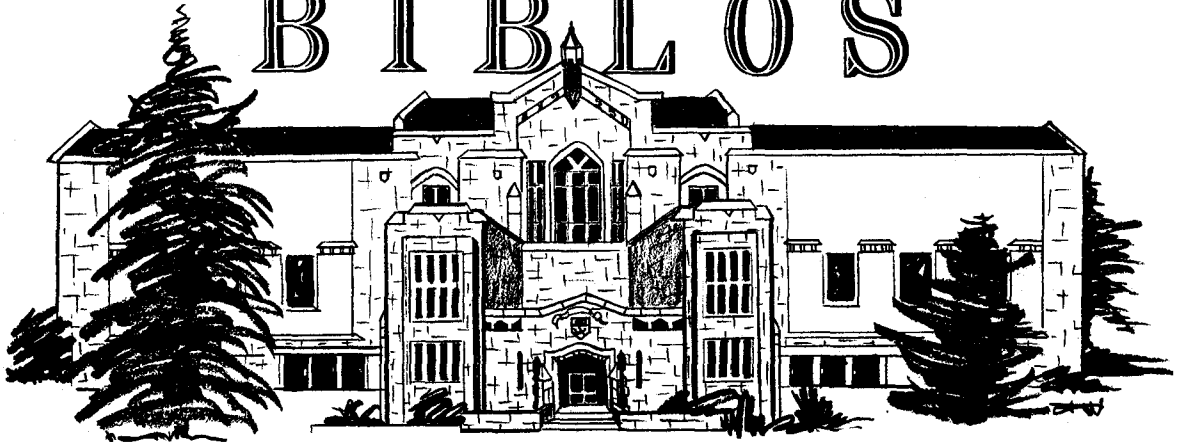


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NEWS FROM THE FRONT

From the Minutes of the Reference Meetings, September 30th and October 7th, 1965.

1. The *Secretary outlined a trip to Europe to be taken by the Librarian and the *Secretary starting October 9th and returning November 8th for the prime purpose of buying books. Itinerary included Amsterdam, Stockholm, Brussels, Paris, London, Oxford and other places. The principle bookstores at present selling to the Library would be visited. Inquiries would be made at sundry places for desiderata, or collections; or periodicals, or duplicates, or etc. Some discussion followed which served to convince the *Secretary further that he should be allowed to do this kind of trip annually in order to catch up with all the possibilities.
 2. It was announced that there would be no English 200 lectures given by the Librarians this year because of pressure of work and increasing doubt as to the usefulness of the lectures from a bibliographic standpoint.
- * The Secretary is Mr. Bert Hamilton, in case you were interested.

3. The possibility of using tapes and films (or slides) for bigger and better library education tours for freshmen, etc. is being seriously considered.
4. Many new professional and library assistant personnel have joined the staff and orientation tours will be (are now) set up to help reveal the scope of our library's operations.
5. Praises due. To Mrs. Helen Constable, Science Division, on the new divisional Library Information leaflets. In editorial arrangement, format, contents, general appeal and usefulness they topped anything seen to date.
To Mr. John Grey, Cataloguing Division for his able conducting of the student hiring process.
6. The backlog is still very much with us. Miss Dobbin asks that the extra step in cataloguing, that of punching book-cards please be taken into account when requesting rush cataloguing.

NEWS FROM OTHER PLACES (Middle, Back, etc.)

Woodward Library Serials List

A revised version of the temporary list has now been prepared by xeroxing the Linadex. Copies of these lists are in Acquisitions, Social Sciences and the Science Divisions.

Library Delivery Service

The Library now has its own library delivery truck. Our driver is Mr. Les Kalinsky. Local for pick-up or delivery is 3208. The University Dispatcher need not be contacted.

Teletype

WE NIXXX NOW HAVE TELEVIXXX TELETYPE LURKXXX LINKING THE WOODWARD, MAIN (IN PSYCHXXX CIRCULATION DIVERSXXX DIVISION) AND THE BIOMADXXX MED BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Special Collections Division

All bound copies of the Vancouver Sun and Province are now housed in Special Collections.

Woodward again

Hildegard Spaulding is saying "Why didn't we think of it sooner?" The guest book which was placed a month ago in the Memorial Room has been signed by visitors from Oxford, New York, Hong Kong, Japan, Denmark, as well as visiting dignitaries from less glamorous places such as North and West Vancouver.

From our Museum of Anthropology

Webster defines the word "exchange" as "the act of giving or taking one thing in return for another as an equivalent". What does it mean to you?

Jill Willmott, the museum assistant, has organized an exhibit entitled Exchange - what is it? Through juxtaposition of objects, questions, and quotations she attempts to "stimulate thought which would analyze and explore anew what is meant by the word 'exchange'." One word to describe this exhibit is 'dynamic', for it is designed to show that museums can become actively involved in the current issues of theoretical anthropology. Don't miss it!

From the Fine Arts Gallery

If you missed, or were completely baffled by, the Beyond Regionalism exhibit, October 6 to 23, don't miss the next three part Chinese exhibition called Cosmic Breath, on display from October 27 to November 13. Part I is a one-man show by Anna Wu Weakland of the San Francisco Bay area. Part II displays contemporary Chinese communist paintings. Part III, Chinese objects, ancient and contemporary, from local collections. Gallery hours - 10:30 to 5:00 Tues. to Sat. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Several of the paintings will also be on display in the Fine Arts Division.

NEWS FROM THE INNOCENTS ABROAD

Den Haag
Saturday, Oct.
16, 1965

Dear Biblos,

At your request we have herewith compiled a composite report on the invasion of Basil & Bert (hereafter referred to as B and &B) of Europe.

B, with his usual assiduity in getting with it bought on arrival in Amsterdam a Harper's Dutch Phrase book which he consults on all occasions before dealing with people, hotel registrations, meals, buying train tickets, etc. &B doesn't bother with phrase books for communication with natives, relying chiefly on his honest face and considerable command of French. So far neither B or &B have gotten past more than a few words of their adopted phraseology before the natives in reply burst into voluble English, tainted by Oxford or Soho.

B has been buying a lot of books. His reckless abandon is something that Acquisitions would not cheer on. Even &B is impressed and is apt to exclaim "Gee whiz Baz!" Whereupon the dealer invariably turns to &B for a moment and says "Geewhizbas? No, sorry, that's out of print, but Kraus may be reprinting soon, thank you."

In our more reflective moments we think of a lot of things we should not write about in a staff letter: things which refer to ourselves, e.g. the highest mountains in Holland (not what you think, McInnes), the worst food in the world, the traffic (the Dutch, otherwise stolid, go wild on bicycles, motorcycles, cars), the unsmiling faces (we think maybe they have cold feet all the time), or the worst food in the world, (it bears repeating).

We should mention the internationalization of things here. Coca-Cola refreshes here, also, even in the middle of gourmet meals. You can buy Hallmark get-sick cards in English.

We read the New York Times or the Herald Tribune, the latter being preferable because it contains Peanuts, Pogo and Pfeiffer.

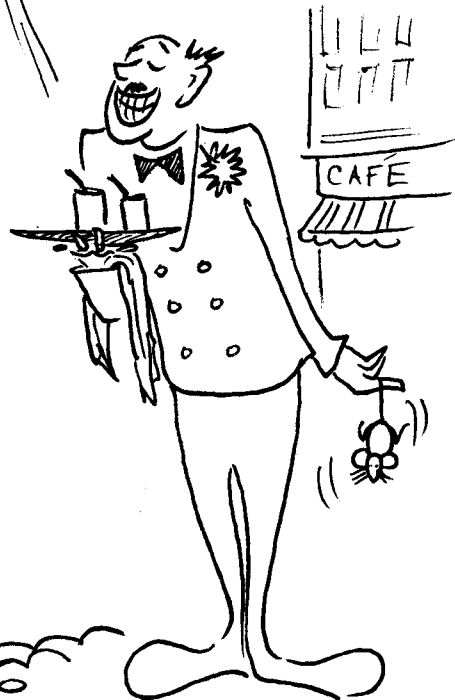
On the other hand, there is a category of things which seem to be distinctively West European. Little automobiles - they drive up on sidewalks in tight places, so one watches ones toes.



Bathroom facilities are lavish and somewhat perplexing at times.



Service in restaurants is ornate and refined to the point of being ritualistic; every once in a while one is diverted by the service into thinking that the cooking is good, which it isn't.



In the light of our extensive experience we have some reservations about a theory expounded by an American psychologist to the effect that people couped up en masse in a small area will resort to violence by way of protest. The people here seem considerate and long suffering. They don't smile much, but B and &B readily admit that they are hungering for signs of friendly personal approval. We miss the subservient and obsequious demonstrations of our fellow staff members at home.

It may be of interest to students of abnormal psychology to learn that last night we asked ourselves what it was about Holland that made the greatest impression on us, and the answer was - not the girls (alas!) - not the food (urp!) - not the climate (blub!), but in B's case, the Persian rugs in the carpet stores, and in &B's case, the orchids used for window-dressing in shops.

There have been moments of hilarity. How could you, at home, appreciate the piquancy of going into a KLM airline office in Amsterdam and being confronted by a travel poster which said "Saskatchewan for Fishing".

If anyone is really interested in the business details of this trip, just ask Dorothy Shields or Hans Burndorfer. We have visited sixteen bookstores in three cities in six days, and spent about xxx,xxx dollars. In practical terms, the trip is a success. But then, we are not here to have a good time, are we? Are we?

Yours faithfully

B and &B.

NEW FACES

Mrs. Mary Alford, Clerk II, Woodward, September 15th, 1965.
Miss Francine Parker, Clerk I, Circulation, October 6th.

NEW HOPE

Mrs. Pat Gorgenyi, Library Assistant to Senior Library Assistant, Acquisitions, September 1st.
Mrs. Maria Horvath, Library Assistant to Senior Library Assistant, Humanities, October 1st.
Miss Margaret Leighton, Library Assistant to Senior Library Assistant, Woodward Library, October 1st.
Mrs. Dorothy Mercer, Library Assistant to Senior Library Assistant, Curriculum Laboratory, October 1st.
Mrs. Elizabeth McAully, Library Assistant to Senior Library Assistant, Woodward Library, October 1st.
Mrs. Joyce Harries, Secretary II to Secretary III, Circulation, October 1st.
Mr. Julius Benyovits, Clerk II to Clerk III, Acquisitions, October 1st.
Miss Lydia Lobach, Clerk II to Library Assistant, Humanities, October 1st.
Miss M. Belford, Clerk I to Clerk II, Curriculum Laboratory, August 1st.
Miss Gwen Symons, Clerk I to Clerk II, Humanities, October 1st.
Mr. S. Y. Tse, Clerk I to Library Assistant, Asian Studies, October 1st.
Mrs. Colleen Copithorne, Clerk I, Woodward to Clerk II in Acquisitions, July 2nd.
Mrs. Giselle Crotogino, Clerk I to Clerk II, Social Sciences, August 27th.
Mrs. Penny Jandali, Clerk II to Library Assistant, Circulation, July 1st.
Miss Margaret Litzcke, Clerk I to Clerk II, Circulation, July 1st.
Miss Vivi Jorgensen, Clerk I to Clerk II, Serials, July 1st.
Miss Susan Hurford, Clerk I to Clerk II, Cataloguing, September 1st.
Miss Kay Fukuzawa, Library Assistant to Senior Library Assistant, Cataloguing, June 15th.
Miss Lorna Goossen, Clerk II to Library Assistant, Cataloguing, October 1st.

NEW HORIZONS

Miss Maureen Wallace resigned as Senior Library Assistant in
Serials, October 22nd, 1965.

Miss Eleanor Scarlett, resigns as Clerk I in Cataloguing,
October 31st, 1965.

Miss Elspeth Hughes resigned her Clerk I post in Woodward,
October 5th, 1965. And takes up her new post in
the Library School Office.

NEW POSTS - FAMILIAR FACES

Welcome back Mr. Lanning. Roland Lanning returned October
1st to become Head of the Bibliography Division.

FAMILIAR FACES

Penny Clark, Circulation Division, became Mrs. Terry Jandali
on September 4th.

NEW LITTLE FACES

Mrs. Elvie Eigendorf, formerly of the Circulation Division,
had a baby girl, Natasha, Saturday, October 9th.

NEW BIBLOS "VOLUNTEER"

Brett Osborne, Serials, is the seventh member of our Biblos
sleuth staff.

OLD CHESTNUTS

A small boy paying his five-cent overdue fine looked
thoughtfully at his friendly local librarian and asked:
"Can you make a living out of this?"

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

What is a green slip? No, it isn't a riddle, and you don't have to plant it, or wear it, or eat it.

The What, Why, and How of the Green Slip Caper

The What of a Green Slip

Every book minus a Library of Congress number (and consequently banished to backlog) has a record of its presence in said backlog filed in the main card catalogue in the shape of a Green Slip date stamped by cataloguing when the book was received for processing.

The Why of a Green Slip

Owing to stepped up buying, \$3,000,000, a shortage of professional cataloguers, and a willingness to live up to Toronto and California with their 18 month and 36 month backlogs, it has become necessary to devise a method of keeping track of each volume in the backlog. The Green Slip filed in the main card catalogue makes these backlog items available to the public in the shortest possible time.

The How of a Green Slip

A borrower requiring a book for which there is a Green Slip in the main card catalogue fills out a call card in the usual manner and presents it at the Humanities desk. The Green Slip is not removed from the catalogue. Borrower is told to return in 48 hours, at which time the book will be ready for him. After varied ribald remarks of disbelief he departs and the highly efficient Green Slip caper goes into operation. The Librarian at Humanities Desk notes date of processing from Green Slip onto call card and takes call card to Cataloguing. The book is immediately found in the backlog and "Rush Catalogued" (O.K. Kay?) After 48 hours the book is ready to be turned over to the "student of little faith".

This, briefly, is the highly efficient function of the Green Slip, to be replaced in the near future by a highly efficient I.B.M. method, at which time your highly efficient Biblos staff will give you the facts in their usual highly ef....OUCH!

CRY WOLF

Dear Editor:

On October 10th at about 10:45 a.m. there was an UNEXPECTED fire alarm. Why I capitalize the word 'unexpected' is that I overheard many of the Library's staff complaining that a better day weatherwise should have been chosen. Fire does not choose days!

I have never seen such a display of unadult behaviour in a simulated state of emergency with unnecessary talking, joking, leaving by the wrong exits and even waiting for the elevator.

Fortunately, it was not a real fire or there would probably have been many tragic incidents. Most of us remember the many fire drills during our good old school days. They were treated seriously and were executed in as swift, quiet and orderly a manner as possible. I guess some of us have just forgotten how to act in such an emergency situation.

We all hope there will never be a real fire, and with the installation of our fire and smoke detectors we should be given fair warning if there is one. The next time that bell rings how about more order, more speed and less talk? Remember - the life you save may be your own.

M. Bolton
Cataloguing Division

To le-ve or not to l-ve?

As one little ash to another ash said,
"I really resent this being so dead.
The times we've ignored the bell's false appeal.
So who was to know this last was for real?"

P. LaV.

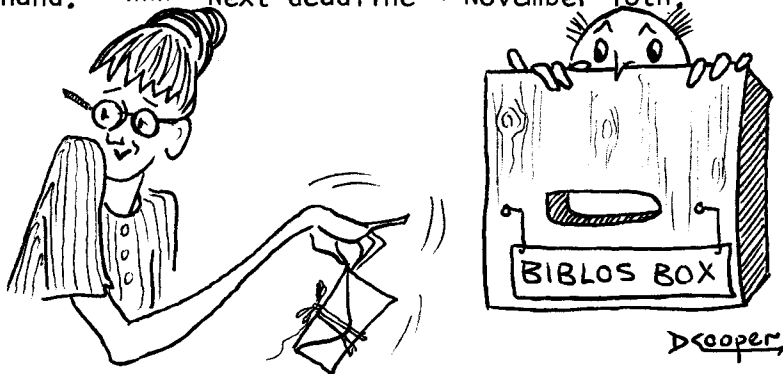
Note: Front Office is meeting with the Fire Marshall and Buildings and Grounds. Specific instructions as to exits, etc, will be relayed as soon as possible. In the meantime, if the alarm sounds, leave the building quickly in an orderly and quiet manner and come back in only when given the "all clear".

ARE YOU IN THE PEPSI OR DYSPEPSIA GENERATION?

Take advantage of this chance to express hidden talents, release frustrations, hold forth on a favourite topic. Subscribe by active participation to the 1965/66 monthly issues of U.B.C. Library Life - better known as Biblos. A Biblos Box will be placed in the Staff Lounge. Sneak in any time and deposit poems, prose, poison pen or pencil letters. If you are exceedingly shy or vindictive, you need not sign away your life (or job). Department and date will be sufficient. Your friendly (if you contribute) Biblos Committee is also available to receive any information leading to...(sorry)... to receive any contributions. Simply bring your boxtops to any of the following locations.

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| | Brett Osborne |
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** The above list is republished from the September issue for the benefit of those who do not have it immediately at hand. *** Next deadline - November 18th.



A FINAL FAREWELL

The staff of Biblos joins with the entire Library staff in expressing their sorrow at the death, October 1st, of Len Williams, our Stack Supervisor. Mr. Williams worked untiringly for the library since he joined the staff in March 1958. Keeping half a million volumes in working order, carrying out extensive book moves to help keep the collection evenly distributed, supervising and organizing student assistants, helping out wherever and whenever he was needed - our salute and thanks to a man whose quiet, somewhat dry sense of humour, camping and fishing stories, and very efficient organizational abilities will be missed and long remembered.