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Dear Editor:

I have been intending for too long to tell you how much I have valued *Against the Grain* since it and the Charleston Conference were first called to my attention by **Lyman Newlin** and **John Perry Smith** circa 1989. I know of no other place to turn for such a stimulating sense of the dynamics of our (your readers) special niche in the place where publishing, libraries, intellect and technology meet.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Vance

*Fraser-Vance Publishing Company
(Peterborough, NH)*

Dear Editor:

I have been meaning to mail you for quite some time to say thank you for sending the *ATG* I was missing and then this afternoon I received the April issue and I'm flicking through when I read the obituary you wrote on page 81. Of course I didn't know Zelma [Palestrant], though I

think I met her on the one time I came to Charleston but the article struck a chord. This week is the anniversary of the death of a dear librarian friend of mine who sounds so much like Zelma, always cheerful despite terrible illness (she had a chronic liver complaint compounded by cancer diagnosed in her 50th year). Thelma (name even sounds the same) worked in isolation in a college library here for peanuts wages and with no recognition of her professional status or expertise, yet she was always calm, comforting, smiling, supportive, methodical — all those things I'm not. She was always able to make the best of a bad situation. I would love to pick up the phone to talk to her. It's odd, I'm missing her more not less as time goes on as I realize what a real support she was.

So I'm just writing to say how touching your article was and how Thelma is already running the library in heaven but will be pleased to work with Zelma. I've found it very helpful in the year since her death to work on setting up a small bur-sary in her name to cover training for

librarians working on their own in the local branch of the Library Association to which she gave so much. I am pleased to say that my plans have just got the official seal of approval this week for 1995 and that at least once a year librarians will be honouring someone who gave the profession and her friends so much. So you see it was a good idea to publish your appreciation of Zelma and you have my thoughts with you.

Best wishes,

Liz Chapman

(University of Oxford)

Dear Editor:

I wondered what was missing in my life! Now I know what it is! *Against the Grain*! What a great publication! Please start sending my subscription to my home address!

Sincerely yours,

Mary Jo Godwin

(The Oryx Press) €

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Holdings. Ingleby further stated, "All orders and funds for 1995 subscriptions are secure, and clients will receive the same high-quality service as they have in the past. We are eager to build on Faxon's leadership position in the library community and view this as a long-term investment that positions Dawson for solid future growth." Included in the closing funds was the amount needed

to retire Faxon's small remaining 1994 publisher obligations, and publishers have agreed to return to normal trading terms with Faxon for the 1995 subscription year. Dawson has also secured a working capital line of credit to allow Faxon to resume normal business operations. **Dawson Holdings PLC**, established in 1807, is a publicly-traded, worldwide supplier of information services to the library and business communities.

Here are some of **Mike Markwith's** (Faxon) personal comments: "There was loud

and joyous cheering last Friday, October 7, at 3 pm when it was announced that the FTC had granted approval and Faxon was now owned by Dawson. This has been a tumultuous summer for everyone, but ALL the client service people, support people, and sales people (with a few visible departures) stayed with the company. The employees' loyalty, integrity, and commitment to Faxon tradition and our clients is a real blessing. They remained and Faxon survived! We all appreciate the support of our clients and are really

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