

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In the current issue of *Politics and the Life Sciences* (8:2; February 1990) in the second column of the inside front cover, you publish for the first time a listing of "Chairpersons of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences." Unfortunately, the person(s) who wrote the copy and/or proofread it must have very little personal knowledge of the history of APLS. You list Albert Somit as having served as chairperson from 1981-85, and James N. Schubert from 1985-89. In fact, APLS had no elective officers before 1985, when it became an organized section of the American Political Science Association and thus required to adopt a constitution and to elect officers. As one who took an active role in sponsoring that integration, I remember quite well the details of the entailed events, including the choice of the new APLS officialdom. The correct terms of office were: Albert Somit, 1985-87; and James N. Schubert, 1987-89.

Glendon Schubert  
Vice Chairperson of APLS, 1985-87  
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To the Editor:

This is to inform all life science researchers that on May 22, 1990, President George Bush signed into law the Biological Weapons Anti-Terrorism Act of 1989, Public Law Number 101-298, which implements the terms of the Biological Weapons Convention of 1972. Generally put, this Act provides that anyone subject to the jurisdiction of the United States who "knowingly develops, produces, stockpiles, transfers, acquires, retains, or possesses any biological agent, toxin, or delivery system for use as a weapon, or knowingly assists a foreign state or any organization to do so, shall be fined under this title *or imprisoned for life* or any term of years, or both." In my professional opinion, many research projects that have already been funded by the Department of Defense's so-called Biological Defense Research Program (BDRP) raise serious compliance problems with the Biological Weapons Con-

vention and thus with this Act. Therefore, if you are currently receiving, or contemplating applying for, BDRP research funds, you should obtain legal advice and counsel from a competent attorney as to whether or not you should proceed with your research or grant application. Remember that a violation of this Act could subject you to life imprisonment! Hence, I recommend that you proceed with extreme caution when dealing with the Department of Defense, and especially with its BDRP.

Francis A. Boyle  
Professor of International Law  
University of Illinois

To the Editor:

I have available several paperback two-volume sets of my work, *Political Culture and Judicial Behavior* (University Press of America, Lanham MD, 1985). It was reviewed in (inter alia) *Politics and the Life Sciences* 5:162-169 (August, 1986), and the *Journal of Social and Biological Structures* 9:393-395 (October, 1986). Complete data on which both volumes are based were archived in 1977 as Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Study #7365, available from ICPSR together with an extensive codebook, to any user who wishes to verify or transcend the analyses reported in the two volumes that I authored. I will send a set of both Volumes 1 & 2 gratis (including handling and shipping to each of the first (up to) fifty persons who, after having read at least one of the above reviews, requests a set by writing to me as follows: Glendon Schubert, 218 Lanipo Drive, Kailua, HI 96734-3230.

### Human Behavior Bibliography Project

Individuals are invited to participate in a project for the compilation of a bibliography of human behavior. The project will collect titles from numerous disciplines in which human behavior is researched according to methods of the biological sciences. Some main fields to be covered are human evolution, cultural evolution (including prehistory), human biology, ethology, sociobiology, biological anthropology, social psychology, political science, experimental psychology (learning theory), endocrinology, brain sciences, and psychopathology. The bibliography will have name and subject indexes. Pro-Cite™ is the project database application. It is expected that the published bibliography will be available in book form and on disk, thus giving users great flexibility.

Because of the bibliography's broad scope, standard methods of title search are being augmented by solicitation of titles. If you chose to submit titles, please use the following format:

- Place your ten most significant publications at the beginning of the list.
- Write journal titles out in full. For books, please indicate both the publisher's name and place of publication.
- After each title, enter three key words for use in the subject index.
- Titles published after 1980 are preferred. Titles prior to 1980 should be particularly significant.
- Include "in press" publications.

The estimated duration of the project is two years. To facilitate inputting, please submit at your earliest convenience. Receipt of bibliographies will be acknowledged by surface mail postcard or by Bitnet.

The Project Director is H.P. Caton; associates are J.M. van der Dennen and Frank K. Salter. Editing will be assisted by Section Editors for each of the fields covered. Project sponsors are the European Sociobiological Society, the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, and International Society for Human Ethology.

Title lists should be sent to: Manager, Bibliography Project, Griffith University, Brisbane 4111, Australia (E-Mail humcaton@pegasus.itc.gu.oz.au).

### International Political Science Association

The Research Committee on Biology and Politics invites proposals for papers to be given at the 1991 Congress of the International Political Science Association. The Congress will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 22-25, 1991. Proposals, preferably no more than two pages in length, should be sent to Professor Albert Somit, Lesar Law Building, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, USA, 62901. Expressions of interest in serving as discussants are also welcomed.

### New Journal

*Human Nature: An Interdisciplinary Biosocial Perspective* is a new journal available from Aldine De Gruyter, Zoo Saw Mill River Rd., Hawthorne, NY 10532. Jane B. Lancaster of the University of New Mexico serves as the editor.

*Human Nature* is dedicated to advancing the interdisciplinary investigation of the biological, social, and environmental factors that underlie human behavior. It focuses primarily on the functional unity in which these factors are continuously and mutually interactive, including: evolutionary, biological, and sociological processes as they interact with human social behavior; biological and demographic consequences of human history; cross-cultural, cross-species, and historical perspectives of human behavior; and the relevance of a biosocial perspective to scientific, social, and policy issues.

The journal features research reports, peer-reviewed overviews, statements of biosocial interpretation and research, as well as news briefs highlighting recent conferences.

### Hartigan Honored

Richard S. Hartigan, professor of political science at Loyola University of Chicago, has been awarded the Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Book Award for 1989. His book, *The Future Remembered: An Essay in Biopolitics*, was selected for the award in the science category of the competition. This volume was reviewed in the August 1989 issue of *PLS*.