From Your Editor

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From Your (Wowed) Editor:

I get too much credit for starting a Conference 34 years ago. This conference has grown because of countless hard-working people. I am constantly impressed by the creativity and great ideas and follow through of all of you. Thank you.

This issue is a case in point. Charles Lyons has put together a stellar group of papers on Library Roles with Textbook Affordability. We have articles from Nicole Allen, Steven Bell, and Marilyn Billings (adoption of OER), Ann Agee and Christina Mune (engaging faculty), David Gibbs and Jessica Bowdoin (building a textbook reserves program), Monica Metz-Wiseman (discounted versions of textbooks), Tyler Smeltekop (course pack creation), Kate Pitcher (faculty-authored textbooks), and Sharon Farb and Todd Grappone (creating learning materials). Our OpEd is about library landing pages and the state of library Webpages, in Back Talk, only Tony Ferguson can make seed-sharing interesting. We have interviews with Gilles de La Rochefooucault, Dr. Mehdi Khosrow-Pour, Anthea Stratigos, and David McCune, Jason Hoyt and Peter Binfield. Media-Centered has a discussion of more documentaries to watch, deg farrelly and P. Pelikan’s Antidisambiguation — “i didn’t sign that. Wait, did i?” and a letter to the editor from the 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 enjoyed the piece in this month’s ATG on my imminent retirement from COUNTER. It is hard to believe that COUNTER has been going for over 12 years! The encouragement we got from you when we set up the project and the venue you have given us at the Charleston Conference over the years to inform the community about COUNTER’s activities have been very important factors in COUNTER’s success. Thank you!

I shall look forward to seeing you next month in Charleston.

Best Regards to you and Bruce. Peter Shepherd (Director, COUNTER) <pt_shepherd@hotmail.com>

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and it happened to all the events that Constant Contact hosts! A perfect storm! Anyway, sched.org uploaded the photos themselves so hopefully everything is fixed!

One person who will not be with us this year is Deb Vaughn, who is one of ATG’s book review editors! Surprise! Deb and husband Bo are expecting their fourth child! Gosh! Speaking of which, I just heard from my daughter Ileana who is due November 4. She says a full moon is expected the 6th of November, and she predicts that’s when my grandbaby will make his/her appearance. That will certainly add more excitement during the Charleston Conference!

Another of our regulars who will not be with us at the Charleston Conference this year is the energetic Bob Holley. He’s on the accreditation team that will evaluate the Universite de Montreal. Bob says he has agreed to do this and is looking forward to using his French. And there’s always next year. In the meantime, Bob has a column in this issue of ATG (p.90) about self-publishing and Smashwords. Is self-publishing becoming more mainstream? There are