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"It shall be the purpose of this Society to promote the science of entomology in all its subdivisions, for the advancement of science and the benefit of society, and to assure cooperation in all measures tending to that end."

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Correspondence

Dear Darryl:

This is to request that you correct an error in the August 1983 ESA Newsletter regarding action taken by the governing board on the Fellow Award. You stated that the award is "to recognize exceptional researchers" when in fact the Board approved a much broader concept of eligibility. The wording of the approval was "The recipient of an ESA Fellows Award must have made outstanding contributions in an entomological area of specialization. The areas of specialization include research, teaching, extension or administration." I believe the membership should be informed that the Fellows Award is available to all outstanding entomologists if they are nominated and selected.

B.C. Pass

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Editor's Comment: You are correct, Bobby. Sorry for the truncation of the comment report.

Dear Darryl:

In the August newsletter I read the proposal to change the journal titles of ESA publications to *J. Entomol. Soc. Am.* It appears to me that the ESA board favors such a change because of increased flexibility, efficiency and lowered cost. I offer one suggestion then: why not make the title simply *Entomology*? The Ecological Society of America has *Ecology*, the British Ecological Society has *Journal of Animal Ecology* and the American Association for the Advancement of Science has *Science*. I would prefer to have my papers published in *Entomology* rather than in what I consider the less prestigious and more provincial *Journal of Entomol. Soc. Am.* It can be stated on the journal's cover: *Entomology: the publication of the Entomological Society of America*. This

would better capture or draw all entomologists to its sphere of influence, and the ESA would benefit.

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Dear Michael:

I would like to impress upon you the difficulty of my obtaining meaningful employment this year despite a broad experience. You and others at ESA have certainly tried by sending my resume to matching positions. I am puzzled as to why I haven't even had the courtesy of a reply from them. On the other hand, I do get a reply from potential employers I have written to, separately.

As you can see in a quick glance, I have a variety of experience plus education. I have designed two laboratories in industry, during which time I discovered a new insecticide, I have covered North America as a product manager of insecticides with experience in insect/crop problems. I was a top student in entomology at the University of Maryland. I earned my Ph.D. in medical entomology and parasitology by teaching at Cornell University. I have taught most of the entomologies at the University level, and yet, I am having considerable difficulty finding something suitable.

I have started to study computers and have been offered a job to sell them. But this is not what I spent 10 years in the university for. I will do it to survive, but it would not be my first interest. I do love teaching and am disappointed that nothing has materialized.

I realize that some organizations are hiring young people at a lower salary. Age prejudice is something very difficult to prove.

So here I am with the energy, experience and education in entomology, but no job in the field. Instead I must turn to computers for a living.

I would like your comments.

Sincerely,
J.S., Ph.D.

Dear Darryl:

This is in response to your August ESA Newsletter inviting opinions regarding the proposed changes in ESA publications. I am intrigued by the proposal to change the Articles of Incorporation. To my knowledge these have not been distributed through the Bulletin or Newsletter and I, for one, would like to see what this document contains in total rather than piecemeal like the "point of order" we were confronted with last year at Toronto.

I did not like you referring to ARPE as an "independent special interest group" but I would concede that there are other arguments that do have validity as to why ARPE members should not be singled out for additional representation on the ESA board. My own feeling is that if we have a healthy Society and a healthy registry, there will be free interaction without the need to provide increased board size.

On the publications issue, why couldn't we keep the *Journal of Economic Entomology* which I understand is now paying for itself and other society activities, and try to get the "cutting edge of the science" articles into the new publication or the *Bulletin* as has so effectively been done in the first couple of new bulletins? Change is necessary but it might be less traumatic to work into the new system rather than trying so many new things at one time that we bog down in the paraphernalia rather than in trying to more effectively communicate our science to our peers.

Sincerely yours,

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