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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@hkucp.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 Leonard (International University Bremen) <wli@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: PO Box 750 561, D-28725 Bremen, Germany. Phone: +49 421 200-4610. Fax: +49 421 200-49 46 10. Email: <wli@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 company.