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## OUR OPINION

### USC needs students to appreciate critics

Some students lament about the lack of intellectual atmosphere on USC's campus. Too much focus on sports, too many TAs acting as professors, and a general student apathy towards political causes are all common complaints among the "intelligencia" of USC. These students often look longingly to "forward thinking" universities, like Berkeley.

A taste of the finest in the intellectual culture will come to USC Feb. 24, mostly as part of the Freshmen Year Reading Experience.

They will also provide relief to the knowledge-thirsty in this community.

Sandra Gilbert and Susan Gubar, two of the leading feminist theorists and critics of our time and both professors of English, will provide the lecture for this year's Freshmen Year Reading Experience. Both will give their critics and understandings of the portrayal of women in Jane Eyre.

Here's a chance for all to expand minds.

If challenging thesis is one's cup of tea, Gilbert and Gubar will amply supply.

Now we'll see if these knowledge-thirsty Carolina students sincerely want to learn new thoughts and ideas, or if they will expound on theories only to sit home and watch TV when our guest speakers are here.

So often students bemoan circumstance. When given the opportunity to correct, even just for a short while, said circumstances, they sit still and wait for others to take the initiative.

And even if some will attend these lectures, others still will not go because they figure the ones attending will be enough to make a crowd.

We've got a symbiotic relationship. USC needs a good turnout so the university doesn't look bad, the speakers want a crowd so they don't feel bad, and you, intelligencia, want to learn. Right?

### Scientific cloning could be dangerous

Something scary and revolutionary happened in Britain recently.

According to a New York Times article, scientists report they've cloned an adult mammal for the first time. An embryologist at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland created a lamb using DNA from a male adult sheep.

Researchers say the cloning will help in the research of genetic diseases. They also said it could help in the replication of animals — particularly cattle — which are strong producers of good meat, milk or wool, for example.

So, yes, cloning may sound like a good idea on paper or when it comes from the mouth of a seasoned scientist. But, it's really a bit frightening as well.

Now, we as humans have the power to artificially create animals who were

naturally produced. Is this an abuse of our power of humans? Yes, it is.

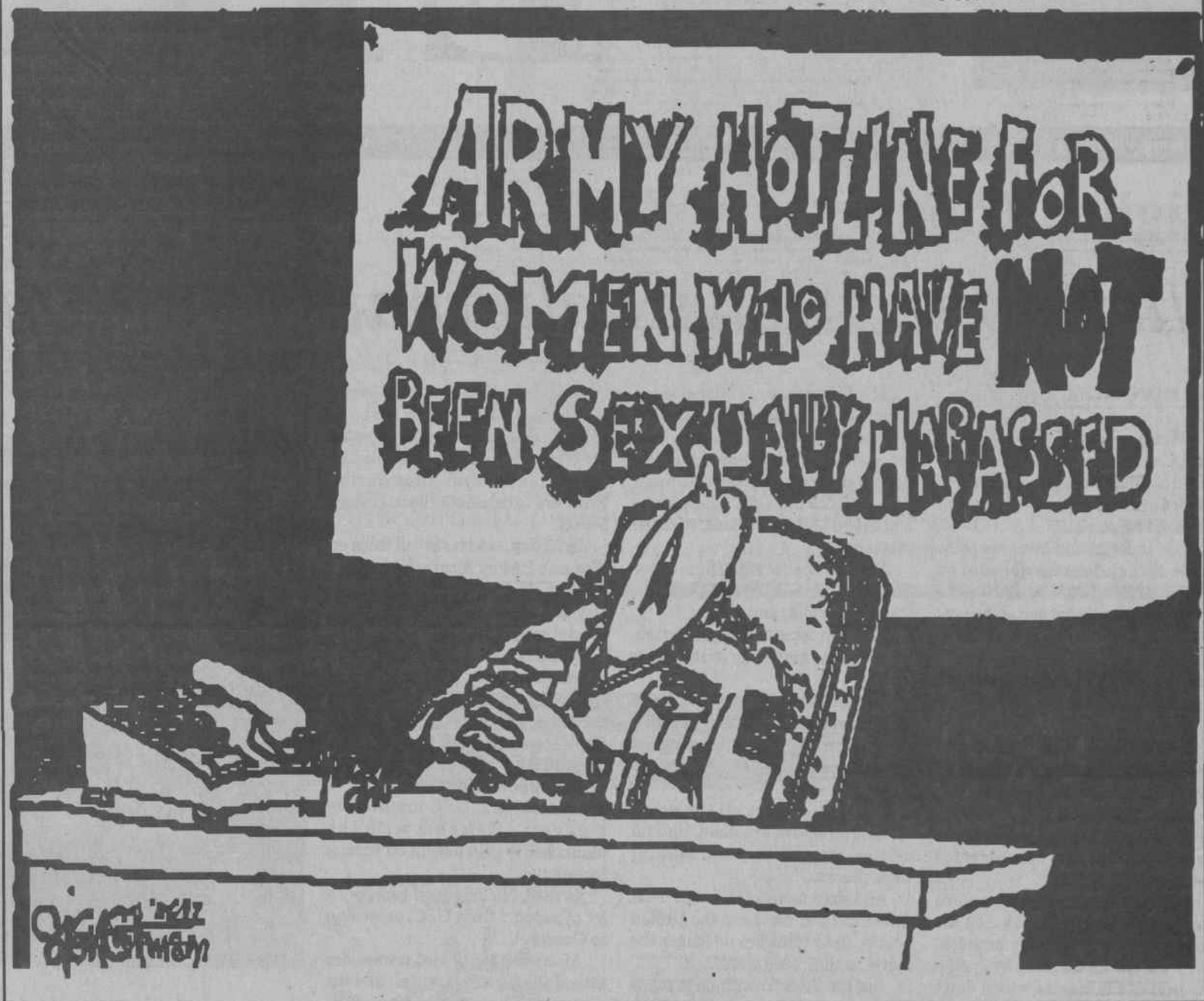
Aiding in reproduction with artificial insemination or fertility drugs should really be the farthest we go in the reproduction process, with the exception of natural conception.

Fooling with nature is something that could backfire on us as quickly as it could benefit us.

Yes, it's great these Scottish scientists were able to literally create this lamb, but in the long run what good will it do us?

It's scary to think that humans have the ability to alter nature. When will we learn that maybe it's wrong to mess with nature?

When we see our own clones walking down the street, that's when.



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We still have a chance to win a championship in this conference.

Eddie Fogler, on the fate of the Gamecock basketball team

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### Sororities should consider male members

**W**hen I first came to USC, I told myself I would take a look at the Greek system before I made any generalizations about it. Well, eventually I did both.

For the past year I have seen Greeks as rich kids who have to use their daddy's money to buy their friends. All they care about is clothes, beer and social status.

But recently I have come to a realization. I think I want to join a sorority.

Now these organizations receive a lot of bashing on this campus, and gotten their fair share from this newspaper. But, I think a lot of people have underestimated the bonds of sisterhood.

**ROB GIOELLI**  
guest columnist

Think about it. Spending all that time together with the same group of girls. You get to know each other intimately. You know each others secrets and fears, passions and fantasies. I just love the idea.

I have never really been that close to a group of girls in my life. My only sister is considerably younger than me and we can't really bond. She doesn't really understand things since she is so much younger than I am.

I just see this whole sorority concept as another one of the great opportunities that Carolina has offered me. A lot of schools talk about

getting rid of Greek organizations because they cause more division on campus. But I don't think this is true.

There really is only one problem here. I'm a guy.

Now most people would say that's why they have fraternities. But I don't want to join a fraternity. They do nothing for me. But for reasons stated above, the concept of joining a sorority sounds great.

In today's equal opportunity society, you think it wouldn't be a problem if I wanted to join a sorority. But now, these groups are still bastions of all female membership. I think it's a shame that a person should be barred from joining a group just because of their possessions or lack of certain body parts and

hormonal cycles.

The thing is that this certain social problem cannot be chalked up to being just a part of the conservative South. It's like this all over the country. Universities everywhere have segregated Greek organizations. And the thing is, no one is speaking up.

But I want to start the protest. I want to make a difference. I think this could be the great civil rights movement of our generation. It's time for men's rights when it comes to joining women's organizations.

Hopefully by the time my children go to college, my sons will have a choice as to the greek organization they want to join. But as for now I guess all I can do is dream about living in South Tower.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Student Government budget allocations unfair, unjustified

To the editor:

Student Government makes a big deal about their working to serve the needs of the student body. The most important function Student Government serves is to allocate our student activities fees. If the budget appeals process is how Student Government thinks that is working to serve our interests, then Student Government is a bigger sham than I thought.

My organization, as has many on our campus, have had their budgets cut severely. Our budget allocation was reduced by 50 percent from last year and we only received 10 percent of what we asked for. I was under the impression that we were to present our case to the Finance Committee in order to justify why we requested the amount of

money that we did. Instead, I was forced to wait an hour after my supposed "scheduled" time to be lectured on how little time the committee had and how much money my club had in our account. I was told we had a certain amount of money, and the figure was an amount I had never heard before. We have never received an accurate account sheet from Student Government. I was peppered with questions about how my organization planned on spending the rest of our carry-over money. Our budget (what I mistakenly thought was the purpose for the hearing) was barely discussed. I was under the impression that I would be allowed to discuss our reasoning for budget.

The committee was very hostile and adversarial toward me and my fellow members. When one of the

committee members would ask a question, there seemed to be no appeal in the process. We were told why we received the amount for our allocation. The mind of the committee seemed to have been already made up. All we had to do was show up and hear their reasoning. They seemed disinterested in anything I or my fellow club members had to say.

We were also lectured on the need to conserve money and cut allocations from student groups. However, Student Government's budget has not been cut. My organization does not have an office, graduate assistants and work studies, a secretary, a copier, computers or stipends for officers. If Student Government wants to save money, they should look to themselves first before they cut other organizations. I would like

for Student Government to submit a budget to me and my fellow student organization presidents for review and justify why they should receive \$81,000. I would like to know what fundraisers Student Government have planned for next year. I feel honored that I helped stroke the egos of some very "important" people. If Student Government is so important and makes such a difference, maybe they can explain why barely 10 percent of the student body will vote for them. Most students see in Student Government what I saw last night — a sham.

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