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of Kompass, Manufacturing Marketplace, US Export Directory and US Import Directory Showcase.

I can't keep up with **Ron Chepesiuk** (Contributing editor, *ATG*, and Professor, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC). He has signed a contract with **ABC-CLIO, Inc.** to research and write the first international encyclopedia on narcotics trafficking and the War on Drugs. Projected to be about 175,000 to 200,000 words in length, the encyclopedia will cover personalities, seminal events, terminology, and legislation worldwide, from the Opium Wars in the nineteenth century to the present. The publication date is scheduled for 1999. Ron is currently on sabbatical in Colombia writing an scholarly investigative history of U.S. anti narcotics policy for **Mcfarland Publishing**. All I can say is like — wow!

And speaking of wow, **Sarah Tusa** <TUSA@ALMARK.LA-MAR.EDU> (stop — this is the right email address, I promise) who is editing **Bet You Missed It** these days (thank goodness!) is doing a wow-y job with *Review of Texas Books* which she has been coediting for a year now. The editorial and desktop publishing activities are done in the Library at Lamar, and a number of the current and retired faculty are steady reviewers. The *Review* circulates primarily to public and school libraries in Texas and was started by **Sally Dooley** about 10 years ago. Sally was about to discontinue it last year when Sarah stepped in to help to keep it going.

Mike Phillips (College of Charleston's ILL Librarian and music enthusiast and great pianist) <phillipsm@cofc.edu> is excited. **Multicultural Media** has announced its new Web site <www.worldmusicstore.com>, which contains thousands of world music and dance CD, video, CD-ROM and book titles.

Got a great note (on paper, no less, sort of like notes used to be!) from **Sherry Thompson** <sthompson@majors.com>. Sherry wanted to recommend *Against the Grain* and the **Charleston Conference** to **Barb Lucas** (U. of California-Irvine). I guess more wows are in order!

And, did you see *Time*, April 21, 1997 (p. 80)? There's an article entitled "The Cheerful Giver," about **Vance Opperman**, president of West Publishing Company. Says the cut line — "a businessman with a corner on publishing court documents was also a master of political donations."

The New York Times (8 May 1997) carried news that **Microsoft** and **Reed Elsevier**, the British and Dutch publishing company that owns the **Lexis-Nexis** online information service,

have agreed to a \$30 million deal that will allow **Reed Elsevier** to use **Microsoft's** commercial Internet-oriented system applications for future electronic offerings in the scientific, legal, business and travel information markets.

If you're a desperate library school student and you need a copy of an article on "writing a deselection policy," try reading *Against the Grain* (February, 1995, v.7#1, p. 68-69, 86.) That's how the enterprising **Linda Arbaugh** (Supervising Librarian, Mountain View Public Library, Mountain View, CA) helped one of her library patrons!

Well, we don't have a **Book Pricing Update** in this issue. This is because **Celia Wagner** <WAGNER@BNAMF.BLACKWELL.COM> has been choreographing an annual high school musical in her spare time. She asks if anyone will appreciate a break with tradition? She says that she has taken the traditional Marian the Librarian number in *The Music Man* (which is usually done in tippy-toe ballet shoes) and changed it to a loud tap dancing number. How about them sounds?

Monique Morris (Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, Vermont <LSC_MONIQUE@solar.vsc.edu> has gotten married. I wouldn't have discovered this unless her last issue of *ATG* (v.9#2, April 1997) hadn't had four pages blank! Look — even the printer screws up. So if you discover a defect in *ATG* (heaven forbid!) please send it back! We will send you a new and improved copy! No questions asked. And congratulations to Monique on her marriage.

Had a delicious breakfast with **Janet Flowers** <jflowers@email.unc.edu> in Chapel Hill, discussing old and new times. We are finally running Janet's **1996 Charleston Conference** musings in this issue (see p.59). Also visited with **Marcia Tuttle** who is thriving and looking forward to retirement in June. BUT she will be at the **Charleston Conference 1997** (register, see this issue, pp.47). Come on down!

Kay Hershey (Metro Community College, P.O. Box 3777, Omaha NE 68103; phone: 402-457-2763; fax: 402-457-2768) <khershey@metro.mccneb.ed.a> is trying to do some planning and has already asked for information on the Conference.

Okay, I am going against [my] grain to report that **Katina Strauch** is the 1997 winner of the **ALCTS AS Leadership in Acquisitions Award**. Y'all, the emails and personal notes which I have gotten have been voluminous and amazing and I thank you all! It's fabulous to get awards for doing what you really and truly love. Go figure. And I would like to thank **Ron Ray** (U. of the Pacific) who chaired the committee and each and every and every single one of you. 🌸

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The 1997 Charleston Conference —
November 6-8, 1997, Charleston, S.C.

Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition: Learning from our Mistakes

The Charleston Conference is about buying and selling materials for libraries. It encompasses all types of materials, all issues relating to buying and selling, and all people who deal with these issues.

If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, coordinating the lively lunches or simulation rooms, or would like to make sure we discuss a particular topic, please let us know. The Charleston Conference prides itself on creativity, innovation, flexibility, and informality. If there is something you are interested in doing, please try it out on us.

The Planning Committee for the 1997 Charleston Conference includes **Barbara Dean** (Arlington County Public Library), **Heather Miller** (SUNY-Albany), **Katina Strauch** (College of Charleston), **Judy Webster** (University of Tennessee), and **Robin Lent** (U. of New Hampshire).

Send ideas by **June 30, 1997**, to **Barbara Dean**, Internet: <bdean@leo.vsla.edu>. 🌸