From Your (what more can go wrong) Editor

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Seems like everything has gone wrong the past few months! It started with my fax machine. It ran out of toner. Easy enough to fix? Think again. I now have a new fax machine. Then the answering machine stopped working. Easy fix again? Not so! Next, the credit card machine decided to eat the paper receipts. Guess what? Had to lease a new credit card machine! And to top it all off, my computer network connection stopped working. In the middle of Charleston Conference registrations! Gosh!

Still, we managed to pull together this glorious issue of ATG with the theme — Is there any such thing as an out-of-print book anymore? We have articles by John Riley, Bob Holley, Kristen Yarmey-Tylutki, Narda Tafuri, Alice Crosetto, Thomas Atwood, Daniel Feinberg, Jane Brodsky Fitzpatrick, Mitchell Davis, and David Taylor. Our interviews are with Ann Okerson, Donna Straley, and David Lide and we have many profiles as well. Our “Biz of Acq” is about the FDLP, “From the University Presses” is about Open Access, “Issues in Vendor/Library Relations” is about the author and the eBook, “IMHBC” is about the journal issue and the record album, and Dennis talks about iPods, iPhones, and Blackberries in “@Brunning: People & Technology.”

Jesse Holden goes back to ATG v.2/#2 in his “Acquisitions Archaeology,” and be sure to read about the Bill and Melinda Gates University Library in Bob’s “Random Ramblings.” Steve McKinzie is back with “The Case for Saying Less in his “590: Local Notes.””

We have lots of reports from the 2008 Charleston Conference. Papa Abel remembers moving the regional office and Bob Holley talks about Books with Feet in our “Back Talk” for this issue. And there’s much more so keep reading!

Well, my iPhone doesn’t seem to be working! I think I will go to bed and check it in the morning!

See you soon!

Much Love, Yr. Ed.