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From Your (reminiscing) Editor

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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 A.L.A. 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 Parkham and Janice Franklin, Akiiah Nosakhere, Luke Swindler and Terry Hill, Roland Barsdale-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 Reports,” one from Joyce Durant titled “Techni-
cal 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, Rebec-
ka Lenzini, Heather Miller, Rosann Buzirjian, 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. Shenk
Memorial Scholarship “My Love of Books” by
Ann Doyle. Mark Herring also has a new col-
umn 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 remin-
iscences. 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 through 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 Gallette 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 Knefel 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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