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From Your (juggling) Editor

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From Your (juggling) Editor:

We all have to keep a lot of balls in the air, don't we? I just got back from a quick trip to Wilmington, NC where my 93-year-old father-in-law is in a rehabilitation facility. He fell down and broke his right hip about two weeks ago setting up bingo tables! This amazing man was in great shape, never using a walker or a cane, but now he is trying to adapt to being in bed all the time and having a lot of pain.

Meanwhile back at **ATG** world headquarters here in Charleston, our crack team of editors — the amazing **Beth Bernhardt** and **Nathan Norris** — have put together a great issue with the theme of **The Google Effect**. You will note that this is the first part of a two-part series! We have articles (and in most cases profiles) in

this issue from **Aline Soules**, **Carol H. Jewell**, **Julie Arendt**, **Bonnie Klein**, and **Ramirose Attebury**, **Julie George**, **Cindy Judd**, **Brad Marcum** and **Nicole Montgomery**. Our **Op Ed** is from **David Lindley** and asks "What is a book?" Our **Back Talk** pages in this issue are filled with **Greg Tananbaum's I Hear the Train A'Comin'** where **Greg** talks about the **Rise of China** and scholarly communication. (**Tony** decided he needed a day off!)

There is lots more in this issue — **Todd Carpenter** talks about **NISO's Thought Leaders**, **Mary Massey** talks about the little things we try to collect, **Mark Herring** talks about IRs, **Christine Fischer** talks about moving fully to electronic journals, **John Cox** talks

about emerging trends in textbooks, **Anne Langley** talks about the search committee, and I could go on and on but I will let you see for yourself!

Just heard from my sis-in-law and she says that granddad is doing much better! Whew! Sometimes we just have to put up with the extra ball from the sky!

Happy Spring!

Yr. Ed. 🌱

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3536, 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:

This is just a brief note to let you know how much I appreciate, as a student of Library and Information Science, my attendance at the **27th Annual Charleston Conference**. The conference was most valuable to me in my professional growth and development. I enjoyed the "skit" and the "lively lunches" in particular. It was my first time attending the conference and coming from a developing country in the Caribbean, I gained a wealth of knowledge and exposure.

It was said that the **Charleston Conference** is considered a breeding ground for new visions, and this has proven, for me, to be a highly stimulating experience of new and fresh ideas! I now have more knowledge of

the cutting-edge trends "in the business" and am now more equipped with new knowledge and confidence in my new role as a Serials Technical Services staff at the **University of the West Indies Library**. On completing my course of study at the Department of Library and Information Studies and with the knowledge and vigor gained at the conference I am now able to contribute more effectively to the development of the Unit, the Library and the **University of the West Indies** on the whole. I have benefited immensely from other professionals and have gained new insights into the world of library work. I have also met some wonderful people and hopefully some lasting friends!

Thank you,

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Reference Publishing	September 2008	07/16/08	07/30/08
Charleston Conference	November 2008	09/03/08	09/17/08
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 08/Jan. 09	10/29/08	11/19/08

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Knight. R-U-Rah-Rah and thank goodness for ESPN!" **Mary** says the most stable contact point for her right now is <mary.page@gmail.com>. Congratulations, Mary! Wa-ho-wa! Oops! That's a UVA cheer!

More congratulations are in order – to **Rick Anderson** who has just been elected as **Vice-President/President-Elect** of **NASIG** and to **Bob Boissy**, **Virginia Taffurelli** and **Sarah George Wessel** as Members at Large.

Gordon Tibbitts has been named **President and CEO** by **Berkeley Electronic Press**. **Tibbitts** comes to **bepress** after seven years as **President of Blackwell Publishing**, **Tibbitts** first entered the publishing field in 1980 as **Director of Information Systems** at **Aster Publishing** (later **Advanstar**), before moving to the **Thomson Corporation** in 1993, where he served as a vice-president until 1999. He holds a BS degree in Computer Science and an MBA from the **University of Oregon**. In addition to his 25 years of experience at major publishing firms, **Tibbitts** is a founder and board chair of **CLOCKSS** and board member of **LOCKSS**, and has served on the **Google publishing advisory board** and as an advisor to **ScholarOne** and **Atypon Systems, Inc.** He frequently speaks and moderates at publishing, library, and technology meetings. Founded by professors in 1999, **Berkeley Electronic Press** is both a publisher of peer-reviewed electronic journals and a software developer, having created **Digital Commons**, a hosted institutional repository that powers the University of California's **eScholarship Repository**, and those of over fifty other universities, societies, and other organizations.

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