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2006 Conference is Unintended Consequences (thanks to Bob Molyneux <drrd@molyneux.com>). Visit our Website and see what's happening so far, www.katrina.info/conference. And see this issue, p.8.

And speaking of Dr. Data above, guess who came to visit the other day? An ex-student and protege of Dr. Data himself, Michael Cook <smnc2@cornell.edu>. Besides singing the Dr.'s praises, Michael was looking over the College of Charleston Library's Computing Facility for ideas. Michael was vacationing on Folly Beach with his wife and two little girls. The weather was beautiful if a little cold for a swim. Anyway, it's been a few years since Michael left collection development for Coordinator, Public Computing at Cornell, but he is getting ready to turn in a proposal for the 2006 Charleston Conference. You can do the same! Send in your ideas to <beth.bernhardt@uncg.edu> or <kstrauch@comcast.net>.

Come on down! And, in the meantime, happy spring 🌸

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at least for having vastly improved their e-journal management and/or access. Since the "Worst Serial Title Change of the Year" Committee has been disbanded, perhaps instead we should be giving prizes (both complimentary and booby) to publishers for their either fabulously easy to navigate or impossible to work with e-journal systems. Hmmmm, maybe this should be my next column!

I supposed I should also invite a publisher representative to guest write a column here on top ten complaints about librarians. I suspect we drive them crazy with all our quirky demands, bizarre consortia arrangements, slow payment systems, etc. Yes, I am sure they could tell some tales on us librarians too.

Thanks to John Abbott and Beth Bernhardt for their feedback on the creation of this column. — EC

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