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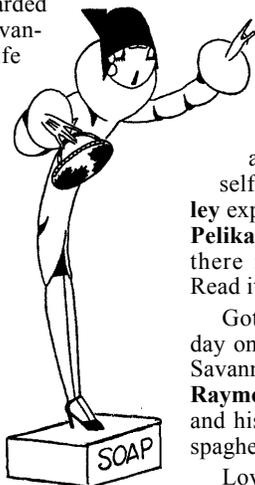
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From Your (celebrating) Editor:

I have to stand up on a soap box and yell that my son, **James Nicholas Raymond Walser** is home from Iraq! And he is safe and sound! Plus he has been awarded **The Bronze Star!** He is safe in Savannah where he and his family (wife **Lindsay**, son **Trifon** and daughter **Georgia Helen**) are stationed, I hope for a few years! Whew!

This is a great issue of your favorite journal, *Against the Grain!* **Roger Schonfeld** has put together a great group of papers by **Emily Stambaugh**, **Frances Boyle**, **Bob Kieft**, **Judith Russell**, and **Ross Housewright** on **Managing Our Collections in a Digital Age**. We have an **OpEd** by **Mark Herring** about hackers, phishers, and spammers, a reminiscence from **Tony Ferguson**, and an **ATG Special Report**



from **Delores Meglio** about digital content. Moving right along, we have interview with **Dave Kochalko** (Thomson Reuters) and **Tina Feick** (Harrassowitz), as well as a publisher profile from **Springer**. **Aline Soules** asks whether or not we should add Web resources to the catalog, **Jack Montgomery** asks a group about purchasing self-published materials, **Bob Holley** explores the unique user, **Michael Pelikan** gives us a look at **Blio**, and there is much, much, much more. Read it all!

Gotta go. It's **Raymond's** birthday on Saturday and we are going to Savannah to see him and the family!! **Raymond** has requested boiled peanuts and his mother's (that's me!) famous spaghetti! I am hungry already!

Love to all y'all! **Yr. Ed.** 🐾

Rumors from page 1

President, Strategy & Business Development, Thomson Reuters, and **Tina Feick (Harrassowitz)**.

Was so sad to learn of the death of our beloved **Norman Horrocks** on the 14 of October 2010 at age 82. Besides being **Director of the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Science** as well as professor Emeritus, **Norman Horrocks** also served for three years (1945-48) in the **British Army's Intelligence Corps**. May we never forget him and may he rest in peace.

Speaking of the **Charleston Conference**, as of right now, about two and a half weeks before the conference, we have 259 more people than were registered at the same time last year! Like Wow!

This is the **30th Charleston Conference** and I am looking forward to seeing everyone and especially to the **skit!** Was trying to remember many things and had the help of **Shirley Davidson**, a long-time friend who remembers everything and is the **Conference Historian!** **Shirley** helped me serve the coffee and refreshments at the very first **Charleston Conference** which was held in a dorm commons room on the **College of Charleston** campus! Several things we were trying to remember: a) what year did **Becky Lenzini** fall off the **Dock Street Theater stage** (very gracefully, didn't miss a beat, I might add); b) what year did I make the egregious mistake of closing all the men's restrooms so that women could use them? (oops!); and c) what year was the very first **Conference bag** sponsored?

Speaking of the **first Conference tote bag**, I was talking to still-young **Rebecca Seger** (now at **Oxford University Press**) about that because I remember that the sponsored bags were HER idea (like so many of the great things in **Charleston** — they were thought up by someone besides yours truly). The first bag was sponsored by **McGraw-Hill** when **Rebecca** worked there! How time has flown by! **Rebecca's** oldest, **Matt**, is a senior in high school, looking at colleges, and hoping to get into the **Savannah College of Art and Design** (wants to be a filmmaker). The other two are 13 and 11.

"46% of consumers said the economy did not impact their book buying in the first quarter of 2010." 2009 Book Consumer Annual Review: U.S. Demographics & Buying Behaviors, edited by Jim Milliot, Bowker, 2010, p.19.

Speaking of **sons**, heard via the grapevine that the brainy **Mark Carden's** <mark.carden@publishingtechnology.com> son, **Alex** who is 17, is appearing in a production of **Alan Bennett's The History Boys** at the **Edinburgh Festival Fringe**. **Alex** plays Irwin, the rather cynical and sinister young schoolmaster. Last year the **Edinburgh Fringe** did **Peter Shaf-**

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Dear Editor:

Hello Katina — Just a short note. You know, I never received the September issue of *Against the Grain*. I am not really sure why. Maybe I am delinquent and need to send you more money, or maybe the U.S. postal service failed us. Whatever the case, life hasn't been really quite right without a current issue of *ATG*, if you know what I mean. It's like things are, you know, sort of incomplete somehow. Most of the days I am okay, but I have this incredible sense of angst at times — a sense of being uninformed and out of the loop. It can be frightening in a way. Can you help?

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2011 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, ACRL	February 2011	01/03/11	01/31/11
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2011	02/28/11	03/21/11
ALA Annual	June 2011	04/04/11	04/25/11
Reference Publishing	September 2011	06/27/11	07/18/11
Charleston Conference	November 2011	08/15/11	09/05/11
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2011/Jan. 2012	10/31/11	11/21/11

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