Against the Grain

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If Rumors Were Horses

We hear that Nancy Rogers has left EBSCO to spend more time with her husband! What will it be like without her? Nancy, we will miss you! This is almost as revolutionary as when Mr. B/NA (Mike Markwith) went over to Faxon! Surely Nancy can’t stay away long!

Word is that Michael Boswood, President of Elsevier NY, is moving to England effective October 1. We understand that Boswood will head up Elsevier UK, US, Tokyo and Paris. Tess Carey, President of Turner Subscriptions and Boswood’s wife, is leaving her job to go to England too.

According to the Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton, MA) (7/23/90), Albion Bookstore Inc.’s owner, James Murphy has closed three bookstores in Amherst and Williamstown because of bank foreclosure on the properties. Apparently, some publishers give bookstores better discounts than they give our library booksellers. So, rumors are that some booksellers have made offers to buy Albion. To be continued?? (see more on page 16)

Oh joy, oh rapture unforeseen, the cloudy sky is now serene (thanks to Gilbert and Sullivan for that) — John Merriman (Blackwell’s) will be coming to the Charleston Conference in November and one of the festivities at the Conference will be in his honor! We’re looking forward to it! John will be introducing his successor, John Cox, at the Charleston Conference as well. In a press release dated July 17, 1990, Blackwell’s announces the appointment of Cox to Director of the Periodicals Division to succeed John Merriman. Cox assumes this post on September 17, 1990. Prior to that he was Managing Director of Scholastic Publications, Inc. Cox was educated at Brasenose College, Oxford, where he read Law and was subsequently called to the Bar. He has also worked as Managing Director of Open University Educational Enterprises, Ltd. (which included the Open University Press) and with Butterworths’ electronic...

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