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to the editor

Aristotelian moderation

My impression of the article on osteoporosis (SN: 6/6, p. 562) is that this is a first-class job of reporting, with not a flaw as regards accuracy, and with an Aristotelian moderation in extrapolating from early results to ultimate significance.

Incidentally, I can report to you that, as you know, SCIENCE NEWS is indeed widely read. I have a flood of correspondence on the article—three letters, in fact, in one mail.

In conclusion, may I thank you and congratulate SCIENCE NEWS for a splendid reporting job.

*Frederic C. Barter, M.D.
Chief, Endocrinology Branch
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Bitter note

It was encouraging to see that Shell Oil Co. has developed a method of sinking oil that has been spilled at sea (SN: 6/13, p. 578). This will clean the surface so that no one can see the spill, and put the oil on the ocean bottom which is infinitely large and of no value to man.

Also, I am sure that the 100 tons of crude oil that was purposely dumped to conduct the test was warmly welcomed by the marine life in that area.

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Much for little

I enjoyed the article "Eutrophication speeded by man" (SN: 7/4, p. 17) and feel that it presents an accurate overview of the problems we face with regard to eutrophication. It particularly brings home to me how much work has been required to find out what little we know about eutrophication and its

control and how much more work will have to be conducted before we are able to do any more than generalize about its causes and correctives. I am sure that the readers of your article will appreciate the complexities involved in the eutrophication process and the difficulties encountered in its control. Certainly a public awareness of the necessity for eutrophication control is necessary and publications such as yours do much to accomplish this task.

*Frank G. Wilkes, Ph.D.
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Patent treaty

In my opinion, your article "Agreeing on prior art" (SN: 6/27, p. 614) certainly refers to what might be termed the main problem the United States had with the treaty and also to what presently appears to be the main advantage, namely, extending the time for foreign filing.

*Merl Scealess, Chairman
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and Copyright Law
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Propriety questioned

I have just read your article "Now we are all sons-of-bitches" (SN: 7/11, p. 39).

I don't question at all the propriety of including in your article the statement of Prof. Bainbridge but I do question the propriety of making that statement the headline of the entire article.

To me it is just another evidence of our writers' and journalists' desire to promote filth. Why they wish to do this I know not but it is obvious that they do. I am very sorry that a magazine of your standing should stoop to such a practice.

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