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A third perspective on the  
Faulkner situation

We began using a theme for the forum to address certain issues, not necessarily campus-related, which have the power to affect young adults today (editorial letters are still welcome so please feel free to write to us on any issue).

This week we chose to discuss the Faulkner case and whether women should be admitted to The Citadel. While it is not common for this space to be used in conjunction with the forum, I had a burning desire to jump into the fray myself this week.

Men and women throughout the ages have enjoyed each other and have voted to unite in one way or the other. Whether it is a successful union is not really the point.

The point is, men and women need healthy interaction – but they also need a place to go in order to understand just what exactly being a man or woman means, or to just get away.

It seems that there is a movement now that tries to make us believe that there are really no differences between men and women except for a few more, or less, parts. This is false.

Shannon Faulkner wants to attend day classes at The Citadel, a school full of tradition, one of which is that it only accept males.

Is there anything really wrong with that? What is wrong with a school or organization in which only males are allowed to participate?

Of course, there would also have to be a place for females to interact also. Therein lies the dilemma. Faulkner wants to go to The Citadel because she wants the kind of education she feels she can only receive there. There is no female equivalent of The Citadel.

Court cases have been fought in the last few years over letting girls in the Boy Scouts (Do we start calling them People Scouts?) and letting women into men's organizations. Who are we to say that a young man, or woman cannot go to a school, or meeting, comprised solely of their own sex? This is not an equality issue; this is a freedom issue and the ones suffering are the cadets of The Citadel, the many who are suffering to appease the one, and Faulkner, who suffers from the lack of an alternative.

Greg Carpenter

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## Forum

Women should have same  
opportunities as men

The question here is whether or not Shannon Faulkner should attend the Citadel. She is currently taking classes but she was not considered a cadet.

My question is why?

If the Naval Academy will admit women as cadets, why won't The Citadel? If they will not, why is there not a school that gives a female the same education as their male counter parts?

Converse College admitted 7 men, 6 years ago. They were considered resident students and were placed in a house across the street from the campus.

Regardless of anything, they were an integral part of the student body; however, one year later Converse rescinded this and stopped allowing men to enter as a resident student.

The Citadel is a state supported school paid for by the state. If it was a private school that would be a different, but it is not.

As a resident of the state she has every right to be there and to be a cadet. If it was a male student trying to attend an all female school I would say the same thing.

The school should be forced to provide her with all that the other residents receive.

However, the school should force her to meet some sort of physical fitness requirement. If she does not meet the requirement then give her sufficient time to bring herself up to standards.

She should be dismissed if she fails to do so. She should also be required to meet all other standards that the cadets must meet.

We stopped the policy of separate but equal along time ago. It is time for some schools to come into the 20th century.

Stacy Stanley

## Campus Calendar

## Career Placement and Planning

## • Teacher Ed. Job Fair – February 10

See Hope Toney, coordinator, career and placement, for a list of schools. The job fair will take place in the DCC banquet hall.

## • Nursing Career Day – March 1

See Hope Toney in Career Placement for details.

## • Liberal Arts/Business Job Fair – March 10

See Hope Toney in Career Placement for details.

## Dept. of Fine Arts

## • Departmental Student Recital – Feb. 17

9:25 a.m. in the O. Max Gardner Hall.

## • Senior Recital – February 22

Steve Nanney, clarinet, will be performing in the Dover Chapel at 8 p.m.

## Residence Life

## • RA applications due – Feb. 4

## Gardner-Webb Theatre

## • Hello Dolly – Feb. 24 - March 1

Performances begin at 8 p.m. each night with a matinee performance at 2:30 on Sunday.

Faulkner must walk the  
walk if she talks the talk

Shannon Faulkner has now become the first woman to be admitted to day classes at The Citadel. The courts have given her the right to register and attend class.

She is now is waiting to get the right to be active in the corp. I disagree with both racial and sexual discrimination.

When a man or woman goes to the other's school there is still very little difference in education.

The problem arises when a woman desires the full admittance to a military school. Especially when she wants equal treatment.

In my opinion she should be given what she "says" she wants. All freshman at the Citadel participate in some required traditions, in which Faulkner doesn't. She isn't referred to as a "knob".

She walks on the sidewalk, not in the gutters. She wears what she wants, not the dull gray that the knobs have to wear seven days a week.

Miss Faulkner doesn't have to salute anyone; she can also speak to anyone she wants, while the knobs can only speak to upper classmen when spoken to. Even then they are limited to "Sir, yes sir, Sir, no sir, Sir, there is no excuse sir."

Faulkner eats in the canteen with the public while the knobs serve the upper classmen their meal. Those things don't seem to be the worst thing in the world for her to do, but I also feel she has the right to live in the barracks, be screamed at by superiors, ordered to do tremendous amounts of exercises, and have all of her hair cut off.

That way she is getting treated no different than the other knobs.

Total Equality. If Shannon Faulkner is ready to take the bitter with sweet then I'm all for it, and I will support her completely.

If she isn't prepared to conform to the same standards of all the other knobs, then I feel she should attend the night courses at the Citadel where those things aren't required.

That way, she can let those women who are prepared to make the sacrifice, "earn" the respect of the male students and go to day classes.

Some women want to be equal to men, and have the same right to do whatever men can. The only thing is some things that men are required to do like shaving their heads, women get to choose not to do.

If people want equality in things like the military they must conform to be like everyone else, no differences.

Everyone should do the same things. They shouldn't be able to pick and choose which rights they want and don't want.

Kevin Walter

## Quote of the Week

• It does science no good to be wedded to an ugly, disrespectful name for Genesis.

-Timothy Farris, astronomy writer and judge in the contest to find a new name for the Big Bang.

## Student Entertainment Association

## • j-Street – February 12

The smooth jazz sound of j-Street in the DCC Banquet Hall from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.