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From Your (pocketbook-deprived) Editor

Okay. I admit it. I lost my pocketbook in the exhibits at ALA Midwinter. Thanks to Buzzy Basch and Joyce Ogburn I was able to survive for a couple of days. But it turned up two days later — all intact — thanks to Joyce and Buzzy and all the ALA people who are honest and turned it in! I am forever grateful. Librarians and publishers and vendors are honest. You heard it here.

This issue of ATG is LOADED with information. We have an article from Robin Lent, Louise Lane, and David Buckley on the “R” word (what faculty really read), and more on the “S” (serials) word from Linda Brown. Joyce Ogburn was also astute enough to get Corinne Ebbs and Laurie Preston to write about what their library is doing with fulltext. We have a great article on object identifiers from Brian Green and Mark Bide of Book Industry Communication / EditEUR. Also an article on JSTOR from Ron Chapesiuk.

Interviews this time are with Jim Ulsamer and Joseph (the incredibly patient) Andrews. And we have a contribution from Irving E. Rockwood, Editor and Publisher of Choice, called “Inside Choice.” This article lets us inside this publication that all of us use for book reviews and tells us a little about how items are selected for review there.

Gotta go. I have to take my daughter somewhere and I can’t seem to find my ... pocketbook! Happy reading and happy spring. The azaleas and dogwoods are out in Charleston and the horrible heat has not set in yet. This is when it would be nice to have a convertible top on the house!

Yr. Ed. ♦

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The American Association of American University Presses has published its 1996/97 Directory. This directory offers a detailed introduction to the publishing programs and personnel of the member presses of AAUP. Submit orders to AAUP, Attn.: Chris Terry, 584 Broadway, New York, NY 10012, ISBN: 0945103107. $16.00 postage paid.

Electronic Online Systems (EOS) International has announced that Joe Matthews has joined the company as the new Vice President of Sales. Joe has twenty years of experience in the library industry. As president of his own consulting firm which he founded in 1976, he completed a number of assignments including evaluations of automated library systems, determining the feasibility of automated library systems, and exploring Interlibrary Loan and resource-sharing, as well as the preparation of RFPs for over 100 libraries. Joe has also worked at MARC Corp., Inc., Data Research Associates, Inc., Geac Computers, and Inlex, Inc. EOS International’s Corporate headquarters is located in Calabas, California and it produces a number of library automation software product lines including the Q Series¿, a powerful GUI client/server automation system for medium- to large-sized libraries, and the Graphical Library Automation System (GLAS¿) a newly released Windows-based library automation system for smaller libraries. If you want more information, contact Leigh Connor at <marketing@eosintl.com> or <http://www.eosintl.com>.

Heard from Melissa Surber (Univ. of South Carolina Law Library) <melissa@law.law.sc.edu>. Melissa was missing some of ATG and wanted to know if they are available. We can usually provide missing issues. Just ask us!

CatchWord Ltd and Publishers Communciation Group, Inc. (PCG) are pleased to announce their agreement to collaborate in representing CatchWord’s RealPage software in the United States. Under the terms of this agreement, PCG will provide customer service staff and office facilities for CatchWord to serve U.S. publishers, as well as install and maintain a mirror Web site. CatchWord was founded in 1994 to provide Internet publishing services to academic and scholarly journal publishers, enabling them to market and sell their titles easily, securely, and affordably on the Internet. CatchWord uses its own RealPage software to store and deliver articles from a network of servers around the world. For further information, try <sales@catchword.co.uk> or <http://www.catchword.co.uk>.

A well-balanced report for a general audience on how libraries are dealing with censorship on the Internet is located at <http://www.msnbc.com/news/5963.asp>.

Am heading up to Chapel Hill in April for the UNC SILS Board of Visitors meeting. Looking forward to seeing Chapel Hill, my continued on page 8