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► Editor and advisers determine *S* and decide whether or not to publish.

I believe editors of scientific journals must play a more active role in the refereeing process and not hide behind anonymous overburdened referees. Editors must have larger scientifically trained staffs (retired scientists?) and their advisers (adjudicators?) must devote about as much time as a referee in the study and evaluation of a paper.

Our present system of refereeing is in dire need of reform; authors are impotent, but referees are not. In the name of justice, referees arise!

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No personal data on resumes

I wish to suggest an amendment to Raymond W. Sears's useful guidelines for preparing an effective resume. My suggestion is that personal data should not appear unless specifically requested by the prospective employer.

Information on a job candidate's marital status, religion, hobbies, national origin, and so on can be the source of biased judgments leading to discrimination too subtle for control by legislation. Although unfavorable reactions to personal data may never be voiced in a selection committee, negative feelings about non-scientific credentials act insidiously against a candidate.

It would appear that all candidates are more likely to be considered on their professional merits if extraneous data do not enter the picture. Of course, facts about candidates' personal lives will often be known anyway to those making the selection, but at least some benefit would accrue if those facts were treated as too irrelevant to appear on a resume.

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Corrections

September, page 31—Title of book referred to in reference 8 should be *Corrosion Inhibitors* instead of *Corrosion Inhibition*.

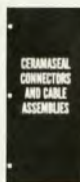
November 1976, page 103—The 1976–1977 *Graduate Programs in Physics Astronomy and Related Fields* book is available at a prepaid cost of \$7.50 to members of AIP-member societies, not \$5, as stated. □

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