



'I think that one of the most important things that we have is our ability to point to what our current students can do.'

Peter Sederberg, Dean of the Honors College

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"Brawl" hurts image of Carolina Greeks

Thursday evening, a fight broke out in the Russell House after Alpha Phi Alpha performed a skit mocking other fraternities during a coming-out ceremony.

While those who were involved in the fight embarrassed themselves, they also embarrassed other Greeks on campus. Greeks work hard to put forth an image of being active community members who make positive contributions.

Last week's incident proved that they still have a long way to go if they want to convince the rest of the community of this. Any Greek function at which USCPD has to call the Columbia police department for backup can hardly be described as making a positive contribution to the community. It isn't fair to Greek organizations that weren't even in the building because non-Greek students won't take the time to distinguish between the fraternities that were involved in the incident and those that weren't. The Greek community needs to address this issue and make sure nothing like it ever happens again.

The first step is for the fraternity members who caused the trouble last week to realize what we've all been taught since kindergarten: fighting doesn't solve anything. Childish behavior needs to stay on the playground. It's time for them to grow up and act like the men they say they are. If Greeks want respect from the rest of campus, they have to earn it.

Don't add to SG Cabinet

Two meetings into its new term, the student senate is already playing a numbers game. Having decided two years ago to limit the number of cabinet members to 25, the new senate is expanding that number to 30. We have only one question: why? What is the compelling need to add five more empty suits to an already powerless cabinet, compounding its inefficiency and ineffectiveness?

SG President Corey Ford says he would add three positions: one to deal with the South Carolina Students' Association, an Internal Affairs Director and a "presidential adviser." But Ford already has an SCSA liaison; if his cabinet is having trouble communicating, maybe Ford should have done a better job picking compatible people. And to have someone called a "presidential adviser" on cabinet smacks of a sweet deal for a presidential friend. In fact, that's what this whole bill seems to be about. It seems senate wants to aid some presidential friends by giving them shady tickets into cushy positions where, like the 25 other cabinet officers, they can feel powerful while doing nothing.

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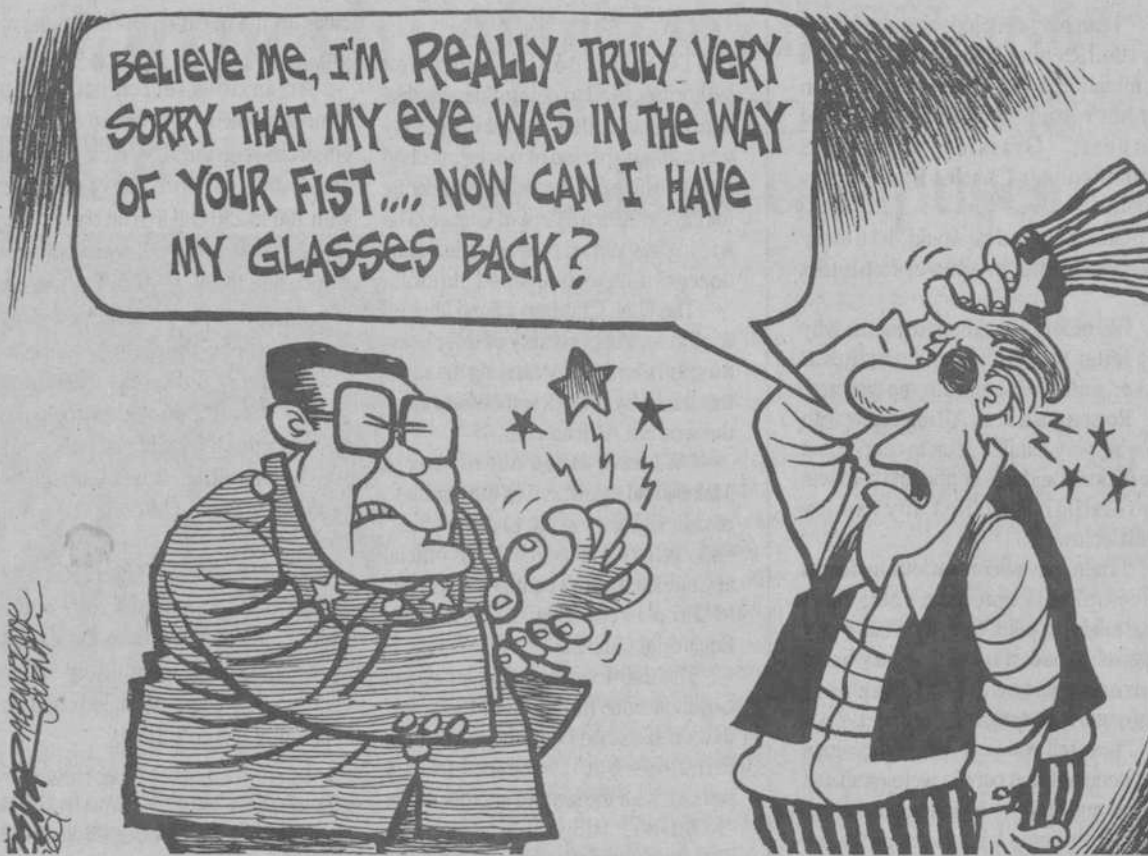
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SOCIAL ISSUES

Springtime means love, romance

It's springtime again, and love is in the air. The birds and bees are merrily chirping and buzzing along, the birds are building nests and the bees are making honey.



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Speaking of love and honey, I want to let all you sweet honeys out there know that Nathan "The Love Stallion" White is looking for some action.

That's right; I'm putting myself on the market and selling myself to the highest bidder. I am now the official gigolo of the University of South Carolina. There are three reasons why I have decided to offer myself up to the ladies of Carolina:

First, my online pornography resources have been exhausted.

Second, pleasures of the flesh are so much more enjoyable with two people. Basically, what I want is a sexual Coca-Cola. I want the real thing.

Finally, my mother always told me not to let good things go to waste and to share with others. So who am I to bottle up my studnicity and not let everyone experience the joy of my strapping biceps and my size-16 feet?

Ladies, don't worry; I am more than just a hulking sex machine. I've got class as well. Here's what a typical date with the Love Stallion is like. I'm sure this part will be a bit repetitive for most of you women, since you've already ridden bareback on the Love Stallion. Maybe it will bring back some old sensations.

On the first date, I usually like to grab something to eat. Unlike most guys, however, I like to take my woman out to lunch. During the day, it's cheaper, and it's not dark, so I can size you up. I don't want to be droppin' twenty bucks on a big'un at the Sizzler, if you know what I mean.

I also like to order my date her food just to see how she reacts. If she totally accepts my unconditional domination of the relationship, then she just passed the first test. I always order a salad to see if my date adds salt and pepper before she tastes the food. If she does, that's great. I like my women incoherent and unthinking. It helps later on, when we progress to domestic issues.

If the woman does everything right on the first date, I give her a voucher for a second date, redeemable at any time. She must call at least two weeks in advance so I can pencil her in.

On the second date, I like to take my woman to an all-you-can-eat buffet. There are two reasons for this. First, I want to see how much food she can put away. If she eats light even at a buffet,

she's doing well. If there's nothing I hate more than a big'un, it's someone who'll be a big'un 20 years down the road when there's no turning back. The second reason is that the buffet is free at Platinum Plus. Hey, it's only the second date; I'm not sure yet if I want to start droppin' Lincolns on this dame.

If the woman aces the second date, she's earned the privilege to be asked on another date. By this point, the woman is obviously special, and I like to romance my ladies on the third date.

This means the date will be at night. I like to kick it off with a nice, romantic dinner. I used to take my dates to Sandy's, but ever since they jacked up the hot dog prices there, we head to Taco Bell for the #2 combo. I even let my date pick out her drink this time.

After a good, hearty dinner, there is nothing like a good movie. So it's off to the Information Desk of the Russell House, where we pick up two tickets for whatever movie is playing in the theater. It's nothing but the finest for my dates.

Afterward, I take my date back to my apartment to do my laundry and vacuum the carpet, then I call her a cab to take her home. I just hope she has money for the fare.

If she passes the test on the third date, I formally ask the lucky lady to join my harem. It's springtime, ladies, and love is surely in the air. Care to join me sometime for lunch?

LETTERS

Good reporting by Clements

To the Editor:

I just wanted to thank Miss Mackenzie Clements and congratulate her for a very well-written article about our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) in the March 23 issue of *The Gamecock*. We had just finished our tour of four Carolina universities (USC, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte and NC State). Of the four campus newspapers that covered our visits to their respective campuses, her article did the best job of presenting the facts about the display and how students responded to it. Her article covered GAP more completely and correctly than any of the other three papers.

Another indication of the quality of your reporting is that I frankly couldn't detect what your own attitudes about our display might have been. That's good! Of course, we don't expect reporters to agree with us; we do hope that they will cover GAP in a fair and factual way — which

is exactly what she did. We appreciate it. Good luck to her in her future endeavors.

C. Fletcher Armstrong, PhD
Director, Southeast Region Operations Center for Bio-Ethical Reform

Gamecock was too hasty to get scoop

To the Editor:

Not even a couple hours passed after a fight happened between fraternities before *The Gamecock* wanted to write a story.

That's why press gets a bad name. It's kind of like a neighbor who can't mind their business.

My take on the subject is "let dem boys wil out," if that's what they want to do.

I don't ever see a story in *The Gamecock* about those other frats getting drunk and falling out, but I can understand why *The Gamecock* would write a story

about the fight. Gossip is contagious.

Randy Sutton
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Professor reviews a great possibility

To the Editor:

I think the evaluations of professors by students is a great idea. As a way to save time and money, there could be submissions of reviews online. Just like some Web sites, you can "post" reviews of each professor.

I am sure that some Computer Science major could come up with a simple program to make it all feasible, probably at minimal cost to the university.

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Applications to be a columnist for *The Gamecock* in the fall semester are available in RH 343.

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USC'S FUTURE

White is not best candidate for USC

Nathan White announced this past Monday he was stepping into the ring for the position of USC's next president.



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I'd like to offer an alternative to White ... myself.

White spit out a lot of hollow promises about how he would make USC a better place.

Don't believe them.

Let's look at some of his crazy promises and compare them to some of my more practical goals as USC's next president.

White suggested executing all the Marriott employees publicly and using their bodies for next year's Tiger Burn.

Being the compassionate conservative I am, I think they should be spared and sent to a deserted island somewhere in the south Pacific.

It would be really hard to keep the bodies from rotting. Decaying bodies are difficult to burn.

Moses — I mean White — wants to build a giant parking garage underground. This would be too costly and difficult.

Buildings would have to be leveled for the construction, and, as everyone knows, there are already secret tunnels full of Civil War gold under the campus. It would be hard to construct a giant parking garage around them.

As president, I would choose a much more practical parking solution: a giant flying car garage, complete with valet service and clean restrooms.

This square-mile garage would hover over campus, with dozens of on- and off-ramps.

There would be parking for everyone, and it would be free.

Garage security would no longer be a problem because there would be dozens of armed robots patrolling the structure.

Several abused dogs would also be set loose in the garage, making sure the bad guys get what they have coming to them.

Why doesn't White want to do this? Could it be because he's hoping to find the buried Confederate gold while constructing his underground parking garage and keep it for himself?

The answer should be obvious.

Oh yeah, White also hates midgets.

My opponent thinks ballers and gangstas shouldn't be allowed to play in the P.E. Center.

Under my administration, we will implement a required basketball program just for ballers and gangstas.

We will even build a big coliseum in the Vista for it ... oh wait, that plan is already underway.

Many students are concerned about campus security as well as about garage security. Even the most petite girl won't be afraid to walk around campus late at night under my administration.

We will build a giant moat encircling campus. It will be stocked with hungry alligators and man-eating sharks.

We'll invent a new kind of water that is suitable for them both. After our criminals have been disposed of, we'll feed them the Zipsheet guys.

I hope I've conveyed my seriousness about being USC's next president.

There are sure to be more like White ahead. White's campaign is fueled by empty promises and partisan rhetoric.

The real hope for USC's future is me, not some midget-hating, gold-stealing serial killer.

(By serial killer, I mean someone who is against floating parking garages.)