

## Letters to the Editor

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### IFC

Dear Editor:

There are several issues I need to clear up regarding Steve Giddings article on the anti-hazing policy that appeared in the Nov. 13 issue. I do not want the background and the intentions of the anti-hazing policy to be misinterpreted.

First of all, I have asked for help on this policy since August. At an all-greek meeting I heard that UNLV had no anti-hazing resolution and offered to research other university's anti-hazing policies with Intrafraternity council (IFC) and Dean Robert Ackerman in student services.

At the first IFC meeting in September, I explained what was being done to make an anti-hazing policy and asked for help.

I have attended almost every IFC meeting since and have done the same with only two people offering assistance.

Secondly, I took on this project as a concerned greek, not a CSUN official. We are one of the few universities in the country that does not have an anti-hazing policy.

In addition, 27 states have anti-hazing laws, Nevada does not.

It is urgent that UNLV officially denounces hazing.

Thirdly, the policy submitted to IFC is indeed a copy of Arizona State's. However there is no need to re-invent the wheel. The

ASU policy is consistent with every national fraternity and every university's hazing policies which were reviewed.

The policy submitted was for input and then, hopefully, approval. It was submitted in consultation with Al Izzolo, the IFC faculty advisors and the two people who offered their input. It was not cast in stone.

In short, from the beginning I felt that the greeks should have input on an anti-hazing policy. It is necessary that the policy be acceptable to all or it will never work. If their proposal is not right, we need to find one that is.

Thank You  
Steve Evenson

### Animals

Dear Editor:

I am writing this in response to the article "Two Views of Animal Research" that appeared in the November 6 edition of The Yellin' Rebel. I am not writing to defend myself to SETA (a useless exercise), but to comment on totally erroneous journalism.

I have 300 students in 11 Human Biology labs, all of which saw the rat castration. You would think with that many students per semester, The Yellin' Rebel could have had the facts straight.

The rats used in the lab were albinos that were raised strictly for research (just as cattle and chickens are raised for food production).

These rats could not survive the vigors of an unprotected world.

The rats were humanely and quickly killed in our animal facility by our animal technician before they reached the classroom.

There was nothing so secretive about the castration and nobody was forced to watch the totally bloodless operation.

There is absolutely no need to break the rats back when all I intended to do was remove one testicle per lab section.

the testicle was put in to a dish, the rat covered up and students viewed

the seminiferous tubes, epididymus and live sperm under the microscope.

I did not try to imitate Siegfried and Roy by going behind a screen and doing

"something."

Everything was done on one side of the room so that students that did not want to observe the castration didn't have to close their eyes.

I invite your staff writers

to take my class (a lab-science for non-majors) so that any further misconceptions can be cleared up.

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