

still a high-priority item at the institute, there can be little doubt that production of the recent NOVA series had to be an immensely time-consuming undertaking. But the result was a truly outstanding miniseries on human evolution and the processes of paleoanthropology. Many people watched it, and they will watch it again, where most will probably never read a book on the subject. We live in a society where knowledge of and acceptance of evolution is incredibly limited, and the assaults on it by the religious right and others are a constant and serious threat. Television is probably the most effective means of reaching a wide audience with an alternative message, and it would seem, therefore, that public education by any means *ought* to be an important part of the program of the IHO or of any institution dealing with this subject. We would all like an ivory tower where pure research is our only obligation. But this is clearly not feasible in a society where the anti-intellectual forces are so powerful. I simply do not see this as an issue open to criticism. As for the suggestion that Johanson should spend more time fund raising, I would ask where he could reach the greatest audience, in a number of lecture halls or in three programs on NOVA, one of the most popular series on public television.

If there are other ills that need to be set right at the IHO, then they should be addressed, but to run the entire organization onto the rocks over the issue of public education does not seem to me to be a reasonable way of setting things right.

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Corrections and Clarifications

In figure 3B (p. 1124) in the report "A molecular organic carbon isotope record of Miocene climate changes" by M. Schoell *et al.* (25 Feb., p. 1122), the extraneous upside-down "20" floating in white space under "8¹⁸O" in the "Mixed" zone should not have appeared.

D. G. Rainnie *et al.*, in their report "Adenosine inhibition of mesopontine cholinergic neurons: Implications for EEG arousal" (4 Feb., p. 689), suggested that adenosine may mediate sleep-debt related potentiation of EEG slow-wave activity in non-REM sleep. This is similar to a hypothesis proposed by J. H. Benington *et al.* [*Sleep Res.* 22, 4 (1993)]. Rainnie *et al.* suggested that adenosine exerts this effect by means of inhibition of mesopontine cholinergic neurons rather than by direct inhibition of neurons in the cerebral cortex.

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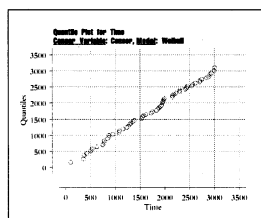
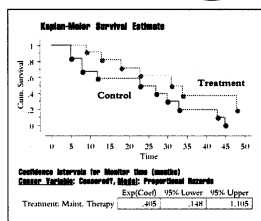
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