



# denatured

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This weeks front cover shows a sheep in a snowstorm. The evolutionary advantages of such camouflaje is discussed on page 300.

## THIS WEEK...THIS WEEK.....

### Is Science hardwired

New data points to an area of the brain controlling normal social interactions being reduced or absent in scientists. Can gene therapy be used to allow these poor, pathetic individuals to have some sort of normal life?

### Ptashne's laundry list

Final proof that denatured will in fact print anything Mark sends us.

### New definitions

Henceforth denatured will use billion instead of 1,000 million, 'unpublished data' instead of 'the blot looked too shitty to publish', and 'personnal communication' instead of 'I overheard this at a conference, rushed back to repeat the data and beat the bastard to publication'.

### Labs getting too large

Questions on lab size and accountability to heads of lab have been raised by the discovery that a first author of 6 Cool papers had only been in the lab to fix the pH meter.

### Fast Track.

The recent publishing of a fast track article in Cool 2 days before it was received again raises serious questions. Like why didn't they offer it to us. Well I mean we're weekly and those guys only come out twice a month. I'm sure we could have done a deal. Editorial.

### Brain models

New studies show that Tory MP's brains may provide a new simple model for understanding the human brain.

Page 100.

### Meeting Report

A full review of the 54th 'who cares what it's about, it's being held in Hawaii' meeting is given on page 30.

### Rugby gene

Evidence that the gene Nic1 is required to play rugby has been strengthened by the discovery that the entire Welsh national side carries a homozygous deletion. Page 90.

### Genome Mapping

The practice of printing press releases on £100 notes is defended by the president of the project. 'We've got so many of them that we've got to get rid of them somehow', he says.

### New SCS proposal

In return for \$300 billion from Japan towards the Texas supercollider the US government has generously offered to name the facility after Gen. McAurthur, who spent a lot of time in Japan. Page 25.

## DENATURED SAYS

It's all bollocks really-innit!

## DENATURED REPORTS

MRC privatisation announced. LMB to be turned into Disney themepark. Most staff ideally suited to change says Klug.

CDC2 shown to be a contaminant. Effect on cell cycle an artifact. Entire Nasymth lab jumps off cliff. Nurse goes into banking.

Vice-president Quayle is to head a new Federal Science Commission just as soon as officials have taught him how to spell it.

Security breach at NIMR- entire lab escapes by tunneling under the barbed wire and machine gun turrets.

## CORRESPONDENCE

British citations: we're still ahead of Botswana triumph. -Tory Minister of Science.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

Inorganic Chemistry Papers: why does nobody ever read them?

The trillion dollar space station Freedom: what use is it? 'Well it can be used for lots of things like...erm.....erm. ....well,erm.....you can grow really freaky looking cucumbers', says NASA official.

Rimming: getting to the bottom of it.

Stratagene advertising executives: are these guys on hard drugs or what?

James Watson to take over as Supreme Being. 'I was going to retire next month anyway', says God.

Justifying C60 fullerite research. 'Well they could make really nice looking earrings' states leading researcher.

Applications of cannabis research. 'Who knows what we might find?' says one worker. 'Wanna ride with me on my psychedelic love bicycle', says another.

## SCIENTIFIC CORRESPONDENCE

Ready made molecular biology kits are the spawn of Satan- T.Maniatis

## BOOK REVIEWS

The two word guide to fun things to do at Cold Spring Harbor: 'fuck all'-a suicidally depressed grad student.

Retracting retractions: or how to get 3 citations from only one paper-by 'you can get away with anything if you're famous enough' press.

Lucky Pierre and his incomprehensible figures: a horror story- a disgruntled reviewer

Diary of a has been scientist: how I used to have to isolate my own restriction enzymes and how these graduates today have it really easy etc, etc and other boring tales. O.L.D. Fogey -A.Nother. Reviewer.

Denatured theoretically exists to facilitate the exchange of scientific ideas. We also act as a soapbox for the editor to pontificate on a range of subjects (faraway from science) about which he knows little and should know better.