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## Letters to the Editor

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# From Your (blurry-eyed) Editor:

I don't know about y'all, but I am spending more and more of my time on the Internet looking up information on electronic resources, reading about them, trying them out, setting up trials, looking for prices, reading reviews in **The Charleston Advisor**, and playing the world wide wait. And I am struck by the fact that commerce (e or p or otherwise) has entered our world in a big way. Where are the good old days? And where is the line between education and commerce?

This issue—guest edited by the incredible **Joyce Ogburn**—tries to put some of this chaos in perspective. It is filled with all kinds of useful and timely articles. There are three excellent articles on liaison programs by **Helen Williams**; **Irene Risser**, **Marjorie White** and

**Geraldine Benson**; and **Ladd Brown**, **Molly Brennan Cox**, and **Nancy Seamans**. Then there is a great article on allocation formulas by **Janis Bandelin** and **John Payne** and a thought-provoking article on **Collection Development for the Digital Age** by **Sandra S. Kerbel**. I am especially gratified that most of these papers grew out of presentations from the 1999 **Charleston Conference**!

And, moving right along, we have two intriguing interviews by **Judy Luther** of businessmen **Troy Williams** and **Jim McGinty**, reference book reviews by **Tom Gilson**, reviews of noteworthy books by **Debbie Vaughn**, and all kinds of other wonderful things. I was especially intrigued by **Bryan Carson's** origins of legal publishing, **Forrest Link's Biz**



of **Acq**, and **Sandy Paul's** chaotic acronyms. And there is much, much more. And, after I finish with this, I have to get back to the world wide wait...

See y'all in Charleston!

Yr. Ed.



## Letters to the Editor

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### Dear Editor:

I have subscribed to your **Against the Grain** journal since its inception and until recently was keeping all the unbound issues on a shelf in my office. Since I was unable to attend **The Charleston Conference** last Nov. (1999), my subscription ended. I recently put through an order for v.12, at which point I sent all the issues to our Serials Dept. for cataloging and binding. To my surprise, I was told that they can't be bound because of the punch holes. To complicate the matter, v.11, nos 4-6 do not have such holes.

Was this publication originally viewed as too ephemeral for binding? What does the future hold—holes or no holes? At this point, all I can do is get them into looseleaf binders and continue to store them in my office, but I wouldn't want them going to the stacks this way. And we have no hole puncher that would work on something as thick as one of the current issues. What do you suggest?

Thanks for any help you can provide!

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**Editor's note:** It is wonderful to know that y'all want to keep **ATG**! Of course, I wouldn't think of throwing it away and have copies of all back issues safely stored (stacked up) in my house if any of you need any... The holes were dispensed with because of a letter which the wonderful take-charge **Eleanor Cook** (Appalachian State) [see **ATG**, v.11#3, June 1999, p.6] <cookei@appstate.edu> sent requesting that we dispense with the holes and this was the consensus of the subscribers. I tried to tamp down the serials librarian in me and began the "no holes" policy in the middle of a volume year. OF NOTE: At my library we have been binding the issues even

with the holes and have had no problems with the bound volumes. Thanks for keeping **ATG**! And read **Papa Lyman** this month in which he goes back through early issues! Much fun!

— Yr. Ed.

### Dear Editor:

We are a medical/scientific society new to self publishing. One of our goals concomitant with the transition from commercial to society publishing is to provide better service to our library customers. Although informed of the Charleston Conference, we did not attend last year (flag issue) so I do not know much about the conference. By the way, your publication **Against the Grain** has been wonderfully informative, and a big help to us.

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Charleston Conference	Nov. 2001	08/15/01	08/29/01
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 01/Jan. 02	10/24/01	11/14/01