Dear Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed the article, "Raising the Hunley," in the February 2001 issue of MSC. It was a very emotional moment when the Hunley was finally brought to the surface on the morning of August 8, 2000.

Mr. Perry Smith of Oceaneering International mentioned his company designed the chiller tank and the caisson tower table, in addition to the lifting truss. However, he failed to recognize other Charleston area companies involved in the project.

AISC Member, Division Five, Inc. of Hollywood, SC, fabricated the chiller tank and mezzanine around the tank. Metal Trades, Inc., of Younges Island, SC, fabricated the suction piles. Also deserving recognition is Parker Rigging of N. Charleston, SC. Parker Rigging set the tank, erected the mezzanine and placed the Hunley safely in the chiller tank.

Reese Rambo, Detailing Manager Division Five, Inc.

Dear Editor:

Would you explain the reference and photo from Esquire magazine in the latest issue of Modern Steel Construction—I couldn’t quite relate it to a steel topic, such as connections, structural failure, etc.

For your own edification there are many women in this field now, and this type of gratuitous behavior does not sit well with us. The boys club is gone and it would behoove you to realize this. I will be looking for an apology in the April issue.

Cynthia Schwartz
Structural Engineer

Editor’s response:

I apologize for any offense. However, no gratuitous behavior was intended. The connection is quite simple. If you look closely, she’s holding an AISC Manual of Steel Construction! I don’t think you often find someone in a fashion spread in a consumer magazine holding something so integrally related to our business. I was intrigued and thought many of our readers would also be interested.

Scott Melnick
Editor, Modern Steel Construction