February 1993

From Your Editor

Katina Strauch
Against the Grain

Follow this and additional works at: https://docs.lib.purdue.edu/atg
Part of the Library and Information Science Commons

Recommended Citation
Strauch, Katina (1993) "From Your Editor," Against the Grain: Vol. 5: Iss. 1, Article 6.
DOI: https://doi.org/10.7771/2380-176X.1307

This document has been made available through Purdue e-Pubs, a service of the Purdue University Libraries. Please contact epubs@purdue.edu for additional information.
Talk about Anus Horribilis! The way I figure it, 1993 can only get better. I spent a terrible Christmas vacation (ten days off, no less) in emergency rooms and doctors' offices with a poor sick son who was home for a vacation himself. He seems well now so I can only hope that he's not somehow allergic to home!

So — that's my excuse to those of you who I haven't written, thanked, or otherwise badgered. Forgive me. On the positive side (at least for my bank account), we have just been able to get the bills for the 1993 ATGs in the mail. So you got to hold onto your $25 a little longer. In these tough economic times that's not bad, right?

This is the year of Volume 5 of Against the Grain. I remember back in March of 1989 when Steve Johnson of Clemson agreed to lay out the first few issues of ATG. I remember the first issue — 10 whole pages. I remember talking to Steve at all hours of the night as we tried to finish an issue before he went white water rafting. I remember the thrill of the first subscription to ATG (Arnold Balk, University of Georgia). His check is still on my bulletin board because I couldn't bring myself to cash it.

Well, I have never been one to check out the future too closely, but I had no idea Against the Grain would get this far. Five years? Sixty pages? We have definitely created a monster. But it is a sort of good, sweet, kind, little monster... like ET or something.

So — this is going to be Anus Bonus Cinqus.

This issue has a couple of great features. First, we have included new graphics compliments of publishers (Dover Publications, Inc. and Hart Publishing Company, Inc.) of woodcuts, etc. (see this issue, page 4). Second, we have tried to include some more information about the world of writing and publishing. There is an interview with an exciting new author, Connie May Fowler and the always energetic, vivacious, and working Sandy Paul has sent us a paper about Algonquin Books by one of her students at the New York University Publishing School. Not to mention the great standbys like Group Therapy, Bet You Missed It, Publisher Bestsellers and Best Kept Secrets, Innovations, Mourning Serial, Book Pricing Update, Library Bestsellers, Legally Speaking, Chaos, Firehose, Publisher and Library Profiles, And They Were There, And We Weren't There, Acquiring Minds, we could go on and on.

Enjoy. Let's all have a good year — together.

**Your Editor

AUTOMATION NEWS

EDIS NOTHINC NEW AT EBSCO.

BIRMINGHAM, AL.—We've been doing EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) since long before computer-to-computer communication was defined by a stylish acronym. Our EBSCONET® Online Subscription Service has been processing electronic orders and claims sent from customer terminals since 1980. We've also been accepting online files of orders and claims from major library systems for years.

And EBSCO is committed to the future of EDI, including active involvement in the development of EDI standards by serving on international committees. We've not only adopted the new X12.856 (ICEDIS-approved) format for dispatch data but have begun displaying the data on EBSCONET. And we are currently testing SISAC draft formats for invoices and claims.

If you're interested in working with a serials vendor with eons of experience with electronic communication, give us a call today.

EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

International Headquarters
P.O. Box 1943
Birmingham, AL 35201-1943
(205) 991-6600
FAX (205) 991-1479