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## From Your Editor

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# From your (hurricane-fearing) editor:

Out of the corner of our eyes, I guess a lot of us have been watching the hurricanes down there in the depths of the Atlantic. But the season is finally over, and things look brighter again. This is the **Charleston Conference** issue of *Against the Grain* and, boy, is it packed with information that I hope all of us will talk about during the Conference and afterwards.

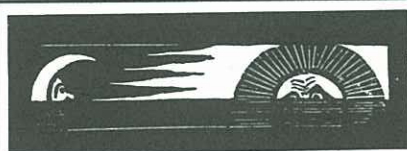
Features this time are on connectivity, consortia, and fulltext by **Tony Wening, Gay Dannelly** and **Bill Fietzer**. We have a couple of reactions to items in the September issue of *ATG* by **Barry Fast** (approval plans, page 79) and **Papa Lyman** (page 77) who is back full force with this issue. A great standards article on EDIFACT by David Martin is on page 87.

And, last but definitely not least, PLEASE fill out the questionnaire in this issue (pages 83 and 84) unless you have done so from the homepage or from the Sept. issue. Mail it to us NOW.

Well, y'all, we have another issue to go which will be published for **ALA Midwinter**, just in time for the new year. In the meantime, have a couple of great holidays! And fun at the **Charleston Conference!**



Yr. Ed.



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Annual Report	February 97	12/11/96	12/24/96
	April 97	1/29/97	2/12/97
	June 97	4/23/97	5/7/97
	September 97	7/2/97	7/16/97
	November 97	9/3/97	9/17/97
	December 97/January 98	11/5/97	11/19/97

### **Rumors** from page 1

launch of **Blackwell's Electronic Journal Navigator** and continue in her role as Head of Marketing Development.

And the awesome, experienced, and hard-working **Linda Moran** is the new marketing representative for the Northeast and Middle Atlantic States for **Ambassador Book Service**. Linda was formerly the Vice President and Manager of Approval Plan Services at **Ballen Booksellers** and Senior Product Manager of the Medical Library Division at **Blackwell North America**.

More from **Ambassador**. As an active **PromptCat Vendor**, they will be working with their first client — **Lockheed Martin's Research Library in Oak Ridge, Tennessee**. Also, Ambassador can now offer complete cataloging and technical processing for non-print materials as well as print materials.

In **From the Reference Desk** last time (v.8#4, pg.40), we listed the price of Holt's *Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology* as \$495. **Audrey Melkin** <103176.710@CompuServe.COM> writes that it should have been \$395. Oops.

Here are a couple of items from **CARL** and **UnCover** — some sneak previews of things that will be launched full scale at ALA Midwinter. First is access to the full range of **DIALOG** databases through **CARLWeb**. CARLWeb is getting a really cool re-design and Dialog databases will be site licensable through CARL on a per

user basis. Dialog is one of the richest sources of online information in the world. **CARLWeb** will allow libraries to offer their users unmediated search access to customizable "packages" of Dialog databases via their own campus networks.

Second item — **UnCover's Reveal** email alerting service now has almost 50,000 subscribers. Through an arrangement with **Academic Book Center**, Reveal will begin offering subscribers the ability to have their Reveal profiles matched weekly against MARC records for new approval books supplied by AcBC. Reveal subscribers who wish to purchase books cited in their Reveal alerts may do so by reply email directly to Academic Book Center.

Duke's new university librarian **David Ferriero** from MIT began his new job in October.

This off of **Acqnet** (what did we do without it)? **SISAC**, the **Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee**, is pleased to announce its new Internet list, **SISAC-L**. The purpose of **SISAC-L** is to conduct **SISAC** business, to distribute **SISAC** announcements and publicity, and to discuss initiatives underway by **SISAC** and its subcommittees. All **SISAC** members and interested parties are invited and encouraged to subscribe and participate. The list will be unmoderated, but only subscribers to **SISAC-L** may post messages to the list. To subscribe to **SISAC-L**, please send a message with no subject line to: <listserv@sun.readmore.com> that reads: <subscribe sisac-l firstname lastname>.

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