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Long time ago, when I had just started working at the College of Charleston Library (as one of my student workers said — gasp — "that was before I was even . . . born"!), I was honored when I got the second IBM correcting Selectric II typewriter in the library. Wow! How could I ever need anything else? This was a state of the art machine. That was in 1979.

Meanwhile, time keeps passing, and we just keep progressing. More and more machines are available. More and more options. More and more information. In the last issue of ATG, I asked for help with a HomePage for Against the Grain. The ink was still wet on the April issue when I went to ACRL in Pittsburgh. Enter Marilyn Geller, Amira Aaron and Steve Kochoff from Readmore. The ATG HomePage is now at Spidergraphics! Look for it at URL: <http://www.spidergraphics.com/atg/atg.html>. The ATG HomePage contains lots of information. It has Tables of Contents of this year’s issues; it has lists of 1994 and 1995 interviews, profiles, publisher profiles, library profiles; it has a way to tell the editor off; it has news about the Charleston Conference including a Call for Papers. Here is another way for all of you to communicate with your editor, and your associate or contributing editors. ATG is about communication. If we don’t talk to each other what good does it do?

This issue is full, full, full of incredibly interesting information. The feature articles, compiled and edited by Celia Scher Wagner, deal with hardback and paperback book buying by libraries. We also have information on CD-ROM buying, on outsourcing, on both the Japan and London Book Fairs, on acquisitions we don’t make, and much, much more. We have several interviews — not only with the awesome Mary Ann Liebert and how she started her medical publishing company and with Ken Kister, but with Fred Philipp about the recent BNAm buyout of Ballen Booksellers and with Mike Markwith who has just been selected as CEO of Swets & Zeitlinger, Inc., US.

Summer is a-coming in. It is 90 degrees and getting hotter in Charleston. Have a good summer! And write us on the WWW! We are dying to hear from you! — Yr. Ed.

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