appropriate for our services. I am a very strong advocate of the occupational therapist's role in prevention.

I was particularly pleased with Doble and O'Shea's statements regarding occupational therapy's worldwide status. Our profession can only benefit from intercountry dialogue. If my view of occupational therapy appears provincial to therapists from other countries, it is because I have only recently had the opportunity to begin viewing occupational therapy outside of the United States.

Because the purpose of The Issue Is section of AJOT is to foster debate, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the views of our Canadian colleagues. One avenue for growth of our profession is surely through such debate.

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Book on AIDS Missing From Special Issue

I read with interest the special issue of AJOT devoted to HIV infection and AIDS (March 1990). This is an important subject and one about which health care workers need to become more knowledgeable. AJOT has done a great service to the profession of occupational therapy.

I was, however, surprised and disappointed to note a significant omission from the lists of related readings appended to the Nationally Speaking editorial and to other relevant articles. In September 1989, F. A. Davis published AIDS and the Allied Health Professions by Dr. Joyce W. Hopp and Dr. Elizabeth A. Rogers, the goal of which was to prepare health professionals to care for people with AIDS. F. A. Davis advertised this textbook in the October 1989 edition of AJOT and sent a copy to the journal for review. AIDS and the Allied Health Professions has been hailed by many as an important contribution to the field of AIDS research. I am sorry that your readers did not get the opportunity to refer to such a valuable resource.

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Likes Special Issue on AIDS

I wish to praise you and especially Michael Pizzi, Guest Editor of the March 1990 Special Issue on HIV Infection and AIDS. The issue was full of helpful information and relevant articles. I read it from cover to cover! I hope every occupational therapist in the nation takes full advantage of this timely and excellent issue. It was especially pleasing to see a mixture of articles written by both students and well-known authors in the field.

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Special Issue on AIDS is a Substantial Contribution

As a pediatric therapist who has limited knowledge of and experience with HIV infection and AIDS, especially in children, I was impressed and delighted with AJOT's special issue of March 1990. Members of our profession who join teams of health professionals serving this population are challenged with "legal, moral, and social dilemmas" (Vincent & Schkade, p. 205). To attain the level of competency required to work in this area, we not only need to acquire knowledge and examine our attitudes but also clarify our roles. This issue has done exactly that. Michael Pizzi, as Guest Editor, has pulled together a great deal of information from many skilled resource people. He has also, in his contributions, invited us to access his own belief system, which he expresses powerfully and emotionally without sacrificing his professionalism. Occupational therapy concepts of art and science, wellness and pathology, problem solving and decision making, as well as the Model of Human Occupation are skillfully woven into a fabric of what the role of occupational therapy can be for persons with HIV infection and AIDS. Thanks for a substantial contribution to our profession, for telling us what we need to know, for giving us an overview of what to expect, and for motivating us to learn much more.

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