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Hey, y'all! It has been a harrowing six weeks for your ed. My husband Bruce spent the better part of a month in the hospital and 14 days in the ICU, much of it on a respirator. He had a rare case of viral pneumonia called BOOP. He's much better now (in fact, he wrote a Cases of Note; this issue, just to prove it) and I hope to never see the likes of BOOP again. So—your ed. has been playing nurse for longer than I ever thought I would. (It's definitely different from editing.)

Meanwhile, back at the ATG ranch, your loyal column editors were working away making this issue come together! And it's a great one—jam-packed as always! First, I want to thank Debbie Vaughn who took charge when I was at the hospital to guest edit this issue. There are interviews with Angela Adair-Hoy and Dan Halloran and profiles for John Riley, Lee Rouner and Anna Länström. There is a great article on the OCLC/WLN Conspectus by Pauline Williams, a NEW column by Amber Williams seeking input on Websites, another great article on changing roles by Ana Arias Terry and another NEW column called Sense and Sensibility by Margaret Landesman. Rick Lugg and Ruth Fischer's I, User talks about Questia, Howard Bybee enlightens us on selling gift books over the Internet, Bryan Carson talks about databases and the Internet, and of course there's even more and more. How can you not afford to read this issue of ATG?

And, y'all, many of Tony Ferguson's Back Talks are loaded online, fulltext on the ATG Website, www.against-the-grain.com. Isn't that great?

Gotta run. My patient is calling. Talk to you in June!
—Yr. Ed.

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <strauchk@earthlink.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: 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:

As a result of your interview with the founder of 21 North Main, Ken Dzugan, and because I usually look up most of the Websites in Against the Grain, I was able to locate a copy of Buddies by Barbara Park, a book my 16-year-old has been wanting to find for years.

Our original copy was purchased years ago, the Christmas after I got my Masters degree & before I started my first professional job. Because I was a single mom and so broke that Christmas, Santa Claus went to a used bookstore & purchased several used children's books that were in relatively pristine condition. Buddies was one of them, and it became my younger daughter's favorite book. Although she lost it long ago and it's now out-of-print, she will own it again, thanks to 21 North Main. So thanks for the lead!

Carol Hendren (Library Services Consultant, College Center for Library Automation, 1238 Blountstown Highway Tallahassee, FL 32304) <carol@cccl.lib.fl.us>

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on another fabulous issue of ATG, v.13/1, p.60. Just a minor correction. In Kate Stet's review of the Charleston Conference, she said Matt Naumann moderated the panel on "E-books: Still Here One Year Later." The moderator was Ron Boehm. The comments attributed to Matt are Matt's comments. Thanks.

Vicky Speck (ABC-Cluio)<VSpeck@ABC-CLIO.com>

Rumors

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Iennium Minutes in this issue, p. 46, about the Ditto machine. It's hilarious! And read even more about Mike Markwith at TDNet later in this section of Rumors.

Well just as we were getting ready to print an unconfirmed Rumor that SilverPlatter had been bought, this press release turned up on The Charleston Advisor Website www.charlestonco.com! Wolters Kluwer has acquired SilverPlatter Information (Boston, New York). Terms of the deal were not disclosed. SilverPlatter, with annual sales of approximately USD 70 million, is a provider of medical and scientific databases and related software. SilverPlatter will be combined with Ovid Technologies (New York, United States), which Wolters Kluwer acquired in 1998, and the acquisition is in line with Wolters Kluwer's strategy to expand its electronic offerings in the medical and scientific fields and to integrate content with software and services. The acquisition of SilverPlatter is subject to regulatory approval.

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