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If Rumors Were Horses

Heard from Edwin (Old English, "rich friend") **Shelock**. He and his wife (Sylvia Mogg Shelock) have officially moved to their medieval chateau in France. Of course, Edwin isn't sitting still by any means. He continues his treks and businesses in and out of Russia. *Pas mal? Oui, oui, mes amis.*

Heard also from **Clara-Mae Chittum** van de Velden (once of MIT) who is actually going to attend ALA in San Francisco! Clara-Mae is employed in the International Law Library of the Peace Palace in the Hague doing acquisitions and cataloguing and generally being a jack of all trades. She and her husband Rudd have decided to take a vacation in California and the Southwest, leaving Holland June 5 and tacking on ALA at the end. When in SF, Clara-Mae will be staying at the Francisco Bay Motel (formerly Rancho Lombard) on Lombard at Franklin. When she's in Europe, Clara-Mae's address is: Parkweg 180; 3134 VS Vlaardingen; The Netherlands.

Blackwell North America, Inc., is now providing libraries with access to its New Titles Online and Table of Contents database through the Internet. Beginning with new titles published in May 1992, Table of Contents with descriptive summaries will enhance a library's ability to select scholarly monographs pertinent to their collection. For more information

contact Leslie Fournier or Michelle Marchant at 800-547-6426.

Hey and there are all kinds of other librarian/athlete types. We have received word that **Martin Warzala** (Baker & Taylor) ran the 6.6 miler at Rahway River Park in 41:03, good enough to win. Not bad! Congrats are in order, Martin!

Hunter Kevil has left **Data Research Associates** to pursue other opportunities effective April 28. DRA is looking to fill Hunter's position and says that his departure will have no effect on the planned release of the new version of the Acquisitions module.

EBSCO has released the 3.4 release of **The Serials Directory/EBSCO CD-ROM**. The product has a "greater than/less than" feature which allows users to search for titles costing more or less than a specified dollar figure or titles with a circulation higher or lower than a specified number. "Range searching" allows users to locate titles within a certain price or circulation range. The "limiters" feature, which enables users to limit searches to titles meeting certain criteria, can now be used to locate peer-reviewed titles.

Academic Book Center's Gretchen Peterson had an impressive and long article and pictures in the **Philadelphia Inquirer** for Monday, April 20. "Some people have an idyllic spot to steal off to

when life gets heavy," the article reads. "Gretchen Peterson, however, has her own country." Gretchen's country is Ruizkaylia and she has created a language, pictures, places, and people to make it real. "I believe in miracles," Peterson says. She has already illustrated a children's book, *The Boring Duchess* that comes from her Ruizkaylia imagination and she is working on a novel, *Princess Alight*. More power to you, Gretchen. Don't give up and good luck!

Linda K. Bartley, CONSER Program coordinator of the Library of Congress, is the recipient of the annual **Bowker/Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award**. Ms. Bartley is being honored for things like her promotion nationally of the ISSN, the launching of a project to enter abstracting and indexing coverage in CONSER records, to mention only a few. Ms. Bartley has MLS and BA degrees from Syracuse University. The **Bowker/Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award** is provided by R.R. Bowker and awarded by ALA.

As we were going to press, we learned that **Anna Perrault** (LSU and speaker at last year's Charleston Conference) was the recipient of the 1992 LAPT Research Award. Anna is Head, Interlibrary Services and Head, Reference Collection Development, at LSU. Her funded proposal is entitled, "A Study of the Effects of the Diversion of Funds from Monographs to Serials on the Monograph Collections at Research Libraries." Congratulations, Anna!

Parmer Books has issued a new edition of their free booklet *Out-of-Print Acquisitions* which was distributed at the

1991 Charleston Conference. If you want a copy, write Parmer Books, 7644 Forrester Road, San Diego, CA 92120-2203; (619) 287-0693 or FAX (619) 287-6135.

And our own Judy Webster (University of Tennessee) has published an interesting article in *College and Research Libraries* about the top circulating titles in her library. Check it out.

And we have heard more about the fantastic **Jolanda von Hagen**. She was apparently given a leave of absence from active duty by Springer-Verlag beginning January 1, 1992. Mrs. von Hagen can be reached at her private address: Heidelberger Strasse 49; D-W6915 Dossenheim, Germany. This information comes via Sandy Paul and the STM where Mrs. von Hagen has offered to remain as a member of the STM Group Executive, as well as Chairman of the STM Library Relations Committee, until Frankfurt 1992.

Online (the conference) took place the week of May 11. Buzzy Basch reports that full text online to take the place of hardcopy was under much discussion. Times they are a changin'.

We have received the following information from **Collets** which will be re-structured into three trading divisions: Books and Journals Supply Service, Retail and Publishing. These three divisions will be reported into Collets Holdings Limited which is now operating under a re-structured management team. **Harry Moore** has joined the Board as Managing Director. He brings a wealth of commercial experience gained through successful management of businesses in the UK and abroad. This appointment will release **Dr. Eva Skelley**, who has held the post of M.D. until now, to

concentrate more fully on developing new market opportunities for the Company as Business Development Director, with a particular focus on Europe. The wonderful **Jonathan Waring** has been appointed Sales Director, another new post created to lead and strengthen the company's sales team and to improve its penetration into markets worldwide. Jonathan will also be responsible for overseeing the introduction of a new on-line computer facility. **Keith Edwards** continues as Sales Manager, focusing on UK libraries and selective markets abroad and **Diana Turner** also continues as Sales Representative in the UK. **Don Gasper** is appointed Export Sales Manager - Far East. **Carol Sherwood** is appointed Operations Manager for the books and journals division. **Bob Gorman** is Collets contact for publishers. Collets continues to demonstrate ongoing commitment to systems development and E.D.I. with the appointment of a new I.T. Manager, **Malcolm Shakespeare**. **Chris Seamarks** joins the Company as Financial Controller and Company Secretary, replacing **Don King** who leaves the Company through retirement. Collets has also announced the establishment of a London Office in Great Russell Street, opposite the British Museum.

Yankee Book Peddler has announced the promotion of **John Morcom** to Approval Bibliographer in the Collection Management Division (CMD). John joined YBP in 1982 and has been an unflappable leader in Customer Relations since 1988. In addition to trouble-shooting for libraries in the Southeast, he has been Customer Relations' primary publisher-liaison. John holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts. Taking over John's problem-solving

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responsibilities for libraries in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee will be **Darlene Dockham Stewart**. Darlene's 18 years with YBP in a variety

of positions make her our most enthusiastic "Resident Expert" on providing the best service for libraries. Moving right along at Yankee, **Susan Fockler Sutherland** has been named Manager, Customer Services. Susan was the Advertising Director of *New England Living*

magazine. In an earlier life, she spend three years with the Outagamie Waupaca Library System, Appleton, Wisconsin. As well, **Judy Niemi**, Manager of the Children's Book Division, is packing her suitcase to become YBP's Northeast Territory Sales Manager. Judy has been with Yankee Book for two years.

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John R. Secor and **Bob Nardini** from Yankee Book and **Buzzy Basch**, Basch Associates, will combine forces to present a pre-meeting seminar at the SSP's 14th Annual Meeting, June 17, 1992, Chicago. The seminar is entitled "Publisher-Vendor-Library Relations: Issues and Trends."

Brodart has announced an expanded selection of Large Print titles. They were introduced through the McNaughton Lease Plan Selection Lists. Librarians may now tailor an entire plan exclusively for Large Print, as these titles will be in stock, cataloged and ready for shipment. These same titles are also available for purchase through any regular book order. Large Print titles may be requested through Brodart's unique Selection List System for use in library collection development. ☞