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From Your (frozen) Editor:

It has been cold in Charleston this winter. I mean, the temperature even got down to 17 degrees (gasp!) and it snowed for half an hour! I usually wear my winter coat five days max each winter, but I have had my winter coat on two months straight! This is a little ridiculous. I am finding myself longing (can it be?) for the heat of summer. Will it ever come?

My study where I work on Against the Grain is the coldest room in the house. There is no weather-stripping in our place (and you don’t usually need it), but in this cold weather you can feel the wind whipping in the windows. Still, we persevered and worked on this Annual Report issue of ATG which is a fantastic one as always. Guest-edited by Lisa German, it includes articles by Dan Halloran, Joyce Ogburn, John McDonald, Bill Hannay, Ed Merwin, Richard Abel, Camille McCutcheon, Rosann Bazirjian and Betty Nirdner. Wow! What a mouthful — or should I say eyeful or mindful. We have an Op Ed by Larry Madison, an interview with Judy Towsley, Dan Cianfarini, David Leyenson, profiles of Lisa, Ed, Larry, and Camille, a library profile of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, an update on UCTA by Norm Desmarais, a Biz of Acq on the Worth of Information by Audrey Fennan, and much, much more. Some of our regular columns are From the Reference Desk, Monographic Musings, Cases of Note, Copyright Questions and Answers, Talk of the Trade, In My Humble But Correct Opinion and on and on and on!

Well, gotta go! I want to see if the groundhog saw his shadow or not. I may have to get my coat cleaned if this winter stuff is going to continue.

Keep warm! Yr. Ed. 🍼

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <strauchk@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:


Ian Jacobs has asked me to write to you as he has recently been contacted by Paula D. Watson, Director of Electronic Information Services at the University of Illinois Library. She has pointed out that a paragraph in Ian’s article published recently contains an error which reads:

“If aggregated databases were to become libraries’ preferred method of subscribing to journal content, the impact on journal publishers, and the scholarly organisations with whom we work, would be disastrous — we would lose one third of our revenues.”

This should, of course, say that as journal publishers we would lose two thirds of our revenue rather than one third.

Kind regards,

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