opinion

Editors

Green Street, again

While USC students were away on spring vacation the Columbia City Council made what certainly is an unpopular decision for University students by choosing to keep Green Street open for traffic.

The decision was arrived at only after a detailed traffic study was taken and made despite recurring pleas by USC officials, in addition to the student body, to close the street.

The city council's decision is disappointing for a number of reasons.

First of all, the decision shows how little respect the city has for the wishes of the University officials, including T. Eston Marchant, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who in an article on page one of this newspaper expresses the belief that Green Street should be closed.

Second, the decision shows that the wishes of the USC student body are not an important influence in Columbia. More than 20 years students have wanted the street closed, and for 20 years their pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

Third, the decision shows how ineffective it is for students to try lawfully influence local policymakers. That USC student body president Leigh Leventis has consistently lobbied for the closing and this newspaper has always urged that the city consider closing the street to traffic. And the city has constantly ignored the pleas of the student body.

Fourth, the decision shows that the city expects to be able to tell the students just about anything and for the students to accept it. Claiming that Green Street is a major artery for traffic in the city is ridiculous. Who in his right mind would use Green Street to go through the city rather than Blossom or Pendleton streets?

Green Street, which is the center of the USC campus, would serve the University better by being closed than if the city be using it. An inspector by the city to convince USC students the opposite has been futile in the past and this decision certainly does not change that.

State House kills chances for ERA

Meanwhile, down at the State House the House of Representatives kept its reputation of conservativism intact by voting down the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The ERA, which has been the main objective of declaring that women should have the same opportunities as men will probably not be ratified by enough states to be approved this year.

South Carolina was one of the key states affecting the fate of the ERA this year. With that being the case, it never really had a chance.

Is it all the news money can buy?

By Jim Hersh

Wallace is notorious for making his subjects sweat by asking them the hardest questions he can imagine. But Haldeman did not seem worried at all. He just did what he and the others at the White House did. It was really done.

He didn't flinch at any of the questions, he looked into the camera and then he lied. And if he didn't lie he didn't tell the whole truth.

Haldeman, who has been found guilty of giving the White House a maximum sentence of seven years, but Haldeman, who is seeking an appeal to his conviction, most probably will serve no more than a year or so.

Despite his track record, CBS obviously figured they would be able to get Haldeman to make some wild disclosures if they would pay him. But it is now apparent that they were taken. And it serves them right.

Now that Haldeman has gotten his money for telling about the Nixon White House it will be interesting to see how much money Richard Nixon will get when and if he decides to be interviewed.

The Gamecock's mail

Players are not turkeys

To the Editor:

First off, I must confess that I am still desiring an apology from Coach McGuire, one of our coach and players. I sincerely hope Coach McGuire can mature to the level needed to apologize and review our entertainment only.

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Up to the knees in Brunton's mud

To the Editor:

All right, I've had just about enough of "congress or construction" or any other euphemistic excuse for Harold Brunton to make half-arsed mudpies.

As a graduate of this university, a present staff member and graduate student, I demand an apology from Coach McGuire and USC's basketball team as "King Frank and his turkeys." Coach McGuire makes a very immature attempt of attributing this remark to "one gust."

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