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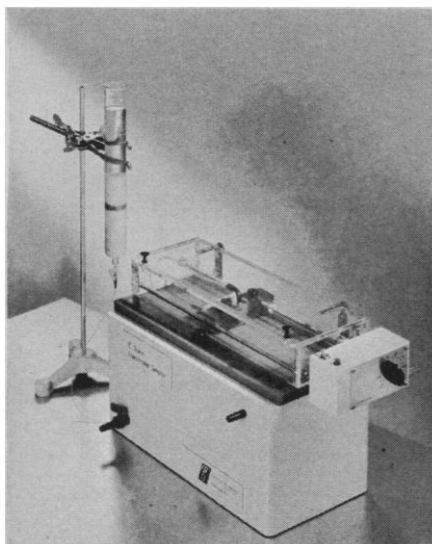
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effect on the approval rate. Since the applications selected for this study did not constitute a probability sample, it is not clear to what extent this statement can be applied to the entire group of research grant applications which are submitted to the Public Health Service each year.

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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 "able-bodied 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

meetings that are in no way disruptive.

2) In discussing the Students for a Democratic Society opposition to the study, Coburn considerably understates its vehemence. The *New Left Notes* article she cites refers to the directors of the Bureau of Social Science Research as "liberal pigs," to ACE and BSSR researchers as "surveyor-pigs," and to research institutes as "pig institutes." It states that the BSSR "primarily does counter-insurgency research contract work for the U.S. Government." It sees the ACE research as a part of "counter-insurgency programs which are used to finger and destroy individuals and whole communities." And so on.

3) In quoting National Student Association President Bob Powell's criticism of the ACE study, Coburn fails to note the inaccuracy of his assertion that the study deals exclusively with individual behavior. In fact, the study is equally concerned with institutional characteristics that are related to campus unrest.

4) Coburn does not mention one background fact important in judging the potential misuses of the ACE study. There have *already* been dozens of empirical studies of student activists and protesters. Any college administrator with the diligence to have read these studies already knows how to "screen out" the applicants who are most likely to engage in protest. As a start, I would recommend that he admit only dumb, unimaginative, conventional, and extremely devout applicants from conservative and politically apathetic families. . . . It does not take the ACE study to enable an unscrupulous or frightened college administrator to begin screening out "protest-prone" students.

5) Coburn says that I agree that the advisory board guidelines "will only absolve Advisory Committee members of guilt" with regard to the possible misuse of findings. If I had believed this, I would not have drafted the guidelines and pressed for their adoption. She is of course correct in noting that no one can *guarantee* that research findings will not be used for destructive or unethical ends. All anyone can do (and what he *must* do, I believe) is to commit himself to work for the ethical use of a study's findings, and to oppose unethical uses. At least that much has now been done. . . .

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