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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (cooking) Editor:

Can you believe it's 2006? This winter has been especially bittersweet. My parents are quite old and fading fast. Several of our best library friends, **Lyman Newlin** and **Deana Astle**, most especially, have passed on to the hereafter. We just completed the **25th Charleston Conference** with the delightful **Memory Book** that **Cris Ferguson**, **Glenda Alvin**, **Ramune Kubilius**, and **Jack Montgomery** put together. The pictures of many of our friends through the years are included. In fact, if you'd like a copy of the **Memory Book** on CD-ROM, let me know and I will send you a copy.

Anyway, always focusing on the future, we have all been working away diligently on this issue of **ATG** which is about replacing print with electronic copies of journals. **Cris Ferguson** and **Ajaye Bloomstone** have put together seven papers from **Xiaoli Li** and **Carolyn Kopper**, **Claire T. Dygert**, **Maha Kumaran** and **Dawn Bassett**, **Rick Anderson**, **Kristen DeVoe**, **Tina Feick** and **Shawn Herman**, and **James A. Buczynski**. **Mark Herring** talks about **Giving Thanks** in his **Little Red Herring** column which doubles as our **Op Ed** for this issue.

Our first interview this issue is with **Gary**

Rautenstrauch and **Philip Blackwell** and is followed by **Richard Abel's** interview with **Alice** and **Klaus Peters**. We have many, many profiles including one from **Barbara Blummer** our **Biz of Acq** author for this issue. **Tom Gilson** (whose article arrived ahead of deadline) and **Debbie Vaughn** (who has just started a new job) have both provided the reviews that we all look forward to and **Sever Bordeianu** has edited **Reports of Meetings** from **Ramune Kubilius** on the **Special Library Association 2005 Annual Conference** and **Joyce Tenney** on the **14th Annual North Carolina Serials Conference**.

Peter Givler has a new column entitled **From the University Presses** and his first focus is on "Books for Understanding." And speaking of new columns check out **Richard Abel's** "Occasional Rambles in the World of the Book" which also premieres in this issue. **Tinker Massey** has the second installment of her new column "Something to Think About" and so does **Anne Langley**, see **Case Study Two: The**

Case of the Temperamental Bibliographer.

And let's not forget **Peter Shepherd** our new column editor for **International Dateline** who brings his second installment as well — **eBook: The New Serial?** — which was also the intriguing title of a very timely and well-attended seminar organized by the **United Kingdom Serials Group**. And there's much, much more!

Plus, it's time for the big New Year's dinner and I am supposed to be cooking the ham. Gotta go. Happy New Year and all the best to all of y'all for 2006! **Yr. Ed.**

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who do research in the areas of behavioral, psychological, and cognitive sciences, the **Federation** focuses its efforts on legislative advocacy, education, and the communication of information to scientists. "SAGE chose to support the Federation because, as a scholarly publisher, we hold similar values," said **Blaise Simqu**, SAGE President and CEO. "In particular, SAGE wants to assist in countering recent changes in government funding of research which have limited the support for investigation in the behavioral, psychological, and cognitive sciences."

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Robert Frizzell, chair of the **Missouri Bibliographic Information User System** executive committee, has announced that **George Rickerson** has submitted his resignation from the position of **MOBIUS** executive director. **Rickerson** will transition to the position of **associate vice president for administrative applications** within the **University of Missouri**. **Rickerson** has led **MOBIUS**, a state-wide consortium of academic libraries, since its beginnings in 1998. Under his leadership, **MOBIUS** has grown to 60 Missouri colleges and universities and two public libraries as cooperating partners. Originally funded by the state of Missouri and member institutions, **MOBIUS** is now completely funded by member institutions after state budget cuts last year. The largest single project for which **MOBIUS** is responsible, the **Common Library Platform**, creates a virtual collection and a single user interface that allows faculty and students to request library materials using any computer with Internet access. Requested materials are delivered within one or two days of being requested by the **MOBIUS** delivery system. The **MOBIUS** executive committee has named a search committee and will be getting that process underway immediately, **Frizzell** said. **Rickerson's** resignation is effective March 31, but he has agreed to remain in the position until a replacement has been hired.

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Dear Editor:

Susan Campbell <scampbel@ycp.edu> and I had a great time as **Mentors** to new people coming to the **Charleston Conference** this past year. We hope that people will continue to contact us with ques-

tions, ideas, suggestions, and whatever they want to talk about. We are looking forward to November 8-11, 2006!

Sincerely,

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Reference Publishing	September 2006	07/26/06	08/09/06
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