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Letters

Dear Editor,

Re: the debate in April's issue of *ATG* between Barry Fast and Judy Webster over the Oxford UP recall controversy, I agree with Barry that we have a moral obligation not to disseminate the plagiarist's work. However, the primary punishment for and disincentive to plagiarism is found in the law, not in the actions of booksellers and librarians to eliminate the market for the plagiarist's work. Since Oxford was making a moral appeal for the return of the book, it had an obligation to provide librarians and booksellers with enough information to make a moral decision. The very recall of the book was a clear admission of a serious copyright problem and some culpability on Oxford's part. I can scarcely see where being a bit more forthright in the recall could have added to Oxford's liability. I agree with Judy's assessment that Oxford should have supported its re-

quest for return of the book with more information.

Glen Secor
Yankee Book Peddler, Inc.

Dear Editor:

The February issue of *ATG* was an especially varied and useful one. Kudos to you and all contributors.

The one item, though that I could have done without was the recommendation to "look at" pictures of Maxwell's autopsy, "in full color" no less (p. 18).

While there may be something of a voyeur in much of human-kind, clearly the pages of *ATG* shouldn't have to feed such urges.

With best wishes,
Helmut Schwarzer
Yankee Book Peddler

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Notice of Error in the February Issue

There was an error in the February issue of *ATG*, v.4#1 (page 26). In the VCH Publisher Profile, it was **INCORRECTLY** stated that the Institution of Chemical Engineers, UK, was recently purchased by VCH. It was the Academy Group, London, which was recently purchased by VCH. The Profile should have read as follows:

Other publishers and institutions, also recognizing the efficiency and success of VCH's marketing and sales activities have turned to VCH to market their products. These companies include Gustav Fischer Verlag, Stuttgart, the Canadian Society of Chemistry, and the Institution of Chemical Engineers, UK, as well as two architecture companies, Ernst and Sohn, Berlin and the Academy

Group, London which was recently purchased by VCH.

We apologize for this error.
Yr. Ed.

From Your Editor

Publishers will laugh and nod smugly when I say that putting together this newsletter, or whatever you call it, doesn't get any easier. It's a full time job! Anyway and in any case, it's still fun. And it simply would not be possible without ALL of you, the subscribers, and the contributors, and the advertisers.

You might notice that this issue is missing some of the regular columns. Usually, this isn't because I didn't get a column, but because there was so much great stuff to print! But, not to worry, you will still see the columns — all of them in the next issue. Right now, I'm just trying to scrape together the bucks to

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Library Bestsellers

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The following bestsellers are from the College of Charleston Libraries' list of most circulated titles for a six-year period. Titles were sent courtesy of Bob Neville, Associate Dean of Technical Services at the College of Charleston Libraries.

Clyne, Bernard. **New York Divorce Book: Do It Yourself Step-by-Step Manual Complete with Forms.** Moyer Bell, Ltd., 1991.

De Bary, William. **Sources of Chinese Tradition.** Columbia University Press, 1960.

Fallis, George & Murray, Alex. **Housing the Homeless & Poor: New Partnerships Among the Private, Public, & Third Sectors.** University of Toronto Press, 1990.

Fox, Michael Allen. **The Case for Animal Experimentation: An Evolutionary and Ethical Perspective.** University of California Press, 1986.

Francome, Colin. **Abortion Freedom: A Worldwide Movement.** Unwin Hyman, Inc., 1984.

Gill, Stephen Charles. **William Wordsworth: A Life.** Oxford University Press: New York, 1990.

Grisar, Hartmann. **Martin Luther: His Life & Work.** AMS Press, Inc., 1987.

Hall, Robert, E. **Abortion in a Changing World.**

Legge, Jerome S. **Abortion Policy: An Evaluation of the Consequences for Maternal and Infant Health.** State University of New York Press, 1985.

Leonard, Wilbert M., II. **A Sociological Perspective of Sport.** 3rd ed. Macmillan Publishing Company, Inc., 1988.

Lohse, Bernhard. **Martin Luther: An Introduction to His Life and Work.** Fortress, 1986.

Lunneborg, Patricia. **Abortion: A Positive Decision.** Greenwood Publishing, 1992.

McFarlane, K. B. **Lancastrian Kings & Lollard Knights.** Oxford University Press, Inc., 1972.

Palen, J. John & London, Bruce. **Gentrification, Displacement, & Neighborhood Revitalization.** State University of New York Press, 1985.

Pernoud, Regine. **Joan of Arc: By Herself & Her Witness.** Scarborough House, 1969.

Price, James L. & Mueller, Charles W. **Handbook of Organizational Measurement.** Harper Business, 1986.

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. 3rd ed. R.R. Bowker, 1991.

Reardon, David C. **Aborted Women: Silent No More.** R. R. Bowker, 1991.

Rodman, Hyman. **The Abortion Question.** R. R. Bowker, 1987.

Rosenbaum, Bernard L. **How to Motivate Today's Workers: Motivational Models for Managers & Supervisors.** McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., 1981.

Rosen, Robert N. **A Short History of Charleston.** Lexikos Publishing, 1982.

Sheehan, Patrick J. **Women, Society, the State & Abortion: A Structural Analysis.** Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc., 1987.

Smith, Lacey B. **Henry VIII: The Mask of Royalty.** Academy Chicago Publishers, Ltd., 1973.

Steiner, Gilbert. **The Abortion Dispute & the American System.** R. R. Bowker, 1987.

Trelease, Allen W. **White Error: The Ku Klux Klan Conspiracy & Southern Reconstruction.** Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc., 1979.

Watt, W. Montgomery. **Muhammad: Prophet & Statesman.** Oxford University Press, Inc., 1961.

Zolar. **Zolar's Encyclopedia and Dictionary of Dreams.** Prentice Hall Press, 1989.

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increase the number of pages (as any good publisher will tell you, that takes more money).

This issue, especially, has lots of responses to earlier issues of *ATG*, particularly those appearing in *Issues in Vendor/Library Relations*. John Secor of Yankee Book sent a piece responding to the publisher/vendor/librarian partnership comments in the February issue, and Jeffry Larson of Yale, has responded with incredible lightening speed, to the

"Recalling the Book" column in the last issue. Hey, y'all. That's what we want! It's great! Please keep the comments coming in! By the way, I'm surprised that no one has responded to Chuck's "Narcissism" piece in the last issue. Any takers?

Last, but not least, in the February issue I didn't give Judy Askew's address for *M-News*. So what am I, a librarian? Sorry. Here's the address loud and clear:

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