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Silent Sam Statue on the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Campus before (left) and after (right) its removal.

Confederate Statues: Remove or Reinstate?

Let Them Stand



Ridge Masserelli
Reporter

Throughout history, angry citizens and invading soldiers have desecrated monuments of past leaders and gods in times of social and political reform. In the past the Conquistadors from Spain destroyed the ancient wonders of the Aztecs and Incas, erasing them from history forever. In World War 2, the Nazis stole the Amber Room, an elegant piece of Russian history that has never been recovered. Even in the 21st century the same scale of destruction has taken over the middle east with the Islamic State wreaking havoc on historic monuments.

In all of these instances, history has been erased and can not be recovered.

In recent protest at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, the same destruction of our past is happening. Three protesting students have been arrested for toppling a historic statue of a confederate soldier.

A nationwide discussion has now been sparked as to whether or not confederate statues should stand. The statue, known as Silent Sam, was erected in 1913 and stood for over a century.

In the months following the fall of the statue, the people of North Carolina have called for the restoration of Silent Sam. In an interview with The Daily Tar heel, Carol Folt, the chancellor of UNC, claims that 70 percent of North Carolina residents want the statue returned.

The courts of North Carolina also stand behind the recently fallen statue.

On Monday, October 15th, at the Orange County Courthouse a UNC student was found guilty of defacing a public monument because

of her protest in Chapel Hill where she threw blood and paint on the statue.

"This is not a case about the removal of the statue," said District Judge Samantha Cabe when asked about the connection between the two crimes.

Although, at the time the crime was committed by the UNC student she was protesting in what would result in destruction of Silent Sam.

This case perfectly illustrates what is bound to happen to our monuments, Confederate or not, when future generations become ignorant to their own history.

At first the protest will be verbal, than physical like graffiti, and finally, the statues will be taken down all together.

Our confederate statues must remain standing. Not to support racism, but to remind us of the history of our country. They will serve as a reminder to our future generations of their history, which we must always remember. Besides the fact of remembering our history, the statues also show respect to the fallen confederate soldiers.

Confederate statues must be protected, and if they fall they should be restored. In accordance to North Carolina Law historic state monuments like Silent Sam must be restored to their original location within 90 days of the project, or protest, that required its temporary movement.

America must remember the confederate statues because by destroying the monuments of our past, our country could be put in the same league as those who have done it before. America, an icon for peace, the leader of the free world, in the same league as the Nazis, Conquistadors, and terrorist.

We can not sit back and watch as our confederate heritage is torn down, instead we must take action to preserve our past, no matter how ugly it may be.

Afterall, if we do not remember our past, then who is to say that it will not repeat itself?

Community Viewpoints



"Absolutely, keep them up. If you take them down, do it the right way. Knocking them down is not the right way," -Andrew Phillips, Junior



"People in the area should vote on it and decide that way," -Charlotte Fullbright, 10



"No, because Silent Sam was a confederate figure, not a real person. I think confederate generals could be left up," -Sam Farquhar, Sophomore



"Yes because it's history and you don't just throw away history," -Lydie Spear, Freshman

Removal Time



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Reporter

This law states that the only way an object like Silent Sam can be removed is through permission of the state's Historical Commission. If the statue is removed for either preservation or due to surrounding construction, it must be returned within ninety days of the project's completion.

Many people agree with Thom Goolsby citing this as reason that the statue must return to its pedestal. But according to Eric Muller, a writer for the News & Observer, if you look closely, the statue was not removed for either of the two reasons covered by the law, therefore it is not mandatory that the statue be returned.

The long passed empire of Rome has been cited as an example for maintaining the tradition of monuments paying homage to those who did not have the moral high ground. Many opponents to the removal of bigoted statues have raised the issue of our society studying classical Rome in school, who, much like the US, has been guilty of slavery, discrimination, and internal conflict.

However, Rome cannot compare to the Confederacy. While slavery was accepted when Rome was in power, there were many who opposed slavery in the time of the Confederacy. While ancient Rome has long since been dissolved, the US remains a world superpower. People in Rome did not choose to die for slavery. People in the Confederacy did.

Many opponents of the removal of confederate symbols and monuments will say that many soldiers fought for the preservation of their homes. But is it right to remember those who died for a morally evil cause rather than those who died from it?

Those of us who wish to remove these Confederate monuments do not wish to remove the Confederacy from history. It is vital for the growth of humanity to remember our mistakes and the paths that led to them. But there are ways that we can remember our history without crossing the line into idolizing our past prejudices.

General Statutes

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Lillian Holmes
Reporter



Avocado Toast

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When I first tried an avocado I was about eight years old. I was at a neighbors house and she offered me a piece of toast. It had a suspicious green substance on it but I, not wanting to be rude, ate it. What proceeded thereafter was something I would never wish upon my worst enemy. I felt the creamy texture and grimaced, expecting that to be the worst of it, but then the flavor hit my unsuspecting taste buds and it was too much to handle. Repulsed, I swallowed it and ran home vowing never to eat an avocado ever again.

I've always thought of myself as a forgiving person. I am not one to hold grudges or animosities for long. So, when I had another chance to try avocado in the form of guacamole, I gave it a shot. However, the demonic fruit managed to disappoint me once again. The texture was the same as I remember, mushy and soft, but now there were other flavors trying to redeem avocado's downfall. Lime and tomato vied for supremacy over the avocado but neither defeated its stubborn and repulsive flavor. Yet again, I vowed to never taste an avocado in my life.

It's not just the flavor and the texture that irks me about avocados, but the overall inconvenience it offers. Not only must it be peeled and cut, it also has to be pitted and ripened to a precise degree. Normally, qualities like this I can tolerate. For example, mangoes also have a pit and inedible peel, but in their case the work is worth the sweet reward they offer. As for avocados, extra effort is put in for nothing but a barely edible interior.

Some may say the numerous health benefits outweigh the sometimes unappetizing taste of avocados. To such an opinion, I say: without a healthy mind can one have a healthy body? Before having a happy and satisfied body, one must first achieve the same for the mind. And how can a happy mind be reached when consuming a substance that disgusts you to the very bone?

These two scarring experiences have shaped my relationship with avocados forever. Now, every piece of sushi I come across must be altered so as to remove the olive colored mush, and countless salads must be scrutinized to prevent contamination.

The New Age of Rock



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Reporter

Popular music is derivative, that is a fact. Everything stems from something before it, until it slowly morphs into something new. That's why innovation is so important in music, so new sounds and ideas can emerge.

That's why a common critique of a new musician, is that they wear their influences on their sleeve. You don't want to come off as too unoriginal, obviously. It's hard to avoid though, there's a finite amount of things one can do and remain catchy.

For instance, a band like The Talking Heads, who were so unconventional still had moments of familiarity. Specifically, the intro to "New Feeling" on "Talking Heads 77" sounds a lot like 51 seconds into The Doors' "My Eyes Have Seen You" on "Strange Days." That's just something I noticed, a little snippet, not really a big deal.

Sometimes lawsuits can spring from this, on the other end of the spectrum. George Harrison got sued for "My Sweet Lord" and lost over a million and half dollars for "subconscious plagiarism" of the song "He's so Fine" written by Ronnie Mack.

Other genres haven't changed in so long common chord progression are used over and over. A garage rock song from the 60's is still going to sound familiar to a more recent song from artists like Ty Segall or The Nude Party. That's fine too, it's a genre that doesn't mind a lot of songs sounding similar to one another.

There are a lot of examples, The

Verve got sued by the Stones for "Bittersweet Symphony" and Green Day had that song "Warning" that sounded like "Picture Book" by the Kinks.

However, these are only ripoffs to a certain extent, every band should have their own nuances and take on the music they are trying to make. A person is a melting pot of weird music that they like, their taste is different from everyone else's. We all like what we like, and that's a good thing. So if you want to make music you shouldn't sound exactly like just one artist you like.

If you haven't heard a Greta Van Fleet song, just picture this: a Led Zeppelin song, but something's off. Some say they are saving rock music, bringing the music to a new crowd, others say they are blatant ripoffs of Zeppelin.

I don't personally think the argument of they're introducing the sound to a new generation is very valid. Who is discovering Greta Van Fleet that doesn't know "Stairway to Heaven" already? It seems likely that 99% of their fanbase is into Zeppelin. It's okay to sound like Zeppelin, they could have chosen much worse influences, but it doesn't feel fair for them to get so much success. They've played on the Tonight Show and racked up millions of views on YouTube.

It just grinds my gears that people, dads in particular, are hailing them as being the saviors of rock music today. If someone thinks that Greta Van Fleet is the only band of young individuals carrying the torch of rock music, they just aren't looking hard enough. It's important to look at some bands that are broadening the horizons a little, not just regurgitating their dad's record collection.

I don't want to preach some one sided article where I just state an eclectic music taste is better than listening to Greta Van Fleet, not everyone has to like Animal Collective. Certainly no one has to try to make music like that either, the thing that will help Greta Van Fleet grow as artists is to stop comparing them to Led Zeppelin.

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American Justice On Trial



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History was made on Saturday, September 6th, when Brett Kavanaugh was officially approved and sworn in to serve as a Justice on the Supreme Court. Kavanaugh made history as one of the most controversial appointments ever, getting confirmed by a slim 50-48 vote. This has been the narrowest margin for a Supreme Court confirmation since Stanley Matthews in 1881.

Kavanaugh will undoubtedly have a very large impact on our country in his possible 25+ years on the court. His appointment shifts the balance of the Supreme court to majority Conservative Justices. Even though America's highest court is supposed to make decisions based on bi-partisan interpretations of the Constitution, votes tend to split along party lines as Justices tend to agree with others of similar political alignments.

Many important issues of public policy are going to be at stake in the next few years, and Justice Kavanaugh will get the opportunity to impact our country with his choices. His strong deregulatory agenda will likely lead to the peeling back of corporate regulations in the next few years. In a time where the 2nd amendment has been questioned many times, Kavanaugh's previous actions indicate that he believes in upholding all aspects of the



Brett Kavanaugh speaks following his induction to the supreme court. Via Google

second amendment. Finally, many have questioned whether he will attempt to repeal Roe v Wade, making abortion illegal. While he didn't take a strong stance on abortion during his confirmation hearing, Kavanaugh has been quoted as saying "the government has permissible interests in favoring fetal life, protecting the best interests of a minor, and refraining from facilitating abortion."

While these aforementioned impacts could affect our country for the better for many years to come, Kavanaugh's biggest positive impact will likely be the precedent set by him being confirmed, even in wake of the accusations of sexual misconduct against him.

According to the results of Taylor v Kentucky in 1930, "[O]ne accused of a crime is entitled to have his guilt or innocence determined solely on the basis of the evidence introduced at trial, and not on grounds of official suspicion, indictment, continued custody, or other circumstances not adduced as proof at trial. And it has long been recognized

that an instruction on the presumption [of innocence] is one way of impressing upon the jury the importance of that right."

This concept is called presumption of innocence, and it simply means that one accused of a crime can't be found guilty without evidence, and jurors must believe he is innocent unless given evidence that says otherwise.

Another important factor of our laws in modern times is the idea of "Rule of Law," which basically declares that laws pertain to all equally, and that the consequences of breaking the laws comes from the laws themselves, not from the rule of a dictator or supreme leader.

As A. V. Dicey, a British constitutional theorist once said, "No man is punishable or can be lawfully made to suffer in body or goods except for a distinct breach of law established in the ordinary legal manner before the ordinary Courts of the land."

These two principles, innocence until proven guilty and rule of law, are the

most important fundamental ideas of our US Justice System, and both were called into question and upheld in the confirmation hearing of Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

President Trump said, "It is a very scary time for young men in America, where you can be guilty of something you may not be guilty of. This is a very, very- this is a very difficult time. What's happening here has much more to do than even the appointment of a Supreme Court justice."

If Kavanaugh had been rejected based solely on the accusations of Christine Ford, justice would not have been served. Had Kavanaugh been denied a spot on the Supreme Court bench, a precedent would have been set that any man can have his career ruined because of any "believable" accusation against him. This precedent would have completely ruined our country's justice system, leading to a barbaric system of finger-pointing and false accusations lacking in rule of law and presumption of innocence, in which no male political figure would be able to gain power because he could simply be accused of rape and automatically denied the job.

Rape accusations are no joke. Each one should be fully investigated and any woman should receive the opportunity to share her story and be heard. However, we can not let our society and Justice system degrade to a point where honest, hardworking men can have their lives torn apart because of baseless accusations from events more than thirty years prior. No one besides Justice Kavanaugh and Christine Ford will ever know the truth about this particular situation, but we can all rest easy knowing that the due process, rule of law, and the idea of being innocent until proven guilty are alive and well in the precedent set by Justice Kavanaugh's appointment.

Grading Policies Have Got to Go

Sports Editor
Jackson Pace

Many students have been very frustrated with the grading policy that is present at Broughton.

"It isn't fair to students to put in grades in last minute so that they don't know their grade until it's too late to fix it," junior Dare Bartelt said.

The current grading policy at Broughton is that a teacher must put in at least one grade within every three weeks. This means it is acceptable to put in a small five point grade over the big test students may be anxiously anticipating.

Although sometimes teachers grades are put in the day the assignment is submitted or a test was taken, the policy allows for teachers to take more time to input grades.

Many students believe that the policy should be changed from a teacher having to put in at least one grade every three weeks to

require teachers to put in the grade within two weeks of completing the assignment or taking a big test.

Students deserve to know what their correct grade is throughout the whole quarter instead of finding out what they got two days before the quarter ends.

Teachers could put in grades last minute and something could be wrong but the grading period might close. Although you can fill out a grade replacement sheet, which is a form teachers can fill out to change the grade of a student after grades are due, it would be much easier for teachers and would cause less stress to students if grades were put in relatively quickly.

Other students believe they should know how a test or quiz affects their overall grade to see what the student needs to do to improve it.

"One doesn't know how to improve their work ethic when they don't have any grades and can't see how well they did," junior Elsa Engelbrecht said.

Gender Neutral Restrooms



Zoe Kempf
Reporter

When I think of a gender-neutral restroom I picture only one person being allowed to go in at a time. If there is only one person allowed, there aren't people around to judge or to make that one person feel uncomfortable.

A study done in 2015 by Gallup shows that 3.8 percent of Americans are LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual or transgender). That's 19 in every 500 people. If there are more than 2,000 students in Broughton, according to Gallos study, more than 78 students are LGBT.

Since Broughton does not have another option for Transgender students at the moment, the solution for now, would be for these students to use the staff restrooms.

When I go out, nine times out of

ten I will need to use the restroom at some point. But some people, maybe even you, have a problem with using them. They may ask themselves... Am I allowed to use this restroom? Am I supposed to use this restroom? Are other people okay with me using this restroom? Well, this is where gender-neutral restrooms come into play.

A problem with using staff restrooms may be that if every staff restroom was open to every gender, too many students may start using them. To prevent this, there could be a rule where only Transgender students and, of course, staff would be able to use this restroom.

Technically, not allowing all genders into these restrooms defeats the purpose of calling them gender neutral. So, if Broughton wanted to create actual gender neutral restrooms. It would be open to every person, no restrictions regarding anyone.

Nobody should have to stress about if they are allowed or welcomed into a restroom. There will never be a perfect solution that provides gratification to everyone, but there are many things that can be done now to make students more comfortable using the restroom.

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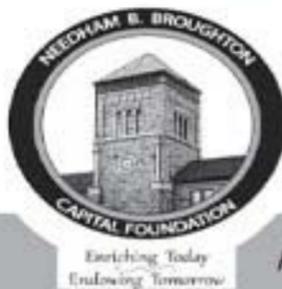
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