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From Your Editor

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From Your (fishing) Editor:

W ent out over the weekend and went fishing on Wadmalaw Island. Last time I fished was with my grandfather who couldn’t swim and loved standing up in the boat to have enough traction against the fish. He was quite a fisherman and never fell in! Anyway, we used to fish with cane poles, nothing fancy, and this time my friends had all kinds of reels, rods, lures, tackle, hooks, bait, you name it. I was using their stuff and, don’t you believe it, I didn’t catch anything, though I did see a lot of fish jumping out of the water and smiling at me.

Meanwhile, your crack team was working away on the Sept. issue of ATG. This issue is guest edited by the diligent and creative Peter Shepherd and is on Metrics and the Importance of Being Measured. There are four articles by experts like Gregory J. Gordon, Johan Bollen, Paul Needham and Peter Shepherd, and Henk F. Moed. Our interviews are with John McHugh and Bipin Patel. Greg Tananbaum has a discussion with Rick Johnson about KAUST. Our two op eds are about trend overload and unused databases. Tony Ferguson takes on the Innovative Interfaces/OCLC lawsuit, Donna Jacobs talks about Blue Bicycle Books and sustainability, Tinker Massey talks about the “r” word, Lolly Gasaway does her usual perfect job of answering all our copyright questions, Dennis Brunning asks if we have an off-season, Ramune Kabulis and her reporters continue to fill us in on the 2009 Charleston Conference. Bob Nardini talks about sales presentations, Arlene Sievers-Hill talks about spending large sums of money quickly, both John Cox and Robin Champieux and Steve Carrico talk about the “p” words, profit and pricing. Scott Smith talks about the Acquisitions Institute at Timberline Lodge. Mark Herring talks about social networking, and Rick Anderson talks about the Google Book Settlement and soup kitchens.

And speaking of kitchens, since I didn’t catch any fish I have to go and cook something for dinner. But first I have to go and find a fishing reel on the Internet. I wonder if Amazon sells them online?

Happy end of summer.

Much love, Yr. Ed. 🦀

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.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 friends and correspondents:

For a while I am in a rehab facility following major surgery on my legs. My email is not working. The best way to get in touch with me is to email my dear niece Clare Cochran at <clarehc1@comcast.net> or you can write me at my regular address: 175 Market St., Apt. 910, Charleston, SC 29401

I’ll let everyone know when I’m back home.

David Heisser

Dear Editor:

I saw the picture of your son Raymond and your new granddaughter, Georgia Helen, in the recent ATG. Congratulations! John Laraway 🦀

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and French Literatures and an MA in English Literature from Stanford University and a Masters in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. She has served as Stanford’s Ordering Librarian and most recently as Electronic Resources and Technology Librarian. If we have been keeping up, we know that she got married recently. And here’s her new contact information — <xanadu@reed.edu>. The <xanfinity@gmail.com> address will also work and her phone number remains the same.

Xan’s <Under the Hood> column in this issue (p.16) is about transition and I would say she knows all about it!

http://acrlreorgon/2010/08/05/new-collection-development-libra

More! The always upbeat Forrest Link is the new Acquisitions librarian at the College of New Jersey. I remember Forrest when he was at Blackwell and Midwest. He is going to start writing a column for us with insights about moving from the vendor world to academe. And Forrest will be at the 50th Charleston Conference!

Even more new job news! Danny Overstreet — the magnificent — just started with Knovel as their Academic Sales Rep. Danny will also be handling some corporate accounts in the Southeast.

And last but definitely not least — the younger and younger John Laraway has been asked to stay on permanently with YBP and has happily accepted. Mark Kendall gave him the good news a few days before ALA. I hear that ALA was busy with very good booth traffic. Looking forward to seeing John at the Charleston Conference in November!

Wait a minute! Almost forgot. The wonderfully awesome (have you ever seen him ski?) Matt Nauman <mnauman@ybp.com> has also been hired as YBP as Academic e-Content manager. Obviously YBP is the place to be. Cute little rhyme, yes?

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