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From Your (get me out of this cold and wet!) Editor

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Have y’all been cold this winter? We in Charleston sure have!
Except for the times that I have been caught in out-of-town snow in places like Minnesota, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, and Richmond, I can count on one hand how many times I have encountered snow. But it sure did snow in Charleston this winter — 4-6 inches depending on where you were. What a shock it has been to adapt. I have worn my winter coat this winter more than I ever have in my life. And I am still wearing it even though February is almost over. Not to mention the rain. We are so wet we can’t ring out anything!

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And there’s lots more I haven’t even mentioned here! I have to go now. Seems that I have encountered snow. But it sure did snow in places like Minnesota, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, and Richmond, I can count on one hand how many times I have encountered snow. But it sure did snow in Charleston this winter — 4-6 inches depending on where you were. What a shock it has been to adapt. I have worn my winter coat this winter more than I ever have in my life. And I am still wearing it even though February is almost over. Not to mention the rain. We are so wet we can’t ring out anything!

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Much love and oh! Happy 2010! Yr. Ed. 

Letters to the Editor:

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Robin Cleveland (Student, Trident Technical College)

Dear Robin — You clearly have not visited the ATG NewsChannel Website. Simply go to http://www.against-the-grain.com/ and, IF YOU ARE A SUBSCRIBER TO THE PRINT MAGAZINE, you can sign up for a username and password. Thanks for asking! — Yr. Ed.

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While I was working on Rumors today, I got an email from Barbara Moran, Interim Dean of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science. She was reporting the death of Dr. Edward G. Holley, dean and professor at the school from 1972-1995 when he retired. Dr. Holley was a generous and kind man who always had time for colleagues and students. See the obituary this issue, p.14.

And, just recently Dr. Gary Marchionini, Cary C. Boshamer Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been appointed dean of the School of Information and Library Sciences effective April 1. A Carolina faculty member since 1998, Marchionini heads the school’s Interaction Design Laboratory and chairs its personnel committee. He is president of the American Society of Information Science and Technology, chair of the National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine’s Biomedical Library and Informatics Review Committee and previously was editor-in-chief of the Association for Computing Machinery’s (ACM) “Transactions on Information Systems” from 2002 to 2008, has served on more than a dozen editorial boards and is editor of the Morgan-Claypool book series, “Information Concepts, Retrieval and Services.”

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Just heard yesterday that the incredibly personable one-class-act John Laraway will be working with YBP longer as they transition customers from Blackwell to YBP. We at Addlestone Library of the College of Charleston are especially happy! Hooray!

In between traveling all over the country, the efficient Mark Kendall <mkendall@ybp.com> sends word of the following Blackwell representatives who will be joining the YBP sales team effective immediately — Kim Anderson, Senior Collection Development Manager and Bibliographer, Mike Arnold, Collection Development Manager, Crystal Stamps-Etheredge, Collection Development Manager, Hannah Bucholz, Collection Development Manager, and Rex Steiner, Middle East Sales Director.

Oh! And Sylvain Robichaud, Blackwell’s Regional Sales Manager for Canada, has joined YBP and has been promoted to Director of Sales for Canada. Sylvain will be assuming the role previously held by Michael Zeoli who has been with YBP for many years. But I do remember when Michael worked briefly for collection development at ebrary prior to his return to YBP nearly three years ago. Michael is now Director of Consortia Sales and E-Content Sales Strategy. Hooray!

We told you about the she’s-got-so-much-energy Robin Champieux in December/January. Well, now the spectacular David Swords has also joined EBL. David and Robin both come from Blackwell where Robin was Direc-