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medical establishment, although he carefully avoids inculcating medical education and its research-oriented goals.

Let there be a national review, and let us not overlook the possibility of separating biomedical research from medical education, thereby restoring traditional ethical qualities to both.

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#### Haig's Image

The demeanor of Alexander Haig has sometimes seemed more appropriate for a Secretary of War of a bellicose state than for what he is, the Secretary of State of the United States—whose citizens, by and large, long for continued world peace. Now even in *Science* Haig is mistakenly called the Secretary of Defense (News and Comment, 12 Feb., p. 878). Maybe it's time that President Reagan considered changing Haig's title to something more consistent with his public image.

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#### Nonsexist Mnemonics

I very much enjoyed the article by M. Mitchell Waldrop (Research News, 5 Feb., p. 647) on the Orion Nebula. However, in an era when we are finally encouraging more women to go into astronomy (and E. Margaret Burbidge is president of the AAAS), we really should stop perpetuating the old-fashioned (and some would say sexist) mnemonic he cites for the spectral types of stars.

Some years ago, at the suggestion of Owen Gingerich at Harvard, the Astronomical Society of the Pacific ran a contest to find a new mnemonic (1). The most popular suggestion was just a small change in the traditional version, to "Oh Be A Fine Girl (or Guy), Kiss Me." Another good prospect, at least for those in academic environments, was "Oh

Boy, An F Grade Kills Me." Among the other noteworthy entries was one which seemed self-referencing, "Odd Ball Astronomers Find Generally Kooky Mnemonics."

Our favorites for the longer version, OBAFGKMRNS, included: "Obese Balding Astronomer Found Guilty: Killed Many Reluctant Nonscience Students"; "Oh Bring Another Fully Grown Kangaroo: My Recipe Needs Some"; and "Once Beer Ages, Flavor Gives Kind Men Rather Naughty Smiles."

Perhaps *Science* readers will have additional suggestions.

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1. See *Mercury* 6 (No. 4), 21 (July/August 1977).

#### Successful Conference

With reference to the briefing "Israeli denied visa for conference in India" (News and Comment, 17 July, p. 312), we are pleased to report that the International Conference on the Applications of the Mössbauer Effect, which was postponed until 14 to 18 December, has taken place in Jaipur, India. All scientists who wanted to attend were granted admission.

The conference was attended by about 175 Indian scientists and about 150 from other countries and was very successful. The large number of Indian scientists attending reflects the widespread research in India using Mössbauer spectroscopy techniques.

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*Erratum:* The correct price for *The Grant Swinger Papers* (News and Comment, 26 Feb., p. 1081) is \$4.95 including postage and handling.