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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (scared, apprehensive, and praying) Editor:

I have just learned that my 31-year-old son **Raymond** is going to Iraq in the next two weeks. He is now at Ft. Bliss, Texas. So besides being happy and stressed about my daughter who just started medical school in August, I have more to chew my nails about. So, to take my mind off of it all, I have been working on the **Charleston Conference** and *Against the Grain* instead of taking tranquilizers. And we have another great **Conference Issue!** **Jill Carraway** has put together an intriguing group of articles by **Emily Stambaugh**, **Elise Anderson**, **Cynthia Hodgson**, **Andrew Pace**, and **Jenny Walker**, **Tim Bucknall**, and **Chuck Hamaker** on the trials, tribulations, challenges and opportunities of eBooks and eJournals. An intriguing **Biz of Acq** deals with a strategy for increasing print acquisitions and circulation, **Mary Massey** provides her final installment of "Leaving the Books Behind" and starts her new column "Something to Think About." And speaking of new columns **Anne Langley** brings **Case Studies** to *ATG*. Her first study is on Collection and Technical Services. There are three **ATG Special Reports** in this issue, first we have **Gene Waddell's** "In Indian Territory," then **Helle Lauridsen** tells us "How to Beat the Serials Crisis" and **Doug Cook**, **Steve McKinzie** and the **ACLCP 40th Anniversary Planning Committee** bring us "A Pennsylvania Library Collaborative Celebrates its Past and Plans for its Future: A Forty-Year Commitment to People, Service and Collection Development."



We have interviews with **Jane Burke** the General Manager of **Serials Solutions** and **Howard Harris** the General Manager of **Library Dynamics**, and **David Moore** has furnished his profile encouraged. Plus there are reviews of reference titles from **Tom Gilson** and **Debbie Vaughn** asks us to consider the library "bookstore model" in her "Monographic Musings." **Peter Shepherd** has taken on "International Dateline" and brings us more on open access in Europe. Don't miss **Eleanor Cook's** "Drinking from the Firehose — The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same" and **Greg Tananbaum's** "I Hear the Train A Comin'" which is an interview with **Heather Joseph** who follows **Rick Johnson** as Executive Director of **SPARC**. And finally we have **Jack**

Montgomery's Wandering the Web — Subcultures on the Internet? Whew! That's a lot ... and believe it or not, there's even more!

Well, time to take a tranquilizer. See y'all soon in Charleston!

Cheers,
Yr. Ed.

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action moves from **Blackboard** to the college library staff, which handle the licensing details.

Guess what? **David Levinson's** niece's wedding is the same weekend as **Charleston!** The nerve! Plus the wedding had to be moved from New Orleans so **Karen Christensen** and **David** will not be in **Charleston** this year. In the meantime, we can read all about them and **Berkshire Publishing Group** in **Business Week**, July 26, 2005. In the article "CEO's Tech Toolbox," it says that "podcasts, RFID tags, and mesh networks are among the ten new technologies that should be on the radar of every chief exec." And **Karen** is one of those quoted (did you know that her father worked for **Honeywell** and since she grew up with computers she wasn't a fan of them ... until lately?). **Karen** is talking about **Wikis** and their importance for scholars collaborating on the same text. Anyway, this article should be read by **Stephen Spielberg** or maybe **Michael Crichton** for movie material.

http://www.businessweek.com/technology/content/jul2005/tc20050726_8027.htm

And speaking of **Wikis**, in this issue we have a **Technology Left Behind on Wikis** by the incredible **Cris Ferguson** <cris.ferguson@furman.edu>, see this issue, p.83.

And speaking of **Cris Ferguson**. She is wonderful. **Cris** and **Jack Montgomery** <jack.montgomery@wku.edu> (who is also double wonderful) have worked hard to put together the **Memory Book for the 25th Charleston Conference**, included with your **Conference** booklet. Plus **Cris** has put together the **history of the Charleston Conference Table Talk** on Friday afternoon at four o'clock at the **Conference**. See you all there!

And speaking of the **Table Talks**, many, many thanks, credit and kudos go to **Barbara Schader** <bschader@calpoly.edu> (Science, Math & Engineering Librarian, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo) who agreed to be the **Director** of the **Table Talks** which have never been done before. **Barbara** was johnny on the spot (or **Jeannette** on the ball) and brokered the whole event. Thanks to **Barbara**. And **Barbara** was helped in Local Arrangements by the intrepid **Debbie Vaughn** of the **College of Charleston** who doesn't miss a trick either.

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Dear Editor:

Susan Campbell <scampbel@ycp.edu> and I are offering our services as **Mentors** to new people coming to the **Charleston Conference** this year. We hope that people will contact us with questions, ideas, suggestions, and whatever they want to talk about.

Sincerely, **Pam Cenzler**
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2006 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, PLA	February 2006	01/04/06	01/18/06
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2006	02/22/06	03/08/06
ALA Annual	June 2006	04/26/06	05/10/06
Reference Publishing	September 2006	07/26/06	08/09/06
Charleston Conference	November 2006	09/20/06	10/04/06
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 06/Jan. 07	11/22/06	12/06/06

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