

in the Neotropics, but is not planned for Guanacaste National Park (GNP). Rather, GNP anticipates that wild animal populations may be sufficiently robust that some individuals may be removed to use for restocking in forest restoration projects elsewhere.

The animal figured is a tapir rather than a peccary.

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Rejection and Revolution

After adopting the relatively new policy of swiftly rejecting 60% of all manuscripts, *Science* offers the authors of such manuscripts the comforting thought (Editorial, 18 Jan. 1985, p. 249) that on that particular week they competed with someone of the caliber of Darwin. This flippant attitude assumes that scientists of Darwin's caliber arise about once a week.

The new policy has one disadvantage that totally outweighs any advantages. Those

who make the initial decisions are bound to be recognized members of the scientific establishment, who according to Kuhn (1) are usually the last to recognize the value of a justified revolutionary stand in their scientific field. This is bound to turn totally disastrous what had been almost totally disastrous before, that is, the attitude of *Science* toward the authors of manuscripts that support such a revolutionary stand. Contrary to the advice offered by *Science*, the authors of such manuscripts can, however, find solace in the knowledge that the manuscripts of a scientific revolutionary like Darwin would have certainly been swiftly rejected by *Science* with no right of appeal.

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Response: In Darwin's day there were so few scientists and so few journals that in most cases issues were printed only when enough manuscripts had been received, not on regular dates. With 90% or more of all

the scientists who have ever lived being alive today, the volume of publications is totally different and the number of young Darwins far greater. Our sending back 60% of submitted manuscripts rapidly is a trade-off for faster decision-making at all levels; this is understood and the procedure has been given a generally favorable reception. We never treat manuscripts flippantly and our staff and reviewers are constantly encouraging publication of innovative research findings. I do not doubt for a moment that we will make an occasional mistake, but so far we do not know of any seminal paper that we have refused nor do we have any indication that well-known scientists are not as receptive to innovative ideas as their less famous colleagues.

—DANIEL E. KOSHLAND, JR.

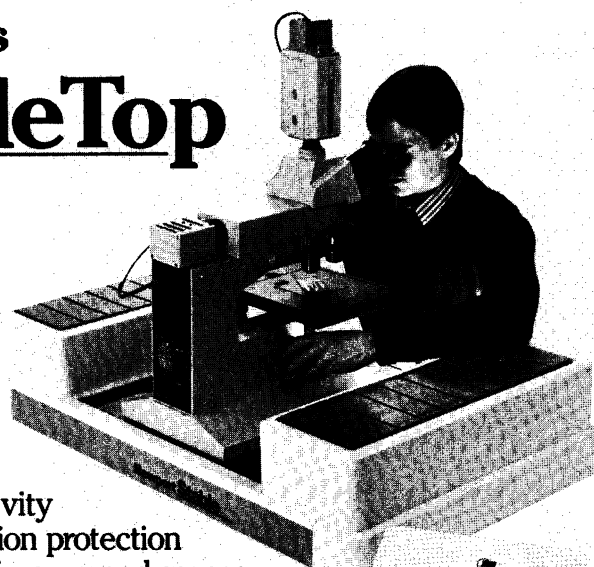
Erratum: In the Research News article by Gina Kolata "Maleness pinpointed on Y chromosome" (28 Nov., p. 1076), it is said that gametes always induce steroids. In fact, steroids can be produced without gametes. What is constant is that gametes can never be produced without steroids.

Erratum: In the caption for the figure on page 939 with the article "Debate about epilepsy: What initiates seizures?" by Deborah M. Barnes (Research News, 21 Nov., p. 938), the second sentence should have read "Middle trace shows electrical activity recorded from the space outside a neuron and bottom trace shows activity inside a single neuron."

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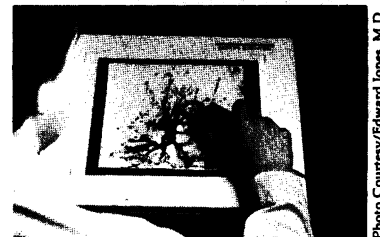


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