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From Your (frozen) Editor

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Born & lived: Illinois and Ohio

Family: Husband Greg who works for OhioLink, daughters Sarah, 20, Beth, 17, and Julie, 9 and two loveable golden retrievers, Lord and Lady.

First job: Working in a dry cleaners for \$1.73 per hour. First professional job was as Assistant Acquisitions Librarian at Wright State University.

Professional career and activities: Head of Acquisitions at University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign. My most favorite part of my job is working with stellar colleagues especially here at UIUC, around the state of Illinois, and in the CIC.

In my spare time I like to: Go to movies, garden, and play board games with my family and friends.

Pet peeves/what makes me mad: Saying over and over, "Concentrate on your own work rather than worrying about what someone else is doing."

Philosophy: Live by the Golden Rule. No need for any more rules if you live by that one.

Most meaningful career achievement: Having people care enough to nominate me for the Piercy award.

Goal I hope to achieve five years from now: Become a master gardener.

How/Where do I see the industry in five years: Libraries will be thriving, we'll be buying less print materials, more online materials, and we'll continue to help our users to evaluate the materials they're accessing. 🐾

From Your (frozen) Editor:

It has been cold in Charleston this winter. I mean, the temperature even got down to 17 degrees (gasp!) and it snowed for half an hour! I usually wear my winter coat five days max each winter, but I have had my winter coat on two months straight! This is a little ridiculous. I am finding myself longing (can it be?) for the heat of summer. Will it ever come?

My study where I work on *Against the Grain* is the coldest room in the house. There is no weather-stripping in our place (and you don't usually need it), but in this cold weather you can feel the wind whipping in the windows. Still, we persevered and worked on this **Annual Report** issue of *ATG* which is a fantastic one as always. Guest-edited by Lisa German, it includes articles by Dan Halloran, Joyce Ogburn, John McDonald, Bill Hannay, Ed Merwin, Richard Abel, Camille McCutcheon, Rosann Bazirjian and Betty Nirnberger. Whew! What a mouthful — or should I say eye-ful or mind-ful. We have an **Op Ed** by Larry Madison, an interview with Judy Townley, Dan Cianfarini, David Leyenson, profiles of Lisa, Ed, Larry, and Camille, a library profile of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, an update on UCITA by Norm Desmarais, a **Biz of Acq** on the **Worth of Information** by Audrey Fenner, and much, much more. Some of our regular columns are **From the Reference Desk**, **Monographic Musings**, **Cases of Note**, **Copyright Questions and Answers**, **Talk of the Trade**, **In My Humble But Correct Opinion** and on and on and on!

Well, gotta go! I want to see if the groundhog saw his shadow or not. I may have to get my coat cleaned if this winter stuff is going to continue.

Keep warm! 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.

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Dear Editor:

In re: **Op Ed: e-Journals, Embargoes and Other Matters: Are the Publishers the Villains or Not?** (*ATG*, v.14#5, November, 2002, p.30), fourth paragraph from the bottom of the page, second column)

Ian Jacobs has asked me to write to you as he has recently been contacted by Paula D. Watson, Director of Electronic Information Services at the University of Illinois Library. She has pointed out that a paragraph in Ian's article published recently contains an error which reads:

"If aggregated databases were to become libraries' preferred method of subscribing to journal content, the impact on journal publishers, and the scholarly organisations with whom we work, would be disastrous — we would lose one third of our revenues."

This should, of course, say that as journal publishers we would lose two thirds of our revenue rather than one third.

Kind regards,

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Charleston Conference	November 2003	09/17/03	10/08/03
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 03/Jan. 04	10/29/03	11/19/03