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Editor,

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

The soul of the University is in its heritage and its legacy which, at this time, is tied to the name Dixie. In the beginning it was to be St. George Academy. Popular usage of the term, Dixie replaces the chosen name. The institution was not to serve St. George, alone, but was to attract students from surrounding areas, some of which were hesitant to be identified with St. George. That situation has not changed.

A university is supposed to be a place for getting an education and an enlightenment. It is not a place to come and use its facilities and privileges to promote an agenda designed to change the local culture.

Why alienate the loyal supporters of Dixie by changing the name? The prestige of Dixie's institutions, graduates and progeny can hold their own in any place or environment compared to those who demand change.

We need not be concerned with the political correctness concerns of others when our use of the term, Dixie, has nothing to do with the struggle for civil rights.

If we can be goaded into changing our name for political, business or transient reasons, what is to stop us from being goaded into giving up our freedom of expression?

We have already lost a great deal of the community spirit once associated with the University, Why erode it further?

I realize that the native population that grew up with the University has been diluted by the growth fed from the outside world, but I see no evidence that the new population is less loyal to the values and concepts associated with Dixie.

Let us not give up our heritage for the lure of economic gain, or to expand the egos of those who feel that they know what is better for us than we know for ourselves.

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