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From your (traveling) editor:

As we put this issue of *ATG* to bed, I am headed to West Point, N.Y., with my husband Bruce and daughter Ileana for my son Raymond's graduation! A thousand cadets are graduating and the Secretary of Defense is the graduation speaker. It's going to be pretty awesome. But I will be proof-reading this fantastic issue of *ATG* on the plane and whenever I can get a minute. This is another "page turner." Let's see ... the "features" in this issue on "standards" were compiled and edited by **Sandy Paul** and **Albert Simmonds**. And what a job they have done collecting papers by people in the know in this important area that becomes more and more important as we move deeper into technology. We can't even print them all! So you'll have to wait 'til September for more! We have fantastic interviews with **Eugene Garfield** and **Charles Willett**. **Linda Albright** and **Ron Chepesiuk** have written about current issues in the struggle over electronic publishing rights; **Bill Hannay** looks at the law and the electronic environment; **Julie Pringle** tells us about her experiences with censorship and selection. **GPO Access Services** is the subject of **Doc Aquis**; **Tom Leonhardt's** theme is **ALA NY**. **Eleanor Cook** gives us a heart-warming reminiscence of her father. And that's not all ...

Summer is upon us. Have a great one! See you in September and at ALA!

•• Yr. Ed. 

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Event	Issue	Insertion Order	Camera-Ready Copy
LAMA/LITA	September	7/12/96	7/26/96
Charleston	November	9/13/96	9/27/96
ALA Midwinter	December/January	11/1/96	11/15/96


CALL FOR ARTICLES

Against the Grain used to be published five times a year. The editors are always working on an issue! Readers have asked for a sixth issue, however, so in response to those requests, **we are going to publish a **sixth** issue this year.**

The focus of the sixth issue will be on the year's work. We need writers to provide their own recapitulations of 1996. We need viewpoints from publishers, book jobbers, subscription agents, librarians, consultants, retired persons, any of us in the ever-expanding information industry. What were the issues of 1996? What were the trends? What conferences did you attend and what did you learn from them, about them? Which of our colleagues have contributed to our world, making it better, more provocative, happier? By announcing our intentions early, we know that you will have much food for thought all year long!

Tom Leonhardt has agreed to edit the sixth issue of *Against the Grain* — but we all need your help. Ideas, submissions, whatever should be sent to Tom at <tom@libadm.lib.uoknor.edu>; fax (405/325-7550); USPS: University of Oklahoma, Bizzell Memorial Library, 401 W. Brooks, Norman, OK 73019-0528. Or you can even send them to Katina <strauchk@cofc.edu>; fax (803-723-3536), USPS: 171 Moultrie St., Citadel Station, Charleston, SC 29409. You will be reminded in each 1996 issue of *ATG* that your contributions are needed. We expect our usual columnists to provide material, preferably with this 1996 wrap-up spin on the text, but the main thing is to submit something. For those of you who have been quiet, now's your time to speak up!

If this works — and it will! — you will have one more good *ATG* to read a year, and it will spur us to be more reflective about what we do during the year. Where are we going? What is happening all around us? Writing is a great exercise. Studies show that using our brains actually causes them to grow. And remember, publishers and editors may add value to a publication, but the intrinsic worth of any magazine comes from the writers. **Please contribute no matter how much you may have given at the office.**

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