From Your (what more can go wrong) Editor:

Seems like everything has gone wrong the past few months! It started with my fax machine. It ran out of toner. Easy enough to fix? Think again. I now have a new fax machine. Then the answering machine stopped working. Easy fix again? Not so! Next, the credit card machine decided to eat the paper receipts. Guess what? Had to lease a new credit card machine! And to top it all off, my computer network connection stopped working. In the middle of Charleston Conference registrations! Gosh!

Still, we managed to pull together this glorious issue of ATG with the theme — Is there any such thing as an out-of-print book anymore? We have articles by John Riley, Bob Holley, Kristen Yarmey-Tylutki, Narda Tafuri, Alice Crosetto, Thomas Atwood, Daniel Feinberg, Jane Brodsky Fitzpatrick, Mitchell Davis, and David Taylor. Our interviews are with Ann Okerson, Donna Straley, and David Lide and we have many profiles as well. Our “Biz of Acq” is about the FDLP, “From the University Presses” is about Open Access, “Issues in Vendor/Library Relations” is about the author and the eBook, “IMHBC” is about the journal issue and the record album, and Dennis talks about iPods, iPhones, and Blackberrys in “@Brunning: People & Technology.”

Jesse Holden goes back to ATG v.2/2 in his “Acquisitions Archaeology,” and be sure to read about the Bill and Melinda Gates University Library in Bob’s “Random Ramblings.” Steve McKinzie is back with the Case for Saying Less in his “590: Local Notes.”

We have lots of reports from the 2008 Charleston Conference. Papa Abel remembers moving the regional office and Bob Holley talks about Books with Feet in our “Back Talk” for this issue. And there’s much more so keep reading!

Well, my iPhone doesn’t seem to be working! I think I will go to bed and check it in the morning!

See you soon!

Much Love, Yr. Ed.

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: Against the Grain, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the ATG Homepage at http://www.against-the-grain.com.

Hi Katina,

I’m writing to you from EBSCO about sending news releases to Against the Grain. First of all, I love reading articles in your journal! It’s one of my favorites. I also like your new Website — looks great.

Can you confirm that you are the person to whom we should sent press releases and other articles? If there is another email that we should be using, please let me know.

Thank you, Heather Klusendorf <Hklusendorf@ebSCO.com>

Editor’s Note: Dear Heather, Thanks for your letter. The address to send all correspondence, press releases, etc. is <kstrauch@comcast.net>. Now that we have a new Website — www.against-the-grain.com we can publish more news and announcements than we were able to before. So — please send us your news!

Thanks! Katina Strauch, Editor, ATG <kstrauch@comcast.net>

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the Catholic University of America (M.S.W.)

She, her husband David and two sons live in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Paratext plans to increase its presence in Washington, D.C. in the coming months. Be sure and congratulate Alix when you see her in Charleston!

Meanwhile, back at the Google Ranch, there is a new November 9 deadline for Google and the publishers to submit a revised agreement for the Google Book Settlement (known hereafter as the GBS) set by federal judge, Denny Chin of the Southern District of New York. Chin has reportedly received nearly 400 submissions about the original GBS. Also, the Justice Department submitted a 32-page filing on September 18 concerned about the “defacto exclusive rights for the digital distribution of orphan works.” We will have a panel on the GBS on Friday during the Charleston Conference including Dan Clancy (Google), Jan Constantine (Authors Guild), and Allen Adler (American Association of Publishers)

Come with your questions!


And, thanks to Leah Hinds (note she has a new email — <hindsI@gmail.com>) and Xan Arch <xanadu@stanford.edu>, the Charleston Conference this year will have a presence on Twitter and Facebook where we can all keep up with discussions like the one above about the GBS online. Tweet the Conference. Post to #chsconf09!

http://www.katina.info/conference

And, speaking of the glamorous Xan, she is running for ALA Councilor at Large! Be sure and mark your ballot appropriately. And, don’t forget to ask Xan about her recent internships at Casalini and Harrassowitz when you see her in Charleston!

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