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CORRESPONDENCE

FURTHER TO "COMPUTERS, CHESS, AND COGNITION"

The Editors

It has been pointed out to the Editors that two paragraphs of Dap Hartmann's review of *Computers, Chess, and Cognition* (Vol. 14, No. 2, pp. 81-83) have been couched in unfortunate terms. Dr. Marsland was kind enough to draw the Editors' attention to that fact and Dap Hartmann concurs in submitting a correction. The Editors accept the correction while maintaining any reviewer's right to the untrammelled expression of his opinion.

The first paragraph in question is on p. 82 beginning "Herman Kaindl's chapter ...", where the reviewer regrets that he implicitly accused Dr. Kaindl to be out of date without duly allowing for inevitable delays between conception and publication. No slur on Dr. Kaindl's reputation was intended and the review should rather be read as honouring Dr. Kaindl for his initiating role in this field of research.

The second paragraph is on p. 83 beginning "Unfortunately, the two Chapters ... [on Go]", where the reviewer is not so much complaining about the quality of the contributions, but simply expressing his regrets that, once more, no fundamental article on the programming of Go has been provided. The reviewer here may have been too idealistic, hoping to find something as essential as Shannon's 1950 article on computer chess. That the authors of the Chapters 17 and 18, K. Chen, A. Kierulf, M. Müller, J. Nievergelt, and K. Shirayanagi have not come up to Shannon's level should not be construed as their failing, but rather as a slight disappointment of the reviewer's very high hopes.

The Editors expect that this correction, arrived at after a frank exchange of thoughts with all parties involved, will put an end to any acrimony the review may have raised.