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From Your (glad it's raining) Editor

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From Your (glad it's raining) Editor:

Hello all! It has rained the entire month of September and most of October here in Charleston. This is good since we need the rain and also maybe it won't rain during the Conference! Also, this has given me much time to be indoors with the computer and ATG instead of outside getting my hands dirty trying to garden.

This issue is guest edited by Ed Colleran of the Copyright Clearance Center and includes articles from Ed himself, John Cox, Corilee Christou, Gail Dysktra, and Ann Okerson. As Ann Okerson says in her essay, “Nighttime Musings of a Sleepless Librarian,” “It’s an exhilarating time to be a librarian!” We also have Trends in Book Pricing for the year ending June 30, 2002 by Tom Loughran, a response to Allison Mays’ embargo ravings in the June issue by Ian Jacobs and David Bull, Texas Trails by Thomas Leonhardt, NISO Z39.7 — Library Statistics Standard by Bob Molyneux and that’s just the tip of the iceberg. ATG’s Special Report on Libraries in the Cyberage continues. Eleanor Cook talks about Spam, and two people approach the book in the electronic age — Bryan Carson in Legally Speaking and Rick Anderson in In My Humble But Correct Opinion. The Rick Lugg and Ruth Fischer interviews enlighten our knowledge of SFX (Ex Libris) and WebBridge (Innovative Interfaces). A lengthy interview by Jim Mow with Karen Hunter adds more to ponder and also brings back memories of the third year of ATG (June, 1991, v.3/3, pp.36-37) when we interviewed Karen after Elsevier had just bought Pergamon. Whew! The times, they sure have changed!

It’s still raining outside and my daughter Ileana has come home for fall break. At least: some things remain constant! See y’all in Charleston!

Yr. Ed.

Letters to the Editor:

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Dear Editor:

I just want to let you know that Papa Lyman is still alive and well and working away. I have been so busy that I haven’t finished a column lately. I want to let you and all my friends know that I am working on a “Papa” which will talk about university presses and many of the personnel changes that have taken place lately. Don’t give up on me! See you all in Charleston.

Sincerely, Lyman W. Newlin (Book Trade Counselor) <broadwater@wnyip.net>

Editor’s note: Isn’t Lyman amazing! I am so looking forward to seeing him and his wife Evy in Charleston later this month! Let’s all encourage him to keep writing! See you soon, Lyman. — KS

Rumors from page 1 moves into profitability. Following a Board review of its business structure to assess what is now required to support the Company going forward, the following changes have been approved: Board changes, including the appointment of a new Chief Operating Officer, a new Finance Director and a change in internal reporting lines; a major reorganization of the Company’s customer-facing operation; the raising of £1.144 million in cash, mainly from the group’s Directors; to fund the above changes. Board changes — Simon Dessain will move into the role of Chief Operating Officer immediately and assume day-to-day operating responsibility for all the revenue-generating and customer-facing activities of the Company in addition to his current responsibilities for the technology function. He will be responsible for implementing a simplified operational structure which will provide a solid platform for sustainable profits growth and will continue to report to Mark Rowse, Chief Executive. William Finlay has been appointed Finance Director beginning 1st October 2002. William has had financial responsibility for businesses in both the journals publishing and the software services industries, including appointments at Misys plc, Berlitz and most recently as European Director of Finance at US-quoted Interwoven, Inc. David Calcutt left the Company on 30th September. As a result of the consolidation of the Company’s activities into one reporting line, Andrea Keyhani has resigned from the Board and will be leaving the Company on 31st December 2002. Mark Rowse, states: “Andrea Keyhani has made a huge contribution to developing Ingenta’s business over the last two years and I accepted her resignation with great regret. Similarly I will be sorry to lose David Calcutt after three and a half years as a member of Ingenta’s team.” — Reorganization — The Company’s customer-facing operations will be re-focused around two sites, Oxford in the UK and Boston in the US, continued on page 8