

Letters

To the Editor:

The authors of "Library Collection Deterioration: A Study at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign" (C&RL, Sept. 1989) wish to acknowledge the contributions of their colleagues on the Preservation Committee in the early stages of their research. They were unintentionally not cited: Madhavarao Balachandran, Martha Landis, Ruth McBride, De-drick Ward, and our graduate assistant Patricia Palmer.

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To the Editor:

I read with renewed interest "The Bottomless Pit, or the Academic Library as Viewed from the Administration Building," by Robert F. Munn, who as cited in the footnote "is Acting Provost and Dean of the Graduate School at West Virginia University" (*College & Research Libraries*, November 1989).

Dr. Munn was Dean at WVU at the time of his death in 1986. He was an articulate and keen-minded visionary with a superb analytical ability. His twenty-two-year-old article at-tests to that and still provides us with food for thought. I and others who knew him well have lost a great colleague.

Though the article is a reprint, I believe that a simple note indicating the author's depar-ture would be appropriate.

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To the Editor:

In 1984, Public Affairs Information Service, Inc., published *PAIS Subject Headings*, a copy-righted listing of the subject headings used in the PAIS online database and print publica-tions. In 1989, without permission from PAIS, R.R. Bowker combined a subset of this list with subsets of the headings in seven other major thesauri and produced a book called *Cross-Reference Index*.

I am writing to inform you, and I hope you will in turn inform your readers, that the listing of terms from *PAIS Subject Headings* in the *Cross-Reference Index* has many omissions, incorrect spellings, and inaccuracies and is five years out of date. PAIS was not consulted when this list was compiled. Following our protest, Bowker decided to stop distributing the book.

The subsets of the other thesauri that appear in the *Cross-Reference Index* are even more out of date, having been published between 1980 and 1983, and in at least some instances, also have inaccurate terminology.

We hope that those of your readers who have purchased the *Cross-Reference Index* will not use it to search PAIS publications. In many instances, it will be misleading. An accurate and up-to-date version of our thesaurus can be found on Dialog and on PAIS on CD-ROM. A second print edition of *PAIS Subject Headings* will be published by PAIS in 1990. It will also be copyrighted.

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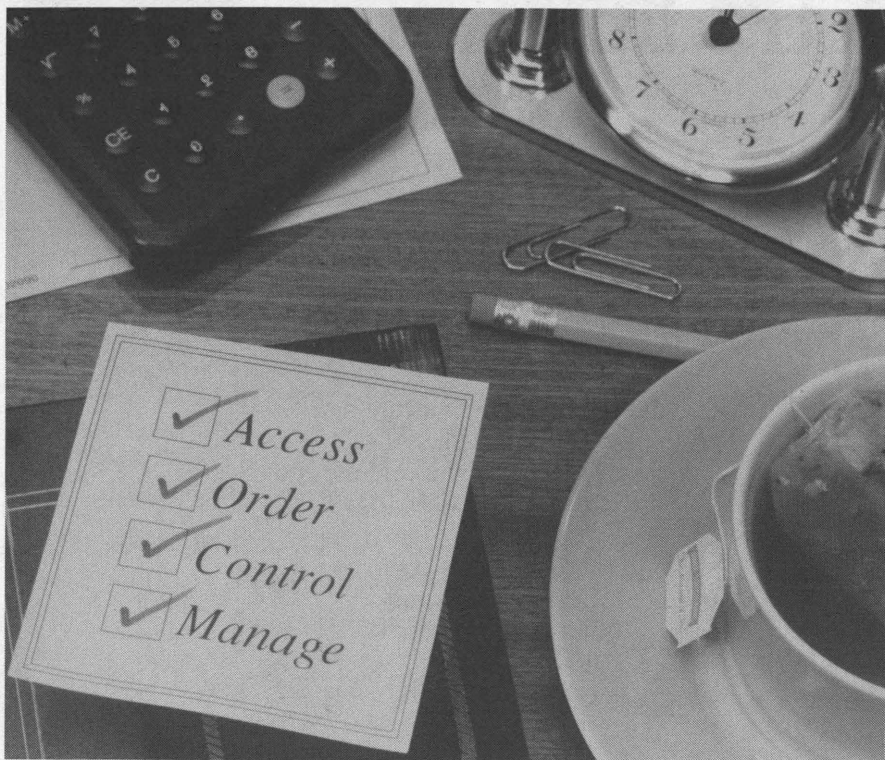
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