

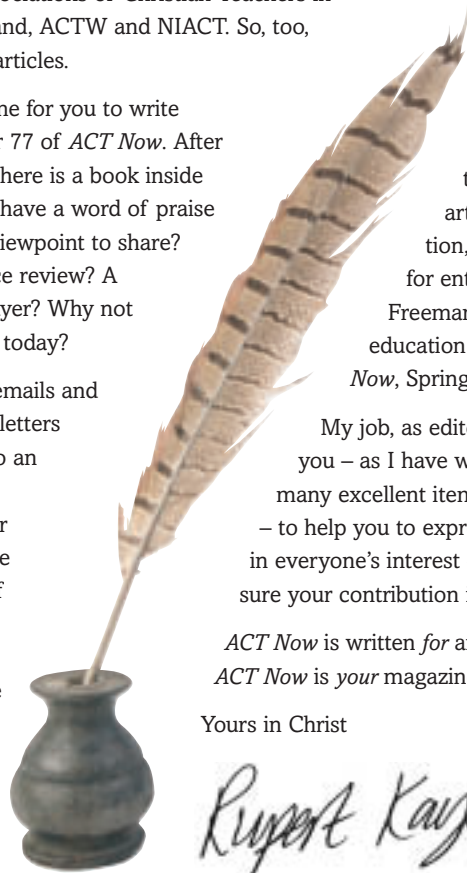
Editor's thoughts

An invitation to sharpen your quill

ACT Now, the magazine for Christians in education, is 75 issues old. As you may already appreciate, the overwhelming majority of letters, emails, prayers and resource reviews included in each edition of *ACT Now* are submitted by members of the four Associations of Christian Teachers in the UK: ACT, ACT Scotland, ACTW and NIACT. So, too, are many of the feature articles.

Perhaps the time has come for you to write something for issue 76 or 77 of *ACT Now*. After all, it has been said that there is a book inside every one of us! Do you have a word of praise to offer? An alternative viewpoint to share? A story to tell? A resource review? A conference report? A prayer? Why not write a letter or an email today?

This issue includes four emails and three letters. Two of the letters are written in response to an item in the Autumn 2007 magazine. The third letter draws our attention to the existence and ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians. The emails submitted provide words of encouragement, thanking Alison Lock for her 'Reservoirs of hope' article, praising Julie



Grove for her 'So, what is a SACRE ... and what does it do?' piece, congratulating Dalwyn Attwell for his 'Why bother with Big Brother?' offering and proposing a toast to Richard Wilkins for his review of *The Use and Misuse of Alcohol*.

Alternatively, you might prefer to answer an article with an article. Naomi Webster's contribution, 'Zoos: good for education, not for entertainment', is a response to Freeman Wicklund's article 'Human education for animal emancipation' (*ACT Now*, Spring 2008).

My job, as editor of *ACT Now*, is to work with you – as I have worked with the contributors of the many excellent items included in the present edition – to help you to express yourself clearly. After all, it is in everyone's interest (yours as well as mine) to make sure your contribution is as good as possible.

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ACT Now is your magazine.

Yours in Christ

Have your say

Whether you want to write a letter or article in response to an item in this issue; express your views on a topical educational issue from a Christian perspective; share personal testimony about what God has done for you in an educational setting; review a book or film; share a lesson plan or classroom resource; write a poem; or submit a prayer request, please send your contribution to: **The Editor, ACT Now**, 94a London Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 1NX.

Presentation

Individual prayer requests should be 20–40 words in length. Longer prayers, poems and film/resource reviews should be a maximum of 250 words in length. Emails to the editor should be 50–250 words in length; letters should be 250–800 words in length. All other items should be 500–1,500 words in length. Longer articles may be considered for publication in an abridged form.

All items should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document on a CD or as an email attachment. Naturally, items should have been carefully spell-checked by the author prior to submission. All items must carry the author's name and contact details. Articles and letters must also come with a

brief biographical note about the author (50 to 80 words in length) written in the third person. Photographs, illustrations and logos may be included where these are relevant (see below for technical specifications).

Photographs and illustrations

Photographs can be accepted in two formats: (i) analogue (ie 'Kodak' prints); and (ii) digital. Analogue photos should be sent as clearly labelled unmounted originals, eg with a sticky label on the back (giving a photo caption/title and contact name). Digital photos should be sent as JPEGs unmodified from camera/scanner and at the highest resolution available (preferably 300ppi). As a rule the minimum file size is 800kb, however files 2,000kb or larger are preferred. Photos that do not meet these criteria cannot be accepted for publication.

Line drawings should be in black ink on white paper.

All other artwork should be provided as a plain original without lettering or numbering.

Administration

All items received will be acknowledged as long as they carry adequate contact details.

The editor's decision to publish or reject material is final. The editor reserves the right to edit or amend the content, grammar and style of all items.

Once accepted for publication, a prayer request, article, letter, etc becomes the copyright of the Association of Christian Teachers unless it is reprinted with the permission of another publication with prior copyright.

ACT Now deadlines

Autumn (September) 2008 All prayer requests (for the period 1 September 2008 to 31 January 2009), emails and letters to the editor, resource reviews, articles, etc should arrive at the ACT Office no later than **15 June 2008**.

Spring (January) 2009 All prayer requests (for the period 1 January to 31 May 2009), emails and letters to the editor, resource reviews, articles, etc should arrive at the ACT Office no later than **15 October 2008**.

Summer (May) 2009 All prayer requests (for the period 1 May to 30 September 2009), emails and letters to the editor, resource reviews, articles, etc should arrive at the ACT Office no later than **15 February 2009**.