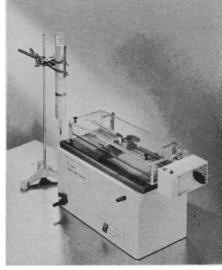


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The Fit and the Unfit

The facts contained in "Draft caused drop in graduate science enrollments" (11 July, p. 162) may have been correct, but the tone was disturbing in its implications. The draft was held responsible for the removal of "ablebodied males" from graduate programs, "leaving only females, the aged, and a few physically unfit males." Thus, men who do not come up to draft board standards are labeled physically unfit. For what? And the aged: who are they? We, who are over 26 years?

The author's bias in his reference to female students as "only female" reappeared when he attributed to "a chemistry department" the lament that although it had been a coeducational department, the "entire incoming class for 1969 will consist of females only." That last "only" is only redundant. Until the facts show that aged and infirm adults comprise the bulk of graduate students, please report the situation with more accuracy and restraint.

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ACE Study of Campus Unrest

Judith Coburn's thoughtful article on criticisms of the American Council on Education study of campus unrest (11 July, p. 160) contains several minor inaccuracies and omissions.

1) It is incorrect to say that "the entire study was about disruption." The study focuses on campus unrest, and more specifically on protests, rather than on disruption alone. It therefore includes a variety of social and political activities like demonstrations, petitions, marches, teach-ins, strikes, and protest