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rights to elaborate the new structures, to discuss them with the new board of directors, and to perform transitional duties until the new faculty is instituted in February 1969. Broad participation by the academic community in faculty and university decision-making will be emphasized and representatives from the student body and the entire teaching and nonteaching staff will be elected to the faculty and board of directors. These representatives will have full voting rights.

Efforts are also being made to reduce the omnipotence of the "chairs," a power alluded to by Richelle (Letters, 19 July). The intention is to emphasize collegiate responsibilities and prevent the accumulation of power by any single individual through the acquisition of numerous academic titles or by virtue of sheer seniority (1).

The University of Brussels is the only private nonreligious institution of its kind in Belgium. Although this setting may appear to be progressive, it does not follow that the academic staff is unanimously enthusiastic with the projected reforms since they were begun last May. Those faculty members who do endorse them might look for some more student support during the transitional period in the next few months.

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#### Falconry

Doolittle's tribute to Frederick II, the eminent and early natural scientist (Letters, 2 Aug.), will be applauded by ornithologists universally. Frederick II was a student of Aristotle and other classical scholars, an excellent observer of nature, and a keen falconer. His life work *De arte venandi cum avibus* is available in English as *The Art of Falconry*, translated by C. A. Wood and F. M. Fyfe (Stanford University Press, Stanford, California, 1943). This is an excellent textbook of falconry and a general review of ornithology which covers a wide range of subjects including migration, general ecology, food, anatomy, molt, and flight. Many of these subjects are discussed in a complete

form which was not surpassed until the modern period of ornithology. This work places Frederick II in the honored position as the first great ornithologist in history, according to Stresemann (*Die Entwicklung der Ornithologie*, Verlag Hans Linberg, Aachen, 1951), in addition to his achievement of being the first sovereign known to present a biological work under his name.

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#### Liberals' Common Sense

Clark's denunciation of liberals for their alleged betrayal of the principle of free speech is uncalled for and misses the point completely (Letters, 5 July). If I may be allowed to paraphrase his example, it might read like this:

"There is a fire burning over there, we have no water, do you suppose we could put it out by dumping that tank car of kerosene on it?"

Shockley: "I dunno—let's find out."

Liberals: "Don't try it now; let's wait and try it under safe conditions in the laboratory."

Whether or not there are racial differences in intelligence is a legitimate subject for scientific investigation; no one is disputing that fact. It is the use to which the results of such studies are put that is objectionable. Surely Clark must be aware of the propaganda of racist organizations, hence there is no need to detail it here.

Even if the results of such a study show that the Negro is inferior in intelligence, these results would have no relevance to our present problems. Intelligence has never been a criterion for full, first-class citizenship for whites, and Negroes should not be asked to come with I.Q. cards in hand to apply for those rights. Just because we are liberals, we are under no obligation, moral, or ethical, or in the name of free speech, to furnish a platform for Shockley, or for anyone else. Liberals' responsibility to their community and their country far transcends any fancied responsibility they owe to Shockley. Liberals should have common sense. Common sense and courage were in evidence at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and I, for one, commend them for it.

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