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has not kept current since 1973 or so. Computational facilities are completely inadequate: One VAX 11/730 is shared by the 196 faculty members. Laboratories are woefully ill equipped, a major reason, I was told, that most investigations are theoretical. I was assured that such conditions are endemic throughout UBA and at other institutions of higher learning. Nonetheless I could not find any way in which the departmental faculty was inferior to that of any US state-supported institution I know of

Countries do go through political and economic convulsions, and they need their scientists and educators to recover. However, the prevalent sentiment of my Argentinian colleagues is despair: After all, doormen in apartment buildings earn US \$300 and more there. The feeling of despair can be broken by breaking their isolation. Each of us can take it upon himself or herself to correspond with a colleague-in Argentina or in some other country in similar circumstances. We can send over information on current developments, books and journals that we use but occasionally, and even equipment. Eventually meaningful international and personal collaborations may also result.

May I suggest that US colleagues make use of the Smithsonian International Exchange Service to ship scholarly materials to Argentina? The donor institution bears only the costs of transportation to Washington. I will be glad (814-863-3286) to provide further information; full details are available from Thomas J. Matthews, SIES, 1111 North Capitol Street NE, Washington DC 20560.

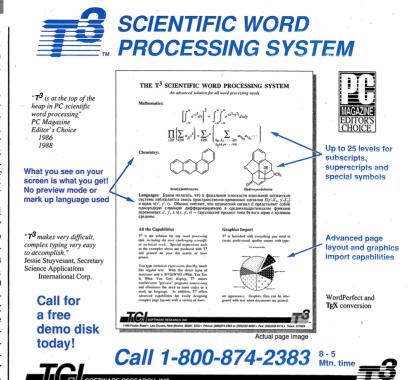
I will conclude with an appeal for complete journal volumes and books published after 1973 to be sent to Guillermo G. Dussel, the physics department head at UBA. He has agreed to distribute excess materials to other Argentinian and South American institutions.

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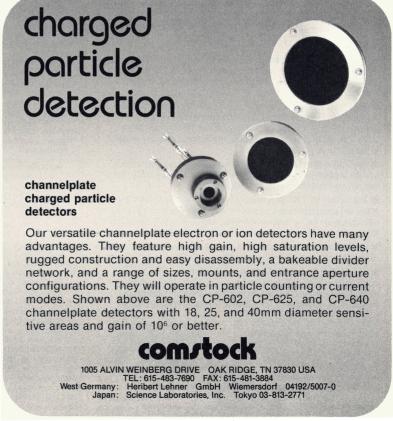
## Corrections

November, page 36—The "magnetic monopole" cartoon is by Joan Cartier.

October, page 91—Lew Allen Jr received his master's and doctoral degrees in physics from the University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign.



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