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Against the Grain

"Linking Publishers, Vendors, and Librarians"

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If Rumors Were Horses

The biggest rumor there is as we go to press is the buyout of Pergamon by Elsevier. See this issue for several related articles.

Livres Etrangères, the old, prestigious firm which was begun by a Russian who emigrated to France, has gone out of business because of the chaos in Russian publishing. Georges de Lorme, a truly delightful man who is the president of the company, states that Livres Etrangères had to go through channels in France in order to be able to go out of business. Libraries are currently dealing with Kamkin or Collets in order to try to obtain materials from Russia. Apparently, Livres Etrangères customers have been turned over to Kamkin. (see related stories in this issue, pages 20 and 36)

She moved to Charleston about two years ago and took Josie Williamson's place at the Daniel Library at the Citadel. Now Zelma Palestrant is the new Director of Libraries at the Citadel. Congratulations, Zelma.

The other day, we heard from Edwin Shetlock, once of the Royal Society of Chemistry and a keynote speaker at the Charleston Conference a few years ago. Edwin has retired and has gotten married to a woman he has known for 40 years. Now he is off to his chateau in Brittany. Except that he is still in and out of Russia, working on publishing projects.

And Virginia Rodes has been appointed the Northeast Sales Representative for The Book House, Inc. Ginny has both library automation and bookselling experience and, most recently, was the Science/Reference Librarian at Penn State University-Erie. She received her MA from the University of Chicago and her MLS from SUNY-Buffalo. Welcome, Ginny!

It's official. Mike Markwith is really back at the Faxon Company as reported in our last issue. His title is Eastern Sales Manager.

And we understand that Jim Smith is staying on with Faxon but is stepping down as Director, Academic Information Services.

Dimi Berkner has been named Director of Sales & Marketing at Columbia University Press. Congratulations, Dimi!

We understand that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has received a Shakespeare First Folio valued at $300,000 from a private donor. There are only 150-200 copies which exist apparently. And we think that's pretty exciting!

Edna Laughrey, Saline Michigan-based internal consultant for Faxon's Academic Services Division and former head of acquisitions at the University of Michigan Library, is recuperating continued on page 40