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Letters to the Editor

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From your (doting) editor:

In just 14 days, our daughter, **Ileana**, will graduate from high school. It's unbelievable! Where has the time gone? Seems like I was 18 just a few minutes ago myself!

While **Ileana** is running around getting ready to graduate, your intrepid crew was putting together this June issue of **ATG**. This issue has all kinds of great articles that I know you will be interested in. First, there is "Eliminating Duplication in A Shared Storage Facility: Practical and Political Issues by **Joanne Oud**. Sound familiar? Then **Ana Arias Terry** has written two solid articles on topics of concern to all of us, the first on **digital archiving** and the second on **author rights**. **Margaret Landesman** talks about the "big deal." **Bob Nardini** and **Denise Novak** focus on the sales call. **Marilyn Geller** explores the "real" cost and price of E-journals. **Tom Loughran** is interested in some trends in electronic publishing, especially with **eBooks**. **Dennis Lambert's Biz of Acq** is about "Alibris and 21 North Main: Breaking New Ground in the Search for O.P.

Books." **Pat Ditzler** and **JoAnn Dumas** discuss the used book sale which they have developed in Pennsylvania.

We have a couple of new contributors: **Bob Molyneux** has written the first of a regular column about **critical mass in librarianship**, and **John Long** joins us with several publisher profiles on **A.K. Peters** and **PaperPath, Inc.** We also have a library profile on the **University of Cape Town** (South Africa). Our **Millennium Minutes** column this issue is a transcript by **Dora Biblarz** of **Richard Abel's** and **Don Chvatal's** testimony before the **House Appropriations Subcommittee** in 1971. And, last but not least and on the lighter side, we have **Ned Kraft's Adventures in Librarianship: If Rumors Were Mules**. It's hilarious.

There's a crisis at home (I wonder if this will stop when **Ileana** goes off to College? Duh ...). **Ileana's** graduation dress "isn't right." Do I feel a shopping spree coming on?

Have a great summer and see y'all in September!

Yr. Ed.

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <strauchk@earthlink.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:

As you may know, my colleague, **James Gerard**, and I have been attending the **Charleston Conference** and reading **Against the Grain** for many years now. We find the conference and the journal extremely invaluable and feel both form a very integral part of the communication network within our of industry.

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P.S. I was unable to attend the **Charleston Conference** last year as I was in Frankfurt for the **Book Fair**. I hope to attend this year's show. Please be sure that my name is on the mailing list. Thanks!

Dear Editor:

You do one of the profession's very best journals. Keep up the great work!

Best regards,

Allen Veaner

(retired) <veaner@worldnet.att.net>

Dear Editor:

Got the April issue [of **ATG**] in the mail yesterday. Thanks for the kind words, and for accepting the article, even as long as it was. I'm happy to report I got some nice compliments on it from other former **Ditto machine operators**. [see v.13 no.2, p.46, 48].

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Rumors

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RosettaBooks which has legal gurus arguing over what defines a book really and whether or not authors signed away their eBook rights when they signed their original contracts. **RosettaBooks** is trying to sell digital versions of **Random House** titles by the likes of **William Styron**, **Robert Parker**, and **Kurt Vonnegut**. The question is: do authors own the digital rights to their books? The article, "E-Book Copyright Battle Heads to Court" by **Gwendolyn Mariano** is available at <http://www.zdnet.co.uk/news/2001/8/ns-21259.html>.

Tony Ferguson passed his dissertation defense with flying colors. He can now be reached at **University of Hong Kong Libraries**, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong. Email: <ferguson@hkucc.hku.hk>. Phone: 852-2859-2200. Fax: 852-2858-9420.

Always on the job, **Tony** still had time to write his **Back Talk** (this issue, p.94) about the controversial book **Double Fold** by **Nicholson Baker**. And here's an **ARL Website** with reviews and responses to Mr. Baker: <http://www.arl.org/preserv/baker.html>

Well, **Tom Leonhardt** (**International University Bremen**) <twl@iu-bremen.de> writes that he started work May 2 and is now working on job descriptions and RFIs for vendors—monographs, serials, and automation. Everything has to be in place by early August since classes begin for the first time on September 3. So, he won't be sleeping for the next few months. Here's his contact information: Director, Information Resource Center and University Librarian, **International University Bremen**, Campus Ring 1, D-28759 Bremen. Postal Address: P.O. Box 750 561, D-28725 Bremen, Germany. Phone: ++49 421 200-4610. Fax: ++49 421 200-49 4610. Email: <twl@iu-bremen.de>. Alles Gute!

At a recent meeting, representatives of consortia of libraries from around the world expressed concern at the news of yet another information industry merger which is further concentrating control of access to publicly-used information into a few commercial hands. The acquisition discussed at the meeting of the **International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC)** was the purchase of **SilverPlatter Information** by **Wolters Kluwer**, a multi-national publishing com-

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Reference Publishing	Sept. 2001	07/11/01	07/25/01
Charleston Conference	Nov. 2001	08/15/01	08/29/01
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 01/Jan. 02	10/24/01	11/14/01