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From Your Editor

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Dear Editor: The June issue of Against the Grain is getting me revved up for the Charleston Conference. I was certainly happy to see that one of the preconferences is eBooks for Librarians. It was done at Cornell in late April but I had a conflict and was unable to attend.

Sincerely, Phil Dankert <prd2@cornell.edu>

Editor's note: The registrations for the CC are coming in. Have you sent yours in yet? Yr. Ed.

From your empty-nest Editor:

Well, my daughter Ileana went off to college on August 18. This means that the phone isn't ringing off the hook, teenagers aren't walking in the back door unannounced, there's food in the refrigerator, and my car is now available for me to drive to work. Still, it's a sad time for mother.

I have drowned my sorrows by working on the September Reference Publishing issue of ATG. This issue is guest edited by the energetic and fabulous Tom Gilson and is full of all sorts of things for you to know about. We have some end-user reviews (by a Physics professor and his student) of the Encyclopedia of Astronomy and Astrophysics, some great interviews with Kay Ann Cassell and Daryl Rayner, a conversation with Peter McCracken, and a bamzowie lead article by Fran Wilkinson and Linda Lewis which explores attitudes of both librarians and end-users toward electronic ready reference tools, specifically, electronic dictionaries and encyclopedias. And, as usual, that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Meanwhile, I have to go and call my daughter. Mom wants to know what Ileana's up to. The nest may be empty, but the phone lines are full!!

Yr. Ed. 🦚