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That's not what I mean. I know I'm entertaining and all that, but I mean real entertaining, like having people over to your home. Happy spring, y'all! Coming up is Memorial Day Weekend and the **Strauchs** are expecting hordes of company. Son **Raymond** and his fiancée **Lindsay** and her parents, brothers, dogs and cats, etc., etc., will be here. It's going to be ... well ... a zoo. And I am still cooking and cleaning. Have to make a good impression, right?

In the meantime, your intrepid editorial team has been hard at work putting together this issue of *ATG* on "The New Out-of-Print Marketplace." **Narda Tafuri**, our guest editor, has brought together papers from **Peter Tafuri**, **Richard Weatherford**, **John Riley**, **David Gray** and **Malcolm Brantz**, and **Gary Handman** as well as an interview with **Deanna Ramsay**,

Bookseller. There's also an interview with **Ernie Ingles** as we all get ready to head to Toronto for **ALA** and **CLA**. We also have interviews with **Joe Lee** and **Roger Press** who both had profiles appearing in the April issue of *ATG*. And don't miss the **Vladimir Zaitsev** interview provided by **Fred Lynden** and translated by **Irina Lynden**.

This issue has tons of people profiles including **Narda Tafuri**, **Peter Tafuri**, **Dick Weatherford**, **David Gray**, **Malcolm Brantz**, **Michelle Flinchbaugh** and our library profile by **John Long** is about the **William H. Hall Free Library** in Cranston, Rhode Island. There's a Back Talk from **Tony Ferguson** about SARS, Book Reviews from **Debbie Vaughn** and **Sheila Seaman**, and of course **Tom Gilson** has reviewed more reference titles for us in From the Reference Desk. **Elizabeth Steinhagen**,

Christine Mueller and **Terry Hill** fill in our *And They Were There*

with reports from the 2003 **Transborder Library Forum** and the 12th **North Carolina Serials Conference**. **Françoise Crowell** has a Bestsellers list of titles in Physics and Chemistry and there are two papers by **Norman Desmarais** about the Innovations Affecting Us. Plus lots more from many of our regular *ATG* columnists.

Gotta run. I have to polish the silver and hang the curtains. My doorbell is already ringing. Have a great summer!

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:

We have just now subscribed to *Against the Grain* here at **Dickinson College** so I only recently stumbled on to **Joyce Ogburn's** article on Digital Scholarship in the February issue. It was a delight to read such a well-articulated, cogent summary of the issues. I've still my reservations about the overall peer-review process in digital scholarship, but I appreciate the way *Against the Grain* lays out the perimeters of an subject and lets readers conclude what they will.

Well done. Much appreciated.

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the parent (Norm) cross the stage with the child (Denise). The President of the College gave the diploma to **Norm** who conferred it on **Denise**. Pretty thrilling.

And, from the retirement front — I just heard from the splendidly energetic **Ted Arnold** <arnoldte@bellsouth.net>. We'll never forget **Ted Blackwell's Book Services rep** in the Southeast for many, many years! Ted says he's delighted to be retired. He's taken care of loose ends and is looking forward to some serious fun for the next several years. Apparently that includes visiting friends in Bangkok in the fall and spending time on his farm in Alabama in a few years. Ted even said he heard from **Charles Wittenberg** (I wonder if Charles still wears Mickey Mouse watches?) for the first time in three years. Whoa! Sounds like old home week!

A few days later, what to my wondering eyes should appear but a snail mail from **Ted** (above). It was an article he clipped out of the **Athens (GA) Banner-Herald** (May 10, 2003), p. C1. The article's entitled "Publish or Perish" and is by **Bruce Borowsky** with photos by **R.C. Rique**. It's about **Hill Street Press**, an independent Southern publishing house launched in May 1998 and now celebrating its fifth anniversary. **Hill Street Press** was formed by **Tom Payton**, **Judy Long**, **Patrick Allen**, and **Anne Boston** and, by all accounts is doing very well. Sounds like an inspiration to all us book lovers everywhere.

You know, I was perusing our approval plan shelves the other day and was suddenly curious about indexing of print monographs. Is it still taking place at the rate it has always taken place? What effect, if any, is electronic dissemination having on indexing of monographs? What is the effect of fulltext keyword searching on indexing of monographs? Anyway, I decided to call a few people to see what they thought. Maybe even find someone to guest edit an issue of *ATG* on this topic. So, I immediately thought of **Bob Birch** (once at Greenwood), but I knew that I had not seen him at the Conference this year and wondered where he was and what he was doing. Voila! Enter **Matt Nauman** <Matt.Nauman@Blackwell.com> who tells me that **Bob** is teaching at **Union Theological Seminary** in New York, but **Bob's** lovely wife

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