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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 (Oxford, England). Eric Newman, 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 England. Butterworth-Heinemann (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 three 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 information contact Buzzy Basch, Basch Associates, 860 North Lake Shore Drive, Suite 7J, Chicago, IL 60611. phone: (312)787-6885; FAX (312)943-0025.

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