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OPINION

Recycling not good at USC for environmental protection

We've all heard the argument over and over again. Recycling is good. It's good for the environment, it saves money and saves energy costs.

Recycling

Students need to recycle, and Marriott should stop using styrofoam.

to eat at Marriott everyday.

Almost all of their cups and takeout containers are made of styrofoam.

That's real good for the environment.

for the environment.

They have said that wax paper cups would be just as hard to recycle, but what about the takeout boxes?

Isn't some kind of paper product a viable alternative?

We just don't understand how Marriott can sell those cute little eco-mugs with animals on the side saying, "We care about the environment," and then pass out styrofoam at every turn.

Students should begin to realize how easy and effective it is to recycle.

It just takes a few minutes a week and a walk down the hall.

Students don't have a choice when it comes to dining services, and they are pretty much locked into eating on campus.

Marriott has the monopoly, and most of us don't want to walk to Burger King and Wendy's for every meal.

Marriott should wake up and smell the Twentieth Century.

For better or for worse, the Middle Ages are over, and we don't throw garbage in the streets any more.

What many students don't realize, however, is how much they consume every day here on campus, and how little effort it takes to make a difference.

The Department of Housing has set up programs for recycling in dorms for paper, newspaper and aluminum cans.

It's extremely easy to recycle in the dorm.

All you have to do is throw certain items into the recycling garbage can provided by housing, and then once a week walk down the hall and empty that into three separate bins.

What could be easier?

Well, some students don't even do this.

They say recycling what they consume won't really have any effect on the environment.

That is true; one person has no real effect. But when that person is part of a large group, they make an impact.

The unfortunate part of campus recycling is, even though students can easily recycle, those of us who live on campus are almost forced

Army should not tolerate sexual misconduct cases

The current sex scandal plaguing the Army just won't go away.

Three soldiers from a training base in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., were charged Tuesday with sexual misconduct.

One of the three cases pending court-martial was scheduled to begin on Tuesday.

Charges against the officers include consensual intercourse and indecent assault.

Last week, three male Army trainers were charged in a rape and sexual harassment case in which women recruits at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland were allegedly attacked.

About 20 people have been suspended from their duties at the Maryland base pending investigation.

It's no surprise there have been accusations of sexual harassment

Army Sex Scandal

Army should take measures to discourage sexual misconduct.

in the Army because it is a representation of society, and society is certainly not free of sexual harassment.

You would not expect this type of abhorrent

behavior to take place in the Army because they place such a strong emphasis on discipline and doing what is right.

The Army's motto is "Be all you can be," not "Do whatever you want to do."

How can we be expected to respect our soldiers and the Army with allegations of sexual misconduct?

The Army made a huge fuss over appropriate conduct during the gays in the military scandal, saying gays could not serve in the Army because they did not behave appropriately.

We'll just have to wait and see if the Army makes an equally large fuss in these sexual misconduct cases.

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Quote, Unquote

"We're doing this because we can't get anyone to recycle."

Emily Rivers, chairman, RHA Housing and Campus Concerns Committee, on recycling bins

More changes in store for The Gamecock

Stephanie Sonnenfeld
Editor in Chief

I've worked at The Gamecock for three years now, and there's been a lot of changes since Fall 1994.

We've gone from being three days a week to four, and now back to three. There have been many writers gracing our bylines, and the staff changes every semester.

Change can be hard, and sometimes it has been hard for us. But, in the long run, it's helped us. We've laughed; we've learned; we've failed; we've succeeded; we've grown.

And, we've started to change yet again.

This time it's physical. For the 2.65 of you who generally read The Gamecock, you'll notice our

changes.

The column which graced the left hand side of the front page has been deleted. Now there's a box containing The Gamecock Index and featured stories. That's perhaps the most noticeable change.

We've added many new graphical elements to regular features, which you might also notice. We're trying to make our paper easier for readers to navigate and appreciate.

But, there's more to our additions and subtractions. There's actually a different meaning to it all together.

These pictures, graphs, lines and words represent what I see as an overall change in this publication. It's the sign of a new generation of staff shaping The Gamecock for what ever its future may be.

Life at The Gamecock is like life in

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any other organization. There are key people who run the show for a few years and become the visionaries for the organization.

For a period of three years or so, these people become the organization, and in turn the organization adapts their attributes.

But, every few years this changes and new people come in, and with them come new ideas.

That's what's going on at The Gamecock.

Last year, a majority of The Gamecock's older staff members were graduated. With them went an era.

We're lucky, though. A whole new

generation of writers has come to work at The Gamecock, and with them has come a new generation of ideas.

This is a good thing — I promise. Look for change in editorial content, style and the overall look of The Gamecock.

The Gamecock is in the spirit of the internet; a site under construction. The Gamecock staff has a lot of ideas and they have a few years ahead of them.

Change is on the way, and I don't think I or The Gamecock could welcome it any more.

Wish us luck and enjoy the show.

Confederate flag a symbol of Southern heritage

To the editor,

I would like to respond to a recent column by Shawn Singleton regarding the Confederate flag as a symbol of racism in South Carolina.

Singleton flatly rejected the assertion many South Carolinians value the flag as a symbol of their heritage and admonished people to forget a war that ended 131 years ago.

This statement doesn't seem to make much sense in light of the fact that the last African slave ship came to America well before the Civil War nearly 200 years ago, but many African Americans today continue to celebrate their historical homeland. Why?

The answer is clear. Cultural heritage is celebrated not simply out of remembrance of the past, but a desire to embrace that which gives one a sense of group pride, be it racial or regional.

Unfortunately, it is a tragic fact that the recent attacks in Pelion were carried out by members of the Klan who attended a Confederate flag rally the day before.

I would venture to guess, however, that these individuals also attended worship services sometime in the month before the shooting, and some kind of Fourth of July rally the previous summer.

What's my point? The Ku Klux Klan is a hate-mongering organization that carries not only Confederate flags in

their marches but American flags.

In addition, they also wear crosses on their robes. Are we to reject these symbols as well?

Sean Hiland
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Confederate flag represents war for states' rights

To the editor,

After reading Shawn Singleton's column entitled "Confederate flag a symbol of racism in South Carolina," I had to write.

I would first like to discuss Singleton's inappropriate at best questioning of Gov. Beasley's stance on the issue.

Not even mentioning the disrespect Singleton showed the highest elected official in this state, I would like to point out that according to the local NBC affiliate news edition on Nov. 11, Gov. Beasley supports a proposition to remove the flag from its perch.

If I was going to write a column criticizing the governor, I think it would be a good idea to get my facts straight.

Now, lets get to the real issue of whether or not the flag should fly on the

capital dome.

Comparing the Confederate battle flag to a swastika, as Singleton did, does not encourage compromise. It actually invites disagreement and anger.

News flash: the American Revolution has been over for more than 200 years, and has any patriotic American forgotten about that? Will they?

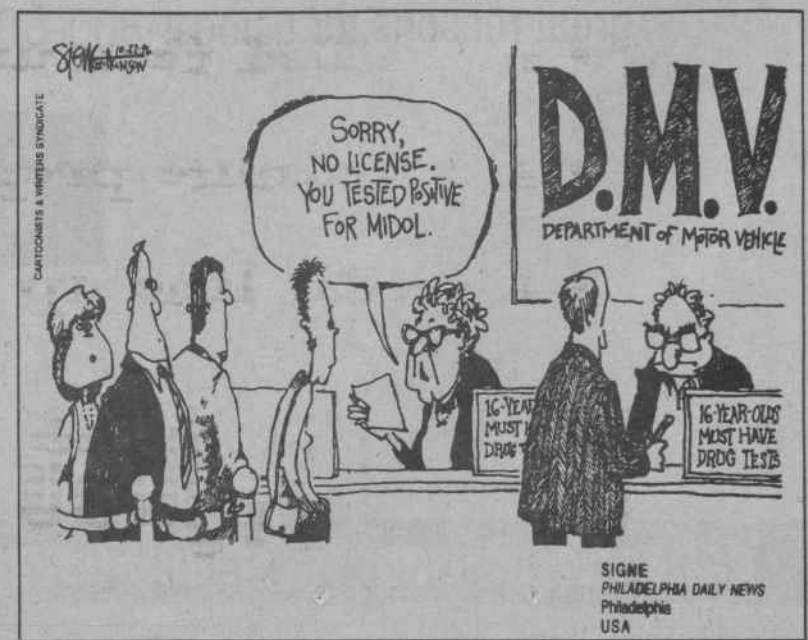
Of course, the answer is no to both questions.

Similarly, those who claim Southern

roots that date back to antebellum times will not forget about the war in which they believe so strongly, a war not based on racism but rather on Northern aggression and states' rights.

South Carolina played an integral part in the war and that is why the flag is honored as it is, standing not for racism, but for true Southern heritage and for standing up against aggressors.

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