

fire one of the few untenured faculty members.

From my experience it seems clear to me that less than full-time positions should be made official policy throughout the university, and not just in the physics department, and that this policy be recognized as desirable even when there is no financial crisis. I would also suggest that there be some latitude in the percentage of time permitted. Jackson suggests only two-thirds time as an alternative to full time, but I for example could not have worked with a percentage quite that low.

I would also like to suggest to Jackson, and others guilty of the same distortions of fact, that it is incorrect to refer to all physics faculty members as being male. In her letter, a faculty member was always referred to as "he" or "him." Other comments in the letter more explicitly limited sex, such as the statement "Still others have wives who contribute to the family income." The word "spouses" could have easily been substituted for "wives" to make the statement accurate.

A sexist bias in terminology should not be taken lightly. It is well known that our thinking is very much shaped by our language. For example, Ms Jackson in her letter does not mention the significant plight of the female physics PhD raising children who would like to teach at less than full time. Perhaps Jackson, whose motivations are obviously in the right direction, has been unconsciously biased by her own rhetoric.

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Corrections

April, page 55—The price of *Physics of Solid State Devices* by T. H. Beeforth and H. J. Goldsmid (Pion, 1970) is £3.00, not \$3.00.

July, page 60—*Resources for the History of Physics*, edited by Stephen Brush (Univ. Press of New England, 1972) is 188 pages in length, not 90.

August, page 35, column 2—The first full sentence should be: "The combination of cold cap, baffles and cold trap greatly diminishes the backstreaming, but it also greatly impedes the pumping speed."

July, page 30—In the caption to figure 7, several of the "extrinsic merit" criteria have been listed out of their correct order. To arrive at agreement with the histogram, transpose 7 with 8, 9 with 10 and 11 with 12. □

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