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## From Your Editor

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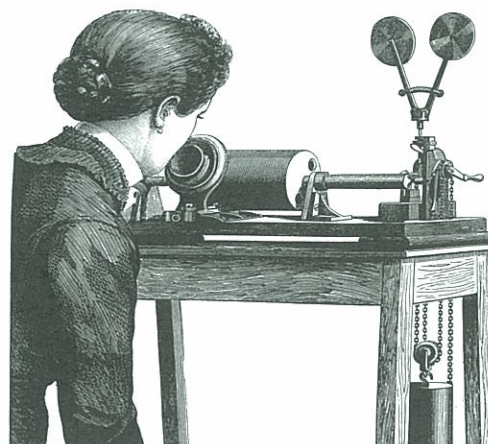
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## From your (answering-machine-challenged) editor:

My name is Strauch. It was Monday, September 30. 11 AM in Charleston, SC, a Southern city. It was a usual Monday. Everything was going wrong. I went to my answering machine. It said I had 12 messages. Then is when I made some kind of mistake. I pressed some sort of button and suddenly there were NO MORE MESSAGES. Frantic, I pulled out the instruction book. No way to retrieve wiped messages! Horrors! There you have it. I didn't know that you called! That's why I didn't return your phone call!

Okay. I confessed. Instead of all the snafus, we still managed to put this issue together because of all the fabulous contributors. There are many, many great articles to read. There's **Peter Boyce** ("It's time to become discriminating consumers," see p.86), **Alison Grant** ("Outsourcing, Down Under," p.22), **Sever Bordeianu** and **Claire-Lise Benaud** ("Outsourcing: An Overview", p.1), **Anna Wyatt** ("Building an estate planning collection," p.54), **Cindy Cline** ("Doody's review service," p.90), and more and more. AND, don't you answer your phone (yet), READ this issue first!

And see you soon! At the 1997 Charleston Conference! Yr. Ed. 



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Dear Editor:

Congrats on the September issue of *Against the Grain* -- one of many I have admired over the past couple of years.

Your efforts certainly rank among the top in the country -- the world -- a great help to humble teachers as well as working librarians.

Hurrah for you.

Cheers,

**Bill Katz** (SUNY Albany)

Dear Editor:

We thoroughly enjoy your publication. Keep up the good work.

**Jesse D. Jacoby** (Community of Science, Baltimore, MD)  
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Dear Editor:

Loved the last issue! *ATG* is the one title I still make time to read. The interviews are always so informative, and I

love the mix of news, gossip, and hard information (copyright, ejournals, etc.)

**Ellen Finnie Duranceau**  
(MIT Libraries)  
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Dear Editor:

The September issue of *ATG* was especially good -- I enjoyed it enormously. Thank you.

**Phil May** (Mumford Library Books)