If Rumors Were Horses

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Against the Grain
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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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publishing company from 1981-
83.

Charles Germain who resigned
from Faxon Europe and left exotic
Amsterdam has started up
Gauthier-Villars North America
(a subsidiary of the European
publishing house, Le groupe de la
Cite) in Cambridge, Mass. Le
groupe de la cite also owns Bordas,
Dunod, Larousse, and several other
publishers in Paris.

It is with sadness that we report
that Larry Cooper (Jackie
Thompson's husband) died in July.
However, he left behind a son,
Aaron, born later in the month.

We also must report the death
of Jim Nader during the summer.
Jim was a regular attendee of the
Charleston Conference and was
based at Maricopa Community
College in Phoenix, Arizona.

Reed International Books has
announced the formation of
Butterworth-Heinemann, a new
company within its professional
division. Butterworth-Heinemann
is made up of three Reed Publishing
companies: Butterworth Publishers
(Stoneham, MA), Butterworth
Scientific Ltd. (Guildford, England),
and Heinemann Professional Publishing
previously President of
Butterworth Publishers and Chief
Executive of STM Publishing for
Butterworths, has been named
Chief Executive of the new
company and has relocated to
(Stoneham) will assume marketing
and distribution responsibility in
the United States for the scientific,
technical, and management titles
published by Heinemann
Professional. Though the company
will continue using certain imprints
(Focal Press, Butterworth
Architecture, John Wright), the
majority of books produced in the	hree locations will be published
by Butterworth-Heinemann,
including journals published in both
the US and the UK. This change
does not affect Butterworth Legal
Publishers (Salem, NH
headquarters) or Heinemann
Educational Books, Inc.
(Portsmouth, NH).

Faxon's new representative for
the Mid-Atlantic region (yes, that's
Mike Markwith’s replacement) is
David R. Fritsch. David worked
with Faxon in a previous life and
has returned after working for
several other companies.

Con Jaeger has left Swets. He
is job hunting. Along with all that,
he has new twins, a boy and a girl.

Helen Reed (formerly of Duke
University) is now at the University
of Northern Colorado.

Peter Young has resigned as
Director, The Faxon Institute, to
become Executive Director of
NCLIS (National Commission on
Libraries & Information Science).

Edna Laughrey's new job at
Faxon is Service Quality
Consultant, Continuations and
Standing Orders. Simply put, she
talks to librarians about the services
they want and like and works with
the Faxon staff to be sure that
clients get what they want. Besides
a sports car, Edna, I would like...

And Carol Pitts Hawks (Ohio
State University) is the new editor-
in-chief of Library Acquisitions:
Practice and Theory, the publisher
of the Charleston Conference
proceedings.

As well as Pres.-Elect of
ALCTS, Arnold Hirshon is now
Director of Libraries at Wright
State University in Dayton, Ohio.
We hear tell that wherever Arnold
goes, he becomes an institution.

Basch Associates has
announced a one-day seminar
"Negotiating Services and Fees
with Subscription Agencies" on
October 19, 1990, in Los Angeles,
California. Fee is $295. For
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