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1994 Charleston Conference

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able on disk. We've done a business plan and now have more than 1700 subscribers worldwide. Ours was probably the first electronic newsletter for librarians and predates slightly PACS-L, ACQNET, and SERIALST.

The current editorial board is: **Deana Astle** from Clemson, **Jerry Curtis** from Springer-Verlag, **Janet Fisher** from MIT Press, **Fred Friend** from University College London, **Chuck Hamaker** from LSU, **Daniel Jones** from the University of Texas Health Science Center, **Jim Mouw** from the University of Chicago, and **Heather Steele** from Blackwell's Periodicals Division.

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ATG: Where do you come down in the access vs. ownership dichotomy? Is UNC offering document delivery as a service? If so, is the library footing the cost?

MT: Right in the middle! Last year the library canceled 24 high-priced low-use journals and will pay for article copies from them via commercial document delivery. At the same time, we are conducting a journal prioritization project in the hope of canceling low-use periodicals

and adding new titles that better fit the needs of our users. We do make UnCover available for patrons to order and pay for their own articles.

ATG: What trends do you think are important in serials librarianship. What do you think the future holds?

MT: Serials librarians are an endangered species. But serials are far more complex than monographs and, I believe, require a serials specialist. However, the trend is to organize by function rather than form, so we're seeing lots of serials departments being merged into acquisitions. The UNC Serials Department is still organized into acquisitions, binding/reading room, and holdings.

Technology offers us other options, and paper will continue to coexist as the standards shake down for electronic publications. There are, of course, the Red Sage and TULIP projects currently under development. We're going to go through a period of turmoil, excitement, and frustration. But it still makes sense to buy what one needs.

ATG: Lots has happened in serials in the last 10 years. If you had to pick the most significant things, what would they be?

MT: Technology has changed how we work in several ways. Tasks take less time and effort. Integrated library systems allow us to automate what we do

and often result in reorganization of the workplace.

Exciting technology like email changes what we do. Electronic databases and document delivery via fax machines offer new options in terms of serials acquisitions and access.

Communication in the serials industry has grown, as evidenced by NASIG.

The electronic *Newsletter on Serials Pricing Issues* is another landmark event as the first of its kind. It originated to address a crisis but its continued growth indicates that the crisis has become a part of life.

ATG: What do you do for fun?

MT: Well, I'm an avid Duke basketball fan. I like to read books and write books, knit sweaters, travel and exercise (at 6 am!). I also share my house with two cats: Babyface (who is white and fluffy) and Brunhilde (a short hair tortoise). ☺

Ed note: Judy and I jockeyed about which one of us would get to interview the inimitable Marcia Tuttle. I have to tell you all that Marcia is one of my mentors and she was an early developer of the Charleston Conference and many of its characteristics. She is a "wow" person. Everything she does is like Wow! Thanks to both Marcia and Judy for this wonderful interview of one of the leading lights in librarianship. — KS

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If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, or would like to make sure that we discuss a particular topic, please let us know. The Charleston Conference prides itself on creativity, innovation, flexibility and informality. If there is something you are interested in doing, please try it out on us. We'll probably like it . . .

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