

result would likely be the modification of other EC policies, rather than the modification or rejection of product approvals.

The overall thrust of the report is that the EC must maintain a competitive R&D base in biotechnology, and this cannot be done with national or EC-level regulations or restrictions that unduly hamper the research effort. Ethical issues are not ignored—the report proposes the creation of an EC-level ethical advisory panel for biotechnology issues. I interpret the report, however, as coming down on the side of research and scientific progress, and in that sense it should be welcomed by the scientific and business communities on both sides of the Atlantic.

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#### Support for Jenny Harrison

The excellent article by Paul Selvin about Jenny Harrison's suit against the University of California for denial of tenure (News & Comment, 28 June, p. 1781) states, "Grunbaum, the [mathematics] department's current chairman, ... invited Harrison to reapply for a tenured position...." Traditionally the chairman invites an individual to apply for a tenured position only after ascertaining that support within the department and the university is assured and the applicant can be certain of receiving an official offer.

It is not clear whether Chairman Grunbaum is offering Harrison such a guarantee. (It seems highly unlikely given the past actions of the department and the fact that to date the university has not offered to settle.)

Harrison has stated that she is suing not only to obtain the position she believes she was unfairly denied but also because she owes this struggle to other women mathematicians. For any individual woman denied tenure and therefore a job, it is clearly easier to move to the "back of the bus" and work elsewhere. But to change discriminatory practices, someone must say to the system, "Stop!" That is what the Jenny Harrison case is about.

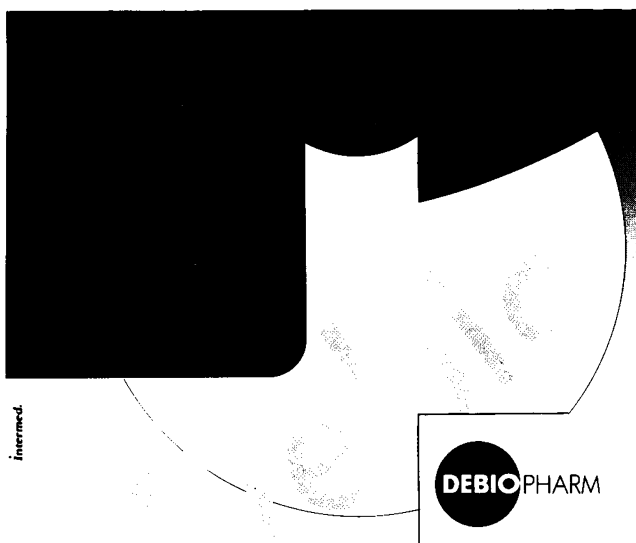
The history of this case suggests that, if the university wants a fair settlement, it must agree to have some outside group evaluate Harrison's qualifications, not the same department now being sued for gender discrimination. The university also should offer reimbursement for this struggle, which Harrison has undertaken on behalf of women in mathematics as well as herself.

A support committee for Jenny Harrison has been formed to raise funds for her case and publicize the sexism she has experienced. We can be contacted at 841 Coventry Road, Kensington, CA 94707.

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*Erratum:* In the editing process, an error was introduced in the first paragraph of a letter to *Science* from Mikulas Popovic which appeared in the 16 August News & Comment section (p. 730). In that paragraph, the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1)<sub>III<sub>B</sub></sub> should have been identified as the human T cell lymphotropic virus (HTLV)-III<sub>B/83</sub>. In the description of productive infection of neoplastic CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell lines with HIV-1 isolates at the end of paragraph 8, reference 7 should have included a paper by E.-M. Fenyö *et al.* [*J. Virol.* 62, 4414 (1988)].

*Erratum:* In the abstract of the Report "Three-dimensional readout of flash x-ray images of living sperm in water by atomic-force microscopy" by T. Tomie *et al.* (3 May, p. 691), the word "subpicosecond" should have been "subnanosecond."



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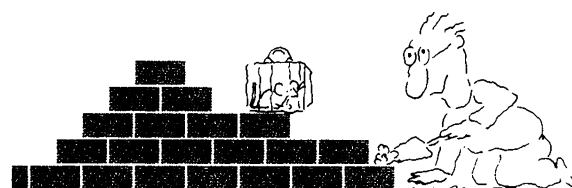
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