

days at Loeb and spent the balance of the day at Isham. Mowers holds a bachelor's degree in music theory from Ithaca College, and master's degrees in both musicology and library science. He was named assistant librarian at Isham in 1964, and was appointed to his present position in 1981. At ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the Isham Library in 1984, Mowers was honored by the university with the establishment of a permanent book fund in his name.

Deaths

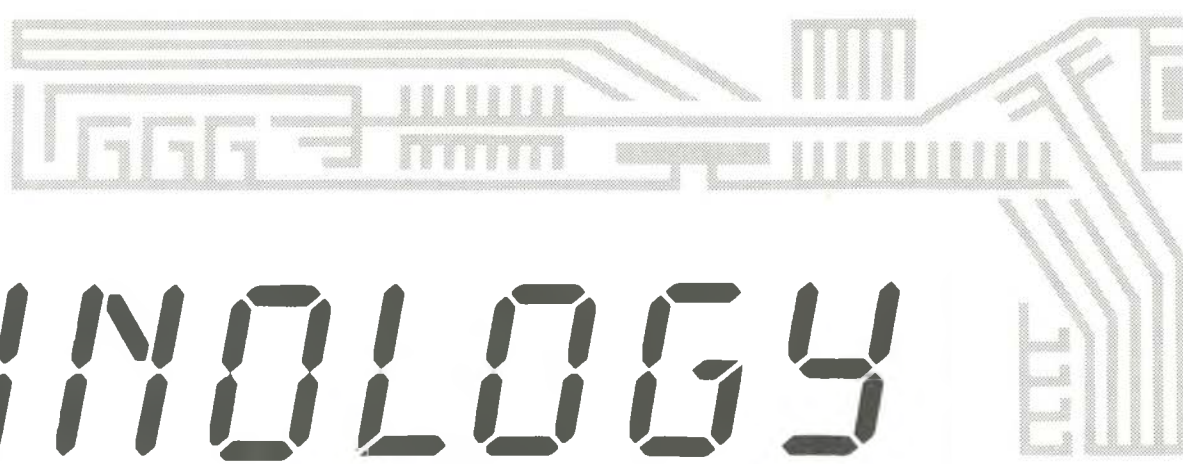
ESTHER L. GUSTAFSON, retired Harvard University librarian, died March 10. Gustafson, a 1922 graduate of Radcliffe, joined the Harvard Library staff in 1929. She worked in the Robbins Library of Philosophy and in the Catalog Department of the

Widener Library and received an appointment as Librarian in 1958. Gustafson retired in 1964.

MARY LOUISE MARSHALL, retired librarian of the Tulane University Medical Library, died January 25 in New Orleans. Marshall, a past president of the Medical Library Association (1941-46), retired from Tulane in 1959. Her professional service also included work at the Orleans Parish Medical Library.

GRACE WORMER, retired University of Iowa librarian, died April 15 at the age of 100. Wormer retired from the University of Iowa in 1954. She was a graduate of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, and received an MLS from the University of Illinois. Prior to joining the staff at Iowa, Wormer was employed for two years at the Waterloo, Iowa, Public Library. She was at one time a member of the ACRL Board of Directors. ■■

NEW TECHNOLOGY



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• **Cornell University's** School of Hotel Administration research library has begun a comprehensive reference service for hospitality industry practitioners. Called HOSTLINE, this service gives managers and researchers direct access to the extensive library resources of both the Cornell Hotel School and Cornell University. Librarians and research assistants at the School will be able to provide users with published statistical and factual information; bibliographic citations; extensive literature searches; and access to related online services, such as Management Contents or ABI/Inform. The fee for HOSTLINE services is \$55 per hour. Other charges (database fees, copying, computer time) are billed directly. For more informa-

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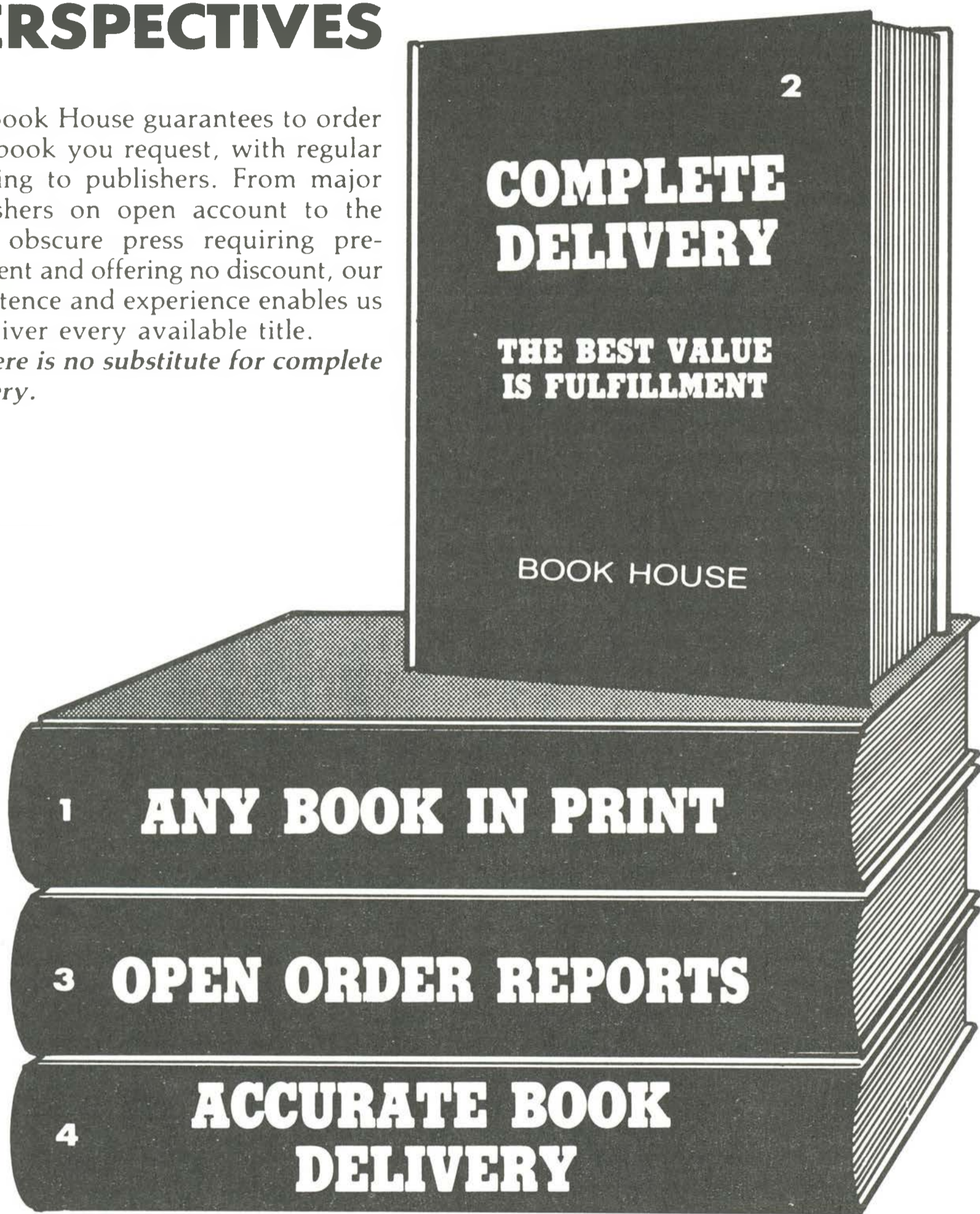
• **INDEXIT** is a new IBM PC program designed for anyone who is preparing an index. The system allows you to enter, alphabetize, update, and print subject or topical indexes. It also can interfile upper and lower case, file either letter-by-letter or word-by-word, and (most unusual for computer indexes) can ignore punctuation marks when alphabetizing. Maximum index length is 5000 entries. Cross-references may be entered at any point, and many different types of page and volume number references can be used. INDEXIT was written by Allan D. Pratt, founding editor of *Small Computers for Libraries*. The system can be run on an IBM PC or compatibles. Contact Graham-Conley Press, P.O. Box 2968, New Haven, CT 06515; (203) 389-0183.

• **MacNeal Hospital** has enhanced its interlibrary loan software, F.I.L.L.S. (Fast Inter Library Loans and Statistics), a package that can track which lending libraries fill orders at the most reasonable cost with the best service, which journals are borrowed repeatedly, and which library and customer loans are outstanding. The upgrade can be used with either *On-Tyme* or Western Union's *Easylink* electronic mail system; it can print mailing labels off its library address database; and

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• **Raychem Corporation** has introduced the TraceTek 100 Leak Sensing and Locating System, designed to detect and pinpoint water leaks in libraries, museums, art galleries, and archival systems. The TraceTek system consists of a water-sensing polymer cable connected to an electronic alarm module. As soon as the cable senses water, an alarm is sounded and the module simultaneously displays the distance in feet from the leak to the module. By referring to a system map, the user can quickly identify the precise location of the leak. Unlike point sensors, the cable provides continuous sensing at all points along its length. The system is priced at \$3-\$4 per foot of cable and \$1500 per module. Contact Raychem Corporation, 300 Constitution Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025; (415) 361-3333. ■■



PUBLICATIONS

• ***Academic Libraries on the Periphery: How Telecommunications Information Policy Is Determined in Universities***, by Kenneth E. Flower (43 pages, April 1986), has been published as OMS Occasional Paper #11. This monograph looks at developments in 26 universities in the Spring of 1985 to identify patterns or models of telecommunications information (TI) planning and decision-making. Flower found that the libraries surveyed were not a sphere of authority in the formation of TI policy, and that most of them were in an academic affairs sphere of authority, least favored by administrations as a center for TI policy formation. Copies may be ordered for \$15, checks payable to the ARL Office of Management Studies, from OMS/ARL, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036. ISBN 0-918006-51-1.

• ***African Studies***, edited by Ilse Sternberg and Patricia M. Larby (344 pages, 1986), has been published as British Library Occasional Paper #6. This volume contains papers read at a colloquium held in January 1985 and jointly sponsored by the British Library and the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. The papers describe the current state of African studies in Great Britain and Africa, the resources available to researchers, the currency of guides and indexes to those re-

sources, the problems of publishing and distributing books in Africa, and possible areas of cooperation between international libraries for the provision of Africana. Contributors include ACRL members Ray Boylan, David Easterbrook, and David Stam. Copies may be ordered for \$27 from Longwood Publishing Group, 51 Washington Street, Dover, NH 03820. ISBN 0-7123-0050-3.

• ***The Colorado State University Videotape Short Course Catalog*** (1986) lists videotaped courses available on demand for immediate application in business and industry. Programs include engineering, computers, quality, management, and education. For a free catalog, write Customer Service, Telecommunications Extended Studies, Division of Continuing Education, Colorado State University, Engineering Research Center, Fort Collins, CO 80523; (800) 525-4950.

• ***The Directory of Public Vocational Technical Schools and Institutes in the USA***, edited by Marliiss Johnson (350 pages, 3d edition, 1986-87), provides information on individual course offerings in addition to directors' names, telephone numbers, addresses, duration of courses, and descriptions of individual state programs for vocational education. Copies are available for \$65 from the Minnesota Scholarly Press, P.O. Box 224, Mankato, MN