe that DJs should be allowed some freedom in what is played.

To me, it sounds like a Communist plot to take over the radio station. Give WUSC the freedom to let its listeners decide what goes on the air and what doesn't, not some dictatorial director whose policy is law. Give the DJs their jobs back. They were making a stand and they should be allowed that right under the First Amendment.

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