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So — here we are again. It is spring (at least in Charleston) and the azaleas and dogwoods are blooming. Everything seems hopeful.

And here is another ATG issue! The theme of this one is PEOPLE. We have done some fantastic interviews with a publisher (Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey), a vendor (Bill Leazer) and a librarian (Betty Oktay).

This issue is full of that stuff called information. Joyce Ogburn talks about Paradigms and Librarianship in Acquiring Minds. She has written an intriguing essay on Thomas Kuhn and the Structure of Scientific Revolutions and its relevance to our world. The vivacious and energetic Barbara Meyers gives us an update on the CIP project (she was last seen at UKSG, but boy is she hard to keep up with). And the munificent Sandy Paul (who has never missed a column I don’t think, have you Sandy?) took time out of her mammoth travel schedule to share her “sick with the SICL” report as well as another paper on mass market paperback publishing from Scott Stacy. Barry Fast is all over the U.K. map but Judy Webster still carried on with Issues in Vendor/Library Relations, a thought-provoking essay.

Read it and think. Judy Luther has taken time to explore cyberspace and CNIDR, and, believe me, sometimes I’m not sure we still live in the twentieth century. Do we? Celia Wagner continues to intrigue, with her always-timely column. Bet You Missed It is getting more and more interesting and so is Group Therapy all thanks to Rosann Bazirjian and company. Glen Secor’s Legally Speaking and Barbara Dean’s Library Profile are also always chock full of new information.

And this isn’t everything! This issue even talks about the cloth and paper issue and asks for input from our readers. Please help us out by participating!

I could go on and on. Thanks to all of the hard working columnists and writers for Against the Grain. Also our advertisers! They all — each and every one — make the publication go ‘round!

Happy spring. Looking forward to the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.

— Yr. Ed.*

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