

should not be entitled to a full subsidy for his education. A more serious problem for higher education is the premature filling of tenure slots. In computer science, the next 10 years will produce a generation of new Ph.D.'s more qualified than those of us who now hold the professorships. If these new Ph.D.'s are frozen out, the field will suffer.

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### Flying Saucer Sightings

D. I. Warren (6 Nov., p. 599) has brought forth an interesting theory. A number of people that I have talked to reported that the only reason they happened to see the flying saucer was because they went outside to "see what was bothering the horses." So it was really the horses who first sighted the UFO. When horses are used for the primitive task of simply supplying tractive power, they are undoubtedly victims of the status frustration syndrome. Therefore the theory must be valid.

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### Sirens' Songs

In "Songs of humpback whales" (13 Aug., p. 585) Payne and McVay mention "the possibility . . . that some other species have been included with . . . [their] data on humpbacks." Although they refer to several species of whales, they fail to mention the most likely candidates, the Sirens. Their song has been described as "clear" by Circe and their voice "sweet as a honeycomb" by Ulysses. These definitions compare well with that of Payne and McVay: "beautiful and varied sounds." It is unfortunate that no recording of the Sirens' songs was made by Ulysses (probably because his hands were tied at the time); it would have been interesting to compare it to the recordings made by Payne and McVay.

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