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From Your (reminiscing) Editor:

This year has begun well, except it's too cold to my taste. I like the weather just like it was in San Diego when **ALA** was there. Perfect. This issue of **ATG** is full of all kinds of special stuff. There are the new and different things. This issue is guest edited by **Glenda Alvin** and **Pamela Theus** and is about collection development issues in **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)**. Six articles by **Loretta O'Brien Parham** and **Janice Franklin**, **Akilah Nosakhere**, **Luke Swindler** and **Terry Hill**, **Roland Barksdale-Hall**, **Alfred Willis**, and **Glenda Alvin** give us a good look at an important area of collection development. This issue includes interviews with **Ron Maas** the General Manager of **Libraries Unlimited**, **Mitchell Davis** VP of Marketing at **BookSurge**, and **Marcia Bartusiak** a freelance Science Writer. Our profiles this month are with **Audrey Fenner**, our new column editor for "Biz of Acq," and **Leonard DiSanto** from **H.W. Wilson Co.** Also in this issue are two "ATG Special Re-

ports," one from **Joyce Durant** titled "Technical Services: Issues in the Electronic Environment," and one by **Chris Matz** who tells us if comic books are a worthy consideration on scholarly grounds. "And They Were There" is packed with lots of reports from the **2003 Charleston Conference**, so if you weren't there **Kathryn McCarthy**, **Anthony Watkinson**, **Rebecca Lenzini**, **Heather Miller**, **Rosann Bazirjian**, and **Ramune Kubilius** will tell you some of what you missed. **Anthony Watkinson** has provided an article on Open Access and we have our normal book and reference reviews from **Debbie Vaughn** and **Tom Gilson**, plus "Books Are Us" from **Anne Robichaux**, and from the winner of the **Rachel K. Schenk Memorial Scholarship** "My Love of Books" by **Ann Doyle**. **Mark Herring** also has a new column titled appropriately "Little Red Herrings."

Last but not least, included are reminiscences of our friend and colleague, **Dana Alessi** who

we all miss very much. Several of our old friends have surfaced in these reminiscences. Looking back over back issues of **ATG** which is sixteen years old, by the way, sweet sixteen, caused me to do more reminiscing. If you have some old issues, look over them. We may think we live in a static world, but we definitely do not!

Happy New Year and love.

Yr. Ed.

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 have a bone to pick with you! First you were not at the big party that **Fred Gullette** and I threw in the old private train car in San Diego. It was a pretty hot thing. Even **John Berry** from *Library Journal* and **Leonard Kniffel** from *American Libraries* were there. What were you doing, woman? You sure missed a good time.

Second, I am curious why you have not mentioned my big triumph! My son, **Fred**, has been elected as Town Supervisor of Lewiston. He will certainly keep them all straight!

Well, I have to go. Keep on your toes. **Papa Lyman** is watching and getting out his pen.

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Rumors

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The Stanford Daily for Friday, January 30, 2004, has an article on Stanford's decision to leave **ARL**. "Library leaves group" by **Corina Yen**. Stanford was one of the founding members of **ARL** in 1932. "We have other ways of engaging productively with our peers and partners in the research community," said **Michael Keller**, Stanford University Librarian. http://daily.stanford.edu/daily99-00/11-8-1999/news/tempo?page=content&id=12877&repository=0001_article
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA376675?display=breakingNews>

And speaking of **Michael Keller** (who we hope to have as a keynote in Charleston 2004), I can't help myself. Way back in June of 2003 **ATG Rumors** (v.15#3, p.10) told y'all about **Michael Keller** and the **4DigitalBooks robot** as reported in the **New York Times**, May 12, 2003 by **John Markoff** ("The Evelyn Wood of Digitized Book Scanners?"). This project is now called "Project Ocean."

The incredible **Audrey Fenner** <fafenner@uncg.edu> is the new **Biz of Acq** editor! Did y'all meet her in Charleston? She is head of acquisitions at the **University of North Carolina at Greensboro** and hails from Canada. Her profile is in this issue, p.65. Audrey takes over the editorship from the awesome **Michelle Flinchbaugh** <flinchba@umbc.edu> who is head of acquisitions at the **University of Maryland in Baltimore**. Michelle is our guest editor for the April issue, coming up.

Speaking of awesome and incredible, **Glenda Alvin** and **Pamela Theus** are our guest editors for this issue of **Against the Grain** on collection development in **Historically Black Colleges and Universities**, I learned a lot. Enjoy.

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Reference Publishing	September 2004	06/30/04	07/21/04
Charleston Conference	November 2004	09/08/04	09/29/04
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 04/Jan. 05	11/03/04	11/24/04

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