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From Your (travelin' kicking and screaming) Editor

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From Your (travelin' kicking and screaming) Editor:

I have to confess that I am not a seasoned traveler. I like to be where I am going without going through the agony of traveling to get there. The only travel I enjoy is train travel (like our wonderful **Lyman Newlin** used to love). Still, I traveled this summer. Even so, this issue is ready to go traveling. Our crack **ATG** team has managed to put together this wonderful issue.

Margaret Landesman is our guest editor and her focus is on the future of library collections. Included are articles by **Daniel Lee**, **Johann van Reenen**, **Dr. Michael Stoller**, **Kate Holvoet**, **Amy Brunvand**, **Stephen Rhind-Tutt**, **Colin Allen** and **Cecile Jagodzinski**, and **Amanda Maple**. **Rick**

Anderson also writes in with a "Crazy Idea." See our **Op Ed** on p.50.

Lynn Cunningham and **Kathryn Wayne** tell us all about the introduction of **Artstore** at **UC Berkeley**. We have interviews with **Patrick Kindregan**, **Tom Sanville**, and **Michael Mabe**. Memories of food and thoughts about library service quality is **Tony Ferguson's** topic for **Back Talk** this month. Plus there is much more!

Well, it's late and I have to go travel to work. Happy fall and see you in Charleston in November! Yr. Ed.



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Licensing Services) <mgm@mit.edu> in this new position. **Congratulations, Ellen!**

Speaking of awesome. **Betty Oktay** has retired from **Vassar College Libraries** as of June 30, 2006! Last time we talked, **Betty** was busy with **annual report** (both narrative and statistical) and sorting and cleaning, etc. I understand there is a new organization underway and **Betty** says that took some of her time as well. **Betty** says she'll be keeping her <oktay@vassar.edu> email which is great as far as we're concerned. **Betty's** and husband **Sevgin's** real "relaxation" began when they headed off to **Martha's Vineyard** for a few days, July 2-5. **Betty's** address is 2807 Mulberry Court, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Remembering time we spent with **Betty** and **Sevgin** when son **Raymond** was at West Point. **Sevgin** is quite an airplane pilot and took us all around the area in his private plane. Oh, the memories.

Horrible news. The wonderfully kind **Miriam Gilbert** has just lost her husband, **David Black**. **David** died suddenly several weeks ago from a pulmonary embolism. The family has set up an education fund for their son, **Ben Black**. Here is the information: Benjamin Black Education Trust; Checks may be made out to "Benjamin Black Education Trust" and on the memo line, "Acct. #205811." And may be mailed directly to: Elevations Credit Union, PO Box 9004, Boulder, CO 80301-9004. **Miriam's** direct email is <mxgilbert2@aol.com>. Her snail mail address is **Miriam Gilbert**, 3121 Seventh Street, Boulder, CO 80304. This information comes to us from the awesome **Dodie Ownes** <djownes@ix.netcom.com> **Information Services Consulting**.

More sad news. I learned from the astute **Nancy Gibbs** <nancy.gibbs@duke.edu> about the death of our acquisitions colleague **Barbara Nelson**, **Head of Acquisitions** at **Auburn University Libraries**. As you might recall, **Barbara** made a gallant effort to come to **Charleston** last year and could be seen sitting in the balcony with her mask on as she was still in an early remission cycle at that time. She attended several **Charleston's** over the course of her time in Acquisitions and will be missed by all of us. We are including the message **Bonnie MacEwen** sent out to all **Auburn Library** staff upon learning of **Barbara's** death, this issue, p.8. May she rest in peace.

Be sure and read all the great book reviews in this issue of **ATG**, pp.66. Hasn't **Deb Vaughn** done a great job of pulling this diverse group of reviewers together? The review of **LET THEM EAT CAKE** which itself was written anonymously is by an anonymous source. Seems appropriate.

And, once more, we have failed to print **Jill Coupe's** delightful short story that won our fiction contest. I promise (I hope) that it will be in the **November (Charleston Conference)** issue of **ATG!**

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Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.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:

I received the issues of **Against the Grain**. Thank-you for your kind words and for remembering **Vicky**. Please give my thanks to **Vicky's** colleagues both for their kind words and for their kindness to **Vicky** personally and professionally.

Best wishes for the continued success of **ATG** and the **Charleston Conference**.

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