

## More letters to the editor

### Column full of inaccuracies

To the editor:  
The confusing guest column (March 22) of Paul Perkins (the name of whom should be familiar to James Holderman supporters) wrongfully satirizes and lambastes one of the great statesmen today, Sen. Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston.

Perkins claims the senator lacked courage when his failing medical report disallowed him to enter the armed services during the Vietnam War. Perkins should understand that when the military excuses a draftee, the government is calling the shots, not the individual. Sen. McConnell has been the great leader of the Confederate flag debate as well as a tribute to the Southern cause. To personally cite him as a "war wimp" is an unthinking and dishonorable statement.

Perkins also relishes in the fact that trial lawyer James Petigru opposed secession in 1860. Petigru, alongside other state political leaders of the day did argue against secession. They had hoped that a more diplomatic alternative could be reached. However, when they realized that such an agreement was untenable, they became fervent advocates of the new Confederate government. Perkins' insinuation that these men did not honor their new nation is preposterous.

Perkins, who represents Citizens

for Accuracy in Southern History, makes the inaccurate remark that the United States flag is "the only flag under which diversity is truly safe." Sure there was diversity — masters and slaves! The Stars and Stripes flew over legalized slavery for nearly a century before the Confederate flag was ever dreamed of. Moreover, our highbrow would have us believe that a number of Columbians humbly welcomed Sherman into our city and that a large percentage of South Carolinians favored the terrorist aggression by the North against their own homeland.

Perkins' ignorance is blatantly displayed throughout his unsubstantiated guest column. His lack of knowledge of the war between the states as well as his disrespectful characterization of Sen. McConnell discredits the accuracy of his statements and is plainly nauseating at best.

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### Fair trying to enforce ethics

To the editor:  
Rep. Mike Fair of Greenville seems to be the latest self-appointed savior of our souls.

Fair needs to get his head out of the sand. Regardless of present or future policy, overnight opposite-sex visitation always has and always will

occur. According to *The State* newspaper (March 24), Fair is also co-sponsoring a bill that would increase taxes on beer and wine in South Carolina. Fair believes a tax increase will reduce consumption — who is he kidding other than himself? Rep. Fair's name has also been associated with the South Carolina right-to-life organization, which would like nothing better than to see *Roe vs. Wade* reversed. Does he really believe abortions will cease if outlawed?

Rep. Fair's attempt to legislate morality of adults on and off campus is a thinly disguised Bible-thumping play (with religious overtones) to keep his name in the headlines. Let's leave the Bible thumping to "pay for prayer" TV!

Rep. Fair has expressed concerns for his daughter, who plans to attend USC in the fall. Perhaps he should consider Bob Jones University in his hometown of Greenville. The 12-foot fence topped with barbed wire surrounding the campus should provide adequate control.

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### Students not Fair's children

To the editor:  
All of the children attending our school may be subject to restriction. And I must say children: whether 18

or 20 or 23, our new model of moral piety, the most righteous Michael Fair, wants to tell us what we can do in our homes at USC.

Let's look at what Rep. Fair wants to do to (or as he would say, for) us: no overnight visitation by the opposite sex anywhere on campus. He will not allow for compromise. He will not accept a partially restrictive visitation policy. He will not listen to his constituents.

Fair's arguments are weak. Last I heard, he wants to prevent possible liability for AIDS lawsuits against USC. Let's be real. If he, in fact, gave a damn about USC or its students, he would propose a clause in the housing contract absolving USC of liability in sexually transmitted disease cases, encourage sexual education on campus and encourage accessible birth control. However, this is not the case. Anybody want to guess why? Because he doesn't care about USC — especially the students. All Rep. Fair cares about is impressing his personal values upon us.

That is, after all, what this issue is about. Sex for anyone over 18 is not illegal. Is it unethical? This is something each individual must decide for him or herself.

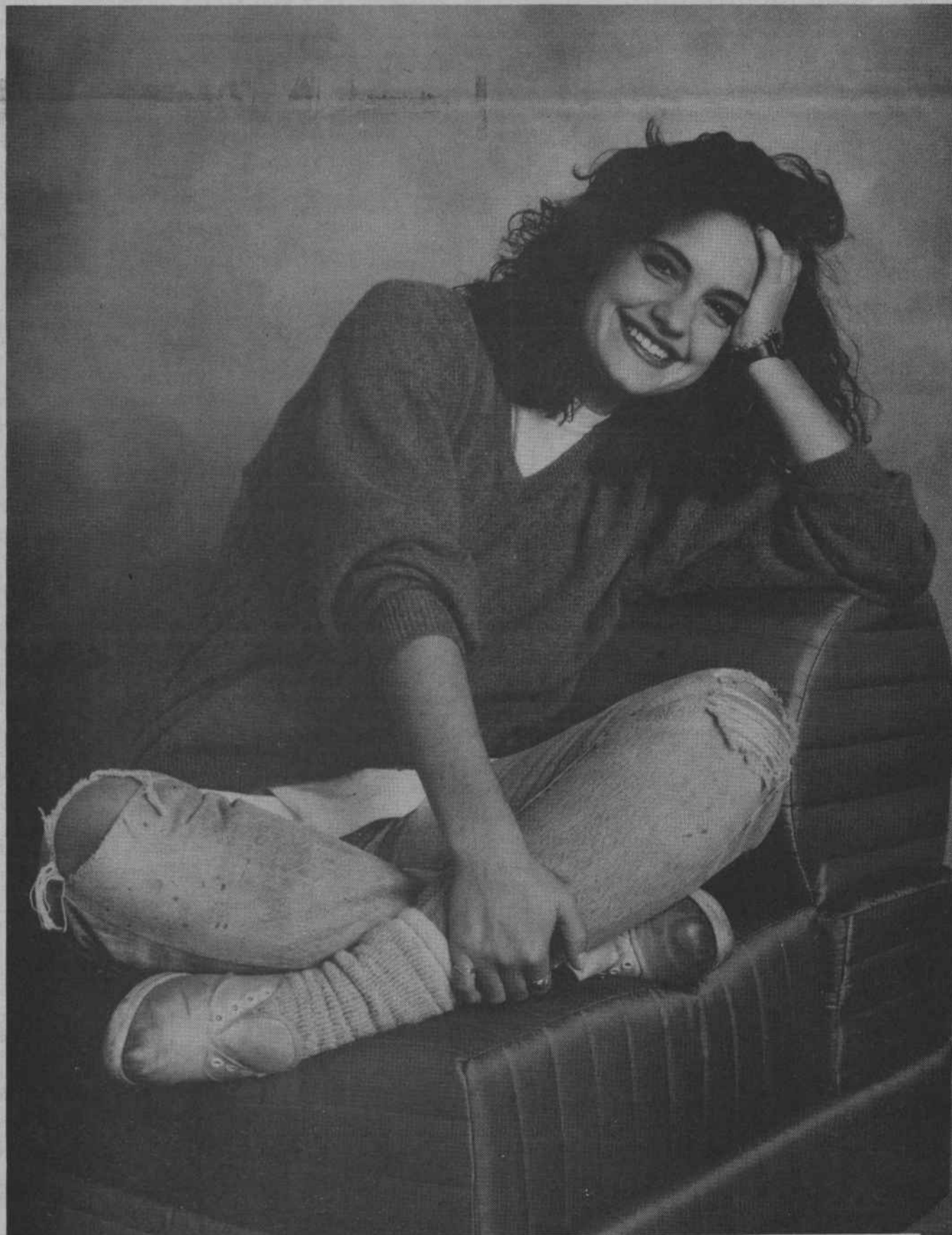
Let's make sure that Fair's false concern and stone-age ethics remain where they belong — at his home. Rep. Fair's office is 323B in the Blatt Building, the ZIP code is 29211. Or if you like, at 734-2971 business hours Tuesdays through Thursdays. Representatives love to hear from their constituents.

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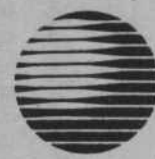
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