



LETTERS

to the EDITOR

Adage Bites Man

Sir:

There are many among those of us who are trying to help reduce atmospheric pollution who will look at the December number of *Physics Today* with some concern. In the subtitle of the leading article *Physics of Chimneys* we read: "Where there's fire there's smoke."

Perhaps we are all misguided evangelists, but we have been preaching that the presence of fire does not necessarily mean the presence of smoke. We have been doing our level best to get people to handle their fuel, select their equipment, and operate their plants—large and small—in such a way that they can have needed heat and power without great plumes of smoke.

WARD F. DAVIDSON

New York, New York

Where there's fire there may be smoke. Our apologies to those who work at minimizing atmospheric pollution.

Physicists in Training

Sir:

I read with interest the recent article by Marsh White in the November issue of *Physics Today*. Unfortunately, among the institutions granting PhD degrees in physics, the Catholic University of America has been omitted. In 1948-49 we had 85 graduate students in physics and had granted one PhD degree during the period covered.

KARL F. HERZFELD

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The November issue of *Physics Today* contains an article by Marsh White which leaves many of us here in Rochester puzzled. An examination of the list of institutions granting PhD's in physics on page 17, does not reveal the name of the University of Rochester, which has been granting PhD's in physics for over ten years and now has some 45 graduate students enrolled.

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