

tional and realistic political step. Many of us felt that it was the responsibility of academicians to alert the public to their lack of confidence in the soundness of the advice given to the President by their former colleagues. The foregoing reasons were far more important than any particular policy alternative in fostering the sudden growth of teach-ins and other debates. . . .

The teach-in can be looked upon as a simple revival of older democratic forums such as the town meeting. . . . The teach-ins can and in some cases did allow for a side-by-side comparison of the areas of disagreement. At least, they aired many of the complexities of the Viet Nam war which had too often been obscured by the administration policy of an "optimistic outlook." The "academic dissenters" probably have stepped into a vacuum of criticism and discussion, where foreign policy seems too complex for the individual to get hold of. In doing so they have signaled the end of a time when one or two advisers will be given carte blanche to advise the President on matters of national importance. In order to have their advice accredited, the Bundys are going to have to go back periodically to the debate platforms, to the colleges, to Congress, and to the people they serve. Bundy has referred to the academic critics as "my people." How true!

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Rank Discrimination

Being a community rich in degree-holders of every kind, Princeton is likely to have Ph.D.'s, M.D.'s, D.D.'s, and so forth among its candidates for election to the school board. Under the auspices of the League of Women Voters, our recent candidates gathered before elections for public questioning. In front of each was a name plate. The title "Dr." appeared with the names of M.D.'s; the Ph.D.'s were designated "Mr." Searching for an explanation, I found that the League of Women Voters solemnly believes that being identified by the title "Dr." embarrasses a Ph.D.—especially "after hours" (a reservation that apparently does not apply to M.D.'s or D.D.'s seeking public office "after hours").

Pundits on etiquette were also cited as authority, although with some controversy, since apparently they differ. Inclusion of the title in one's telephone-directory listing was an additional criterion for establishing the right to it (three Ph.D.'s are so listed in Princeton, including the president of Princeton University).

Are degrees becoming obsolete? Are we headed toward the abolition of titles, or is this manifestation reserved for Ph.D.'s?

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Lullaby for Male Voices

Herewith a contribution to Rossi's Brave New World. [See Alice S. Rossi, "Women in science: Why so few?" 28 May, p. 1197.]

*Hush, my little baby, and brush away
that tear.*

*Your mother needs to have a scientific
career.*

*Please don't fret and whimper, that's
an affective quirk.*

*Mother's just out looking for more
meaningful work.*

*Her absence is a blessing, for this
negative condition*

*Will make your heart grow fonder and
will stimulate cognition.*

*You'll love the child-care center, which
is cunningly contrived*

*To cope with all the problems of the
maternally deprived.*

*Your Ma's maternal instincts are more
than merely ample—*

*She's providing the whole family with
a shining good example.*

*So what if meals are tardy and the
cleaning ineffectual?*

*Take comfort in the fact that your
Mama's an intellectual.*

*Think of the ultracentrifuge and other
apparatus*

*That are going to help Mother in her
search for equal status,*

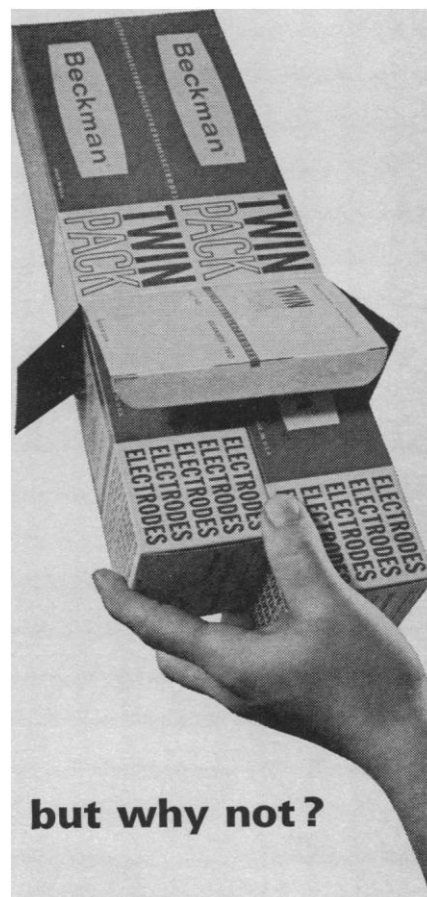
*Though real equality for her depends
on one condition:*

*Persuading Dad to take over the task
of parturition.*

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