

zinc are found together in semen from a number of mammals. The zinc test strips do have the advantage of being cheaper and easier to use than the immunoassays for p30.

Although for several centuries universities have made a fetish of the learned thesis as the *ne plus ultra* of scholarship, it has been clear for some generations that these in themselves make little contribution to fields of knowledge. Scholarly discourse now commonly employs the agency of the journal article. Only rarely is a thesis of such earthshaking import as to be worthy of publication and widespread dissemination. The only example of such a graduate thesis that comes readily to mind is that of Louis de Broglie which laid out the foundations of wave mechanics. Regrettably, the work under review is not of this caliber. Although it was presented as a thesis for a doctoral degree, this is a rather short work (only 133 pages with 203 references) written on the level of a masters dissertation. The quantity and quality of research it represents would also be more appropriate for a masters degree, rather than a doctorate. The author's research would have been better presented as an article in a scientific journal such as the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*.

Although in English, this work was clearly not written by a fluent speaker. It abounds in ungrammatical constructions, incorrect word usages and annoying misspellings. It should have been submitted to the attentions of a competent editor before it was published. Taken as a whole, I can only recommend this work to the zinc-in-seminal-plasma aficionados who simply *must* have every work on this subject. To the average forensic laboratory worker for whom the zinc spot test is merely one in a battery of such tests, it does not offer enough to justify its price.

### Erratum

In the July 1993 issue, a misprint occurred. Figure 2 of the paper by Wei-Tun Chang, Chin-Wang Huang, and Yun-Seng Giang should appear as follows.

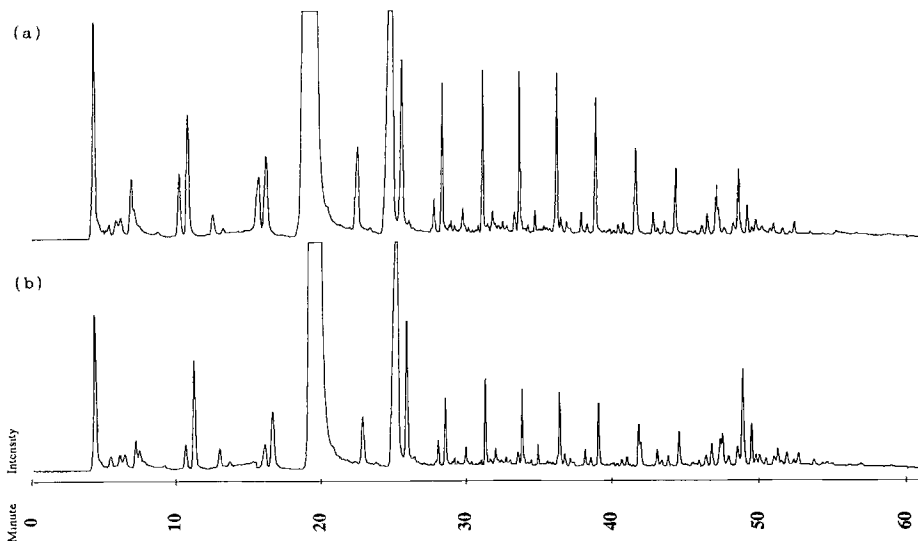


FIG. 2—The pyrogram pattern (shown for SPB-20 column only) from a Xerox 3990 photocopier raw toner powder sample, (a), is nearly the same as that from a corresponding fused toner sample, (b).