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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (energized) Editor:



It's always wonderful to take a break from the routine of your life. And that's what I have been doing. Had a houseful of company for the holidays and spent a lot of time cooking and cleaning and sightseeing and shopping. It was even cold (60s) in Charleston and we felt like it was "winter." Even went to New York with my daughter for a brief visit. You talk about an energized city.

Meanwhile, back at the *ATG* ranch, we (my right-hand helper, **Toni Nix** really) were struggling with new software which is supposed to make *ATG* "easier" to produce (and may help to put it online?). Come again? It has been far from easy so far! In fact, every single character has had to be rekeyed and reformatted. So, if you see anything amiss, please let us know. Anyway, this issue is very late but it will make **Midwinter!**

The wonderful **Karen Christensen** has collected some very interesting articles on a variety of innovative topics. She has titled this issue **Beyond Boundaries: Knowledge Innovation and Generation**. **Howard Burrows** writes about the **healthy information economy**, **David Levinson** talks about the benefits of **interdisciplinary publishing**, **David Pollard** explores **new roles for librarians**, **Karen** herself talks about the rise of **social media**, **Eric Calaluca** explores the

intersection of print and electronic media in his discussion of **Reference Universe**, and **Tim Coates** talks about the future of **UK libraries**.

Finally, **Dave Tyckoson** tells us that **innovation in libraries** is not a new occurrence. Our **Op Ed** this issue is by the inimitable **Rick Anderson** on the "value of everything and the price of nothing." Hmm. **Cathy Moore-Jansen**, **John H. Williams**, and **Mary Walker** dissect **Funds and Accounting Trees**.

We have several mentions about the **2006 Charleston Conference**, from **Tony Ferguson**, **Bob Nardini**, **Greg Tananbaum**, and **John Riley**. **John Cox** joins us as a regular columnist with his "As I See It" and we are honored to have an **international dateline** from our correspondent in Russia, **Fred Lynden**. Our interviews are with **Richard Charkin** and **Hazel Woodward**. And we can't leave out **Ned Kraft** who gets a belly laugh out of me every time and also in this issue **Margaret Landesman** has an incredibly clever fable called "Article and Book Meet the Google."

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Talk about getting energized! It's exciting what's happening in our world.

May 2007 bring you all that you ever wished for! Love, Yr. Ed. 🐼

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and medical content. **ProQuest's** product lines include **Chadwyck-Healey®**, a collection of more than 40 extensive reference resources of the world's literature; **UMI® microform vault**, the largest commercially available microform collection in the world; **ProQuest Digital Dissertations; Serials Solutions**; and **ProQuest Historical Newspapers**, an archive of 14 million pages dating as far back as 1764 which includes *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Atlanta Constitution*, *The Boston Globe* and *The Hartford Courant*. **Andrew M. Snyder** is president of **CIG**. After the transaction closes, **Martin Kahn** will serve as CEO of the new company. He will relocate to Ann Arbor, Mich. A seasoned information industry executive, **Kahn** is the former chairman of business and financial information aggregator **OneSource Information Services, Inc.** He also served as chairman of **Ovid Technologies, Inc.**, an aggregator of medical and scientific databases and fulltext journal articles and as president of **BRS Information Technologies, Inc.** **Kahn** earned an MBA from **Harvard Business School** and a BA from **Yale**. **Kahn** said, "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead this exciting new company. Both companies have for many years dedicated themselves to serving the needs of librarians, scholars, and students. We are committed to building on those traditions to create a great company for many years to come." **Matt Dunie**, currently president of **CSA**, will serve as president of the new company. **Dunie** commented, "The **ProQuest Information and Learning** and **CSA** products are complementary. We believe that both companies share many values especially a focus on the needs of end users and that the new company has a promising future." **David Skip Prichard**, currently president of **ProQuest Information and Learning**, will be an active contributor to the transition process. After the transition is successfully under way, he plans to pursue new career opportunities consistent with his interests and leadership experience. **Cambridge Information Group (CIG)** is a privately owned group of information services companies and educational institutions located around the world. **CIG's** operating companies include: **CSA**, **R.R. Bowker**, **RefWorks** and the **Sothebys Institute of Art**. **CIG** is also the largest shareholder of **Navtech, Inc.** (NASDAQ:NAVH.OB).
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And, not to be left out in the **end-of-the-year acquisition/merger frenzy**, **Francisco Partners**, one of the largest technology-focused private equity funds, has entered into a definitive agreement with **Elsevier** for the acquisition of 100% of the shares of **Endeavor Information Systems, Inc.**, an **Elsevier** company. **Endeavor** will be merged with **Ex Libris**, which was acquired by **Francisco Partners** earlier this year. The combined

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Dear Editor:

Many thanks for sending the article [eBook Rollout, v.18#5, November 2006]. We really like *Against the Grain*. Keep up the good work.

Thanks again,

Jessica Gwendolyn Blower



Editor's Note: *Cris Ferguson's* eBook Rollout insert in the November *ATG* has been a huge hit. We have gotten many, many requests for it. Thanks to *Cris* for her diligent work on this project. And it is *Cris's* plan to update the eBook rollout as necessary. We are trying to get a format on the *ATG* Website that we can work with. Stay tuned. www.against-the-grain.com

And, just so you don't think we screwed up (not us, never!), no affiliation is given for *Jessica* by request. — Yr. Ed. 🐼

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Annual Report, ACRL	February 2007	12/20/06	01/10/07
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2007	02/21/07	03/07/07
ALA Annual	June 2007	04/25/07	05/09/07
Reference Publishing	September 2007	07/25/07	08/08/07
Charleston Conference	November 2007	09/19/07	10/03/07
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 07/Jan. 08	11/21/07	12/05/07

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