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Happy New Year, everyone! This holiday has been especially bitter-sweet for me since my son, Raymond, has just become engaged. This is his last holiday at home as a single man. And, second surprise, the College of Charleston has decided to close the Conference Center. So the 2003 Charleston Conference will be the last one in the College of Charleston's Lightsey Conference Center. Another bitter-sweet experience. The 2003 Charleston Conference will go on as always, but in 2004 and subsequent years, Charleston Conferences will be held in the Francis Marion Hotel, as well as the nearby Embassy Suites, and Hampton Inn downtown. Everything will be different, but better. The times, they are a’ changin’!

In the meantime, I've had this issue of Against the Grain to keep me focused on reality. This issue is about the "book." Articles are by Sidney E. Berger, Mark Herrig, S. David Mash, David D. Oberhelman, Edwin Gleaves, Aliene Stuart Ph-y-Olsen and James Preggraves. As well, we have Jack Montgomery's Pandora's Box with the fourth part of "Managing Gifts" by Kathy Wach. Bob Nardini's Vendor/Library Relations on RFPs by Mark Kendall, Book Pricing Update includes Trends in Book Pricing by Subject Area by Tom Loughran, Rosann Bazajian's Group Therapy deals with mergers between the library, Media Services, and Academic Computer Services, Don Jaeger's On the Road contains a discussion of a Library Hotel by John Riley. Anthony Watkinson provides a report from the 53rd Frankfurt Book Fair in this issue's International Dateline. There are interviews with John Sack and Vicky Reich of HighWire Press by Margaret Landesman, a profile encouraged with Allen Williams and much, much more.

See you all in Philadelphia!

Yr. Ed. 😊

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <strackck@earthlink.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>.

Dear Editor:

I noted the In Memoriam for Frank Clasquin in the Nov. 2002 issue of Against the Grain.

I remember Mr. Clasquin sitting in my department head's office at the University of Connecticut Library in probably 1963. He was there to confer with Anna Rockel, my department head (I was a periodicals assistant at the time), about subscriptions for the library. I do not know what they talked about, but I have always thought that he paid a great deal of attention to what she said about what academic libraries wanted from a subscription service. It appears that he listened to her. Faxon was, for all the years I was involved with them, a very good service. Anna Rockel died about two years after that meeting; perhaps they will meet again in the great library in the hereafter. There should be more folks like Frank Clasquin.

Judith A. Douville

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