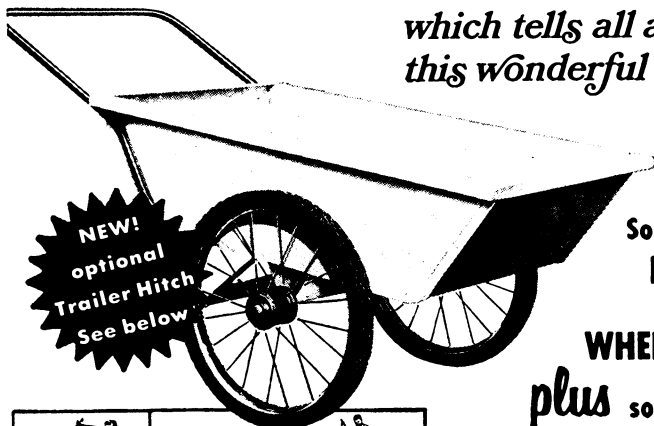


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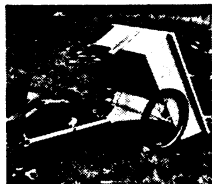
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LETTERS

to the editor

Engineering enrollment

Sir:

With regard to the item "Cracks in the Ivory Tower" (SN: 10/5, p. 340), it is not total enrollments in graduate schools that will be affected so much by the elimination of deferments as the makeup of the graduate student population. In engineering, for instance, graduate enrollments have consisted of new bachelor's degree recipients, older people returning from employment in industry or service in the armed forces, employed engineers earning a degree through part-time study, a few women, and a sizable number of foreign students. Only one group is really affected by the draft, but the extent is dramatic, as documented by a survey we have just completed.

Most graduate schools will undoubtedly fill this year's quotas of new enrollments, but the students in engineering clearly will not be the same.

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 Engineers Joint Council
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Mental health

Sir:

Your recent articles: "The New Scene in Mental Health" (SN: 10/5, p. 345) and "The Pain of Growth" (SN: 10/12, p. 369) were excellent.

More articles of this nature, along with a regular column on mental health, would be much appreciated.

Paul Friedman
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Fossil fuels

Sir:

I read with interest your article, "Drawing a Bead on Air Pollution," which appeared in the Sept. 21, 1968 edition.

In the third paragraph I noted the statement: "The only common denominator in sulfur oxides pollution is that 85 percent of it results from the combustion of fossil fuels (oil, coal and gas), with coal being responsible for 60 percent of the total."

While gas is a fossil fuel, it has, as served to the customer, essentially no sulfur content. This fact is widely recognized by air pollution authorities.

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