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And Alas! One of my first bosses, Thomas Ellis Hodgkin, Director of the Booth Library at Davis & Elkins College, died Sunday, April 2, Ellis was born in High Point, North Carolina, in 1938. He received his Bachelor's degree in English and History from High Point College in 1965 and went on to earn the Master of Science in Library Science degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1967. In 1981, he received a Master's degree in Management from Central Michigan University. Ellis was director of the College of Charleston Library in 1979 when I joined the staff. He was a wonderful man, very energetic and creative and intense. May he rest in peace.

On a lighter note, went to lunch the other day with George Hurd, the security guard, at the College of Charleston. George was talking about his time in Vietnam when I was barely born (ha! if you believe that... I just bought the Brooklyn bridge!). Anyway, George was remembering his time in Vietnam and a book pamphlet about his light infantry regiment. He wanted to find a copy of the book but despaired that he ever would. Guess what?! Your intrepid editor went to WorldCat and found the book! Amazing! It is only held at one library, but we are hoping to get it on Interlibrary Loan. Also, looking for a copy on the OP market. Gosh! Our networked world is fantastic!

Was meeting with a Psychology professor, Carol Toris <toris@cofc.edu> at the College of Charleston the other day and we were talking about all the lighting changes in technology and libraries. And she said, very appropriately I thought, “now I know what the monks must have felt like when the printing press was invented.” Ain’t that the truth!

Speaking of lighting changes, when my son was in Iraq (thank goodness he’s back), I could talk to him by VOIP. It was amazing. And the other day I got an email from Don Chvatal <Don.Chvatal@ringgold.com> (President, Ringgold, Inc.) which included some sort of VOIP designation. Anyway. Don’s OpenRFP is in the process of supporting an online procurement for RFID services. Additional download information is available. He is looking for other libraries which might be seeking support for a similar procurement. Suggestions? www.openrfi.com/cfm/si_pdx.cfm www.ringgold.com

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