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ATG Deadlines

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From Your (first it’s hot, then it’s cold!) Editor:

The weather in these parts is strange. One day it’s in the seventies and the next day it’s in the thirties. Don’t know whether to take stuff out of the cedar chest or put stuff in it. Crazy! I am sitting at the computer right now with the heat off and a sweater on. Seems like a good compromise?

It has been fun working on this issue of ATG this time because I have been off from work and can see things in the daylight instead of in the middle of the night when I usually work on ATG. We have two great guest editors – Mike Furlough and Patrick Alexander talking about collaboration between research libraries and university presses. Remember Tony Horava’s appetizer article in ATG, v.20#4, p.467? On the collaboration side, we have articles by Raym Crow, Catherine A. Mitchell, and Laura Cerruti, Monica McCormick, Terry Ehling and Erich Stahl, Sylvia Miller and Patrick Alexander.

And there’s more. We have an op ed by Mehdi Kosrow-Pour which tries to perk us up from the economic gloom and doom, a Back Talk from Tony Ferguson about a Conference in China, a few special reports by Rachel Erb (on reSearcher) and and Ann Bolek (on journal backfiles). Our interview in this issue is with the awesome Steve McKinzie, Library Director at Catawba College who tells about designing a library building on the cheap. Bryan Carson gives us the first installment on Open Source Software which seems to be everywhere, Biz of Acq is about Screen-casting in Acquisitions by Xan Arch, Sandy Thatcher’s From the University Presses takes on Gutenberg-e and Ross Atkinson. Then there’s Rick Lugg and Ruth Fischer’s Disapproval plan, Carolyn Morris’ Buying eBooks, John Cox’s future of the printed monograph, Rita Rickett’s international dateline about the Blackwellian women, and Kris Ferguson’s technology left behind about Revelry (you heard it here). And there’s even more not mentioned! I do want to mention however, that we have two new columnists – Bob Holley and Donna Jacobs to add more zest to our ATG reading experience.

Plus, now I understand that it is going to go down in the twenties tonight! Time to bring in the plants and go brrr… It’s going to get this cold, why doesn’t it snow??!

Happy New Year and much love, Yr. Ed.

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3336, or snail mail: Against the Grain, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the ATG Homepage at http://www.against-the-grain.com.

Dear Editor:

Dear Charleston Conference Crew – Once again the Charleston Conference was the high point of the year for me. Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

John Dove (President, Credo Reference)

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Was so sorry to learn that after a reorganization at ACS, the wonderful Adam Chesler’s position was eliminated. While happy that he doesn’t have to shave every day, Adam’s nevertheless looking for new opportunities and welcomes ideas and/or friendly greetings. He plans on attending ALA in Denver, and can be reached by e-mail at <adam.chesler@cox.net>. www.against-the-grain.com/rumors

Recently also heard from the energetic Scott Alan Smith who has been laid off at Blackwell. Here is his contact information: <Scott.alan.smith@comcast.net> Scott’s telephone number 503-951-8343.

The Charleston Conference 2008 is over and we all had a good time and learned a lot. Here’s Rita Ricketts enjoying the Charleston sunshine on one of the docks downtown. Rita is Blackwell’s historian. Be sure and read her international dateline, this issue, p.80.

And speaking of the Bodleian, did you hear that the author and playwright Alan Bennett is presenting his papers as a gift to the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford. The comprehensive archive comprises materials, letters, and manuscripts relating to a distinguished literary career which began with the revue Beyond the Fringe in 1960 and has spanned nearly five decades. www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ www.against-the-grain.com/rumors

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