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## Deadlines

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# From your (computer-crashing) Editor:

Let's see. As we all know, our lives are filled with computers. And, sometimes they crash. However, usually they do not all crash at once (unless there is a network or power failure), right? Well, this month, my graphic designer's computer has crashed as well as the printer's computer. Ack! And they are intent on blaming it on me. They say it was my disc that is responsible for the crash. Go figure.

This issue of *ATG*—despite computer crashes!—is guest edited by **Beau David Case**. Beau has done a fabulous job of getting five papers from experts on the Euro—the new common currency of 11 nations that we know, love, visit, trade with, and from which we buy books, journals and

electronic products. When you finish reading about the new European Monetary Unit, you will know a lot more than you did before!

The interviews in this issue are awesome. First, we interviewed the incredibly approachable and astute **Dan Halloran**, the new President and CEO of **Blackwell's Book Services**. And then **Dora Biblarz** sent us a wonderful interview that she has done with **Don Chvatal**, a veteran of the bookselling business. Dan and Don will both be at ALA in New Orleans.

There is even more in this issue. Profiles of **Peter Stevens** and **David Marshall**, Back Talk by **Tony Ferguson**, Reference Reviews from **Tom Gilson**, the In-

novations column by **Norm Desmarais**, **Lolly Gasaway's** Copyright Questions and Answers. And the list goes on and on.

So, I say, Hrumph, to the stupid (shhh ... don't tell her I called her stupid), uncooperative computer! All's quiet on the computer front for now. So we can sit back and read *ATG*! And, see you in New Orleans!

Yr. Ed. 



## Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <strauchk@cofc.edu>, 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:

I have received your invoice for a subscription to *Against the Grain*. I have enjoyed and gotten so much from this publication that I have persuaded our serials department to get a subscription to this title.

As a result I will not be paying this invoice, but will continue to receive *Against the Grain* through our serials department. Keep up the good work that you do. It is very valuable.

Sincerely,

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Dear Editor:

If anyone had ever said to me: "One day you will find a journal about librarianship or libraries that is such a delight to read, you'll cheerfully get your own subscription," I would have replied, "You've got rocks in your head!" or "When hell freezes over!" or "Only if I have insomnia!"

Apparently hell has just frozen over.

**Diane Brodson**

(Manager, Collection Management,  
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Dear Editor:

Our wonderful new Coordinator of Collection Development, **John Abbott**,

thinks we should have an institutional subscription to *ATG*. After all, *ATG* is indexed in *Library Literature* and is peer-reviewed. I am working on documenting what backfile I personally have to contribute to our run.


Here's my complaint: Since *ATG* is an important publication that we need to retain for the centuries, could you possibly consider eliminating the punched holes in the left margins? We want to bind it and this is going to cause some problems for the back runs. I suppose at one time people liked to place the loose issues in ring binders, but we have progressed beyond this. Please consider eliminating the holes.

Thanks,

**Eleanor I. Cook**

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**Ed note:** Hey, I am ecstatic that you think that *ATG* has lasting value and is worth keeping! Hooray! I would like to hear from all of you about the holes. I thought the holes made it easier for all of you to keep track of issues in between binding them! (We at the College of Charleston bind the issues with the holes!) But, hey, if y'all don't like the holes, please let me know! It will certainly save me a few pennies not to have to pay to have the holes punched. Not to mention some time. Please let me know your thoughts! Thanks. — Yr. Ed. <strauchk@cofc.edu>



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