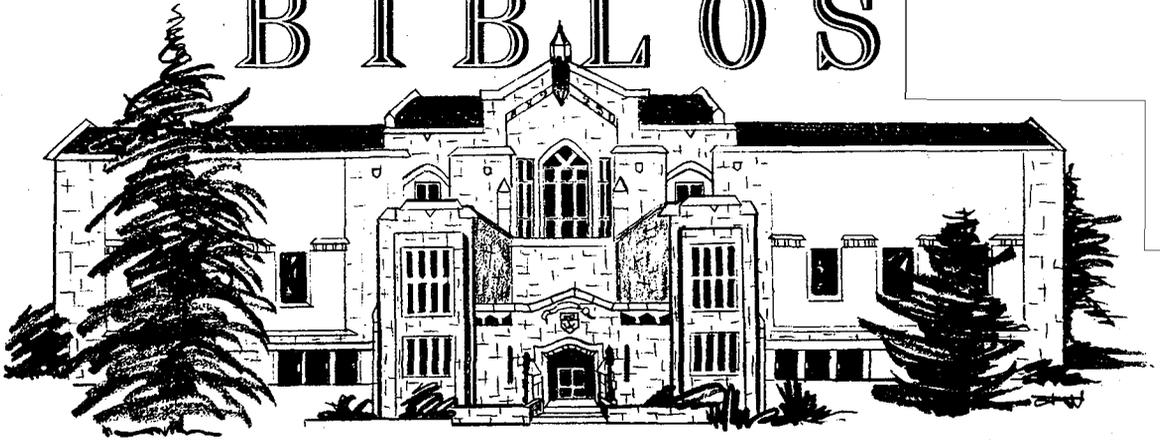


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Summer's here, the grass is green,
There's faces missing from the scene
As staffers travel o'er the lands
Or lie upon the local sands,
And though at times the library steams
It's great to have the "in between's"
Enjoy the now - and don't remember
It's not too long till next September

- slightly browned
- around
- touristerial
- bacterial
- ninety five,
- to revive.
- crowded stack
- they WILL be back

HAPPY VACATION EVERYONE!

The Editor. Pat LaVac.

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THE MEMORIAL ROOM

The Woodward Memorial Room is the oak-panelled library of your dreams. Besides a Gobelin tapestry, it sports a balcony, a huge chandelier, carpets and soft leather chairs. It also contains books.

The room houses most of Dr. Sinclair's collection which was purchased in 1965 for \$250,000. You may remember Dr. Sinclair's spending spree (he bought two cars, one of them an Aston-Martin). He also funded his own biochemical research at Oxford. The collection contains two incunabula: Gerson's "Opera" of 1494, now in Special Collections, and "Semones notabiles de tempores et de sanctis" by Albertus Magnus, printed in 1481 by C. Zainer.

In 1963, the Leake collection was acquired for \$50,000 from Chauncey D. Leake, a famous physiological pharmacologist. Two of the books were published before 1501. The earlier one, printed by Johannes de Colonia in partnership with Johannes Manthen de Gerretzem, at Venice, was a gift from Dr. Leake at the opening of the Woodward Library in 1964. It is a 1480 edition of Johannes de Janduno's "Quaestiones super tres libros Aristoteles De anima". The Memorial Room's only illuminated incunabulum begins with a capital decorated with flowers of gold leaf and blue, red, green, yellow and purple pigments. The bottom of the first page is bordered in the same colourings. The questions are introduced by red or blue Q's. All of this imitates the manuscripts of the pre-Gutenberg era. Like the earlier hand-written books, this one has no title page. The colophon at the end identifies the printers and gives the exact date of printing as June 18, 1480.

Plinius Secundus' "Historia naturalis" is a later volume with a rudimentary title page indicating author and title, but for full information, one must look to the colophon. It was printed in Venice, by Bartholomaeus de Zanis on December 12, 1496. By this date, the hand done, coloured initials seen in the Janduno volume were replaced by a set of wood-cut letters which a printer used in all of his books. The "Historia naturalis" text was a source for many medical writers in the 15th and 16th centuries. It contains references to the use of mandragora and opium for relieving pain during operations.

Dr. Sherrington donated a 15th century volume by Lorenzo Valla called "Elegantiae linguae latinae libri sex". Printed in 1476 by Andrea Vendramine, it is the Memorial Room's earliest book. This Venetian publication has no title page and further simulates a manuscript with its hand done rubrications. Our copy is bound in the original boards with brass clasps.

THE MEMORIAL ROOM (cont'd.)

"De nuptiis philogogiae et mercurii" by Martianus Capella was printed at Modena by Dionysius Bertochus, May 15, 1500. At that time a title page was customary. Here it reads "Opus, Martiani Capellae" followed by a list of contents. The printer's device identifying the workshop in which the book was produced appears at the end of the book.

Adrienne Clark

These five books are a basis for the history of medicine and science collection kept in the Memorial Room.

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COLLECTS.

Trudeaumania

Authur Lismer (83)

Toronto Maple Leafs

John Mason Brown (68)

Charles Libre

Don Messer's Jubilee

Franz von Pappen

Mother Goose (Xerox Corp. suppresses 3,000 copies reprint ed.
because it's "anti" -)

Dawsons of Pall Mall (Booksellers expelled from Antiq. Booksellers
Assoc. for hanky-panky.)

The Canadian university professor.

St Christopher

Smother Brothers

Abraham Fortas

Negro (the word)

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"Where do you stash the porno, Cookie?"

And now a word from our honourable associates, the S.F.U. Drop-ins.

Hidden in a dank, windowless corner of the main circulation office is the exiled interlibrary loan department of Simon Fraser Univeristy. Unknown to many, the three staff members unobtrusively accomplish monumental amounts of work with only an occasional whimper. The three are paid (little) and equipped by Simon Fraser but spend all their time at UBC. Dale Liberty (ostensibly) heads the department with strong (albeit clumsy) supporting roles played by Jean Swindells and Bill Watson.

Their duties involve searching for and xeroxing articles for faculty and staff at SFU, University of Victoria, and BCIT, as well as locating and shipping books. SFU maintains its own xerox machine down in the lobby of level one.

These duties are, alas, becoming more and more arduous. The total number of requests sent during April of last year was 336. Last month 1,097 requests were handled. The total number of pages xeroxed April of 1968 was 5,918; last month's total was 11,491.

Originally only one staff member was required to handle requests from SFU. An increase in the number of SFU requests and responsibility for the University of Victoria necessitated the addition of another staff member. Ever increasing requests and the addition of BCIT requests have forced the addition of yet another full-time worker.

If the present rate of increase continues SFU will require no staff members at UBC at all by 1977. They will have worked themselves out of the job by having xeroxed every book in the library.

Dale Liberty

INCOMING AND OUTGOING MAIL

Received

Dear Sirs,

My wife's name is Dona Rawlins (see the envelope label) Mr/Mrs/Miss Dino Rapanos got a surprise, I bet, when he/she received his/her library card in the mail!

Actually, it's rather heart warming to have been involved (in a minor way, of course!) in the University's little mistake; it's sort of nice to know that even in such an academic atmosphere, one can find evidences of the human hand.

"Do nothing my halves" is the rough translation of some German writer's words. Thus I'm constrained to suggest that perhaps when you can see fit to err again, you might just slip into the mail my wife's degree in Education - mine too perhaps?

In the meantime, here's Dino's card; send out Dona's, and accept my thanks and best wishes.

Thoughtfully yours

John T. Rawlins.

OUTGOING and incoming.

See what happens when campus mail is mixed with outside mail. This notice went all the way to Germany and back in only five months

MICHAEL S. BATTS
German

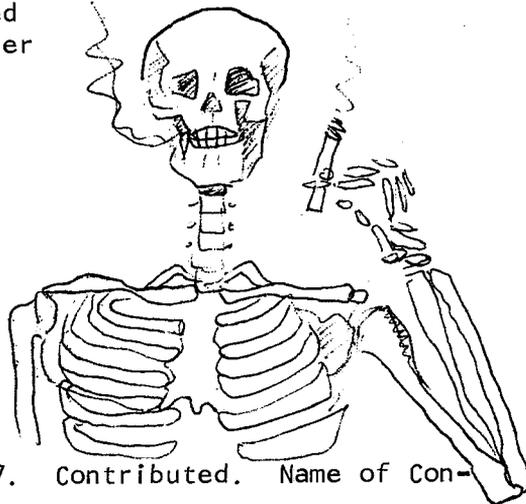
Returned for insufficient address!!!!.

Collectors Item..... from the Law Library.....

SKELETONS -- Minimizing the Effect of Exhibiting a Skeleton to the Jury.

Problem Presented In recent years attorneys appearing for the plaintiff have quite frequently made use of skeletons. The subject matter of the litigation may involve solely a broken bone in the leg but the attorney for the plaintiff will exhibit the entire skeleton to the jury.

Trial Strategy If the court permits the exhibition of the skeleton to the jury it is important for the defense attorney to adopt a method for counteracting the effect the gruesome exhibit may have on the jury. One effective method is not to appear too tense but consider the exhibition of the skeleton as a joke. Referring to the skeleton by given name such as "Oscar", "Clarence" or "Elmer" will relieve the tenseness in the courtroom. An alert defense attorney, when his opponent unveils the skeleton may nonchalantly ask if it is the skeleton of his grandfather or one of his uncles. He may also inquire if it is one of the skeletons in the plaintiff's attorney's closet or if it is merely one of his clients which has been picked. It is reported that on one occasion when the plaintiff's attorney unveiled his skeleton he found to his utter astonishment that there was a cigarette protruding from the skeleton's mouth. Just how the cigarette happened to be in the skeleton's mouth is unknown. If some of these methods are adopted the jury will probably be doing more laughing than giving serious consideration to the gruesome exhibition!!!.



(Defense Law Journal Vol. 1 1957. Contributed. Name of Contributor furnished upon request)

As Eiblos likes to keep abreast of the times, herewith the latest use for the "erection" on the Library Lawn.

A STOPGAP SOLUTION TO AN EMERGENCY PROBLEM - or A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES.

MR. W. WATSON

In response to students demands, made clear in a library survey of student traffic routes, we propose the conversion of the existing, but virtually unused Bell Tower into the NEW SEDGEWICK UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY.

This proposal, we think, has many attractive advantages. A close examination of the structure will reveal that it consists of ten convenient levels. What good librarian could resist the urge to reclassify the undergraduate collection using the Dewey Decimal System, and reshelve it in the tower - one section for each of Dewey's ten divisions. It is proposed that the interior walls of the structure be faced with book shelves. A narrow spiral (ascending only) staircase would provide student access to the shelves. There is obviously no room for studying in the stack area, so we suggest a quiet reading area built directly under the chimes. The Spiral Stair-Case should be constructed in such a way that it leaves enough space for a central dumbwaiter to be used by the sub-professional booksheiver.

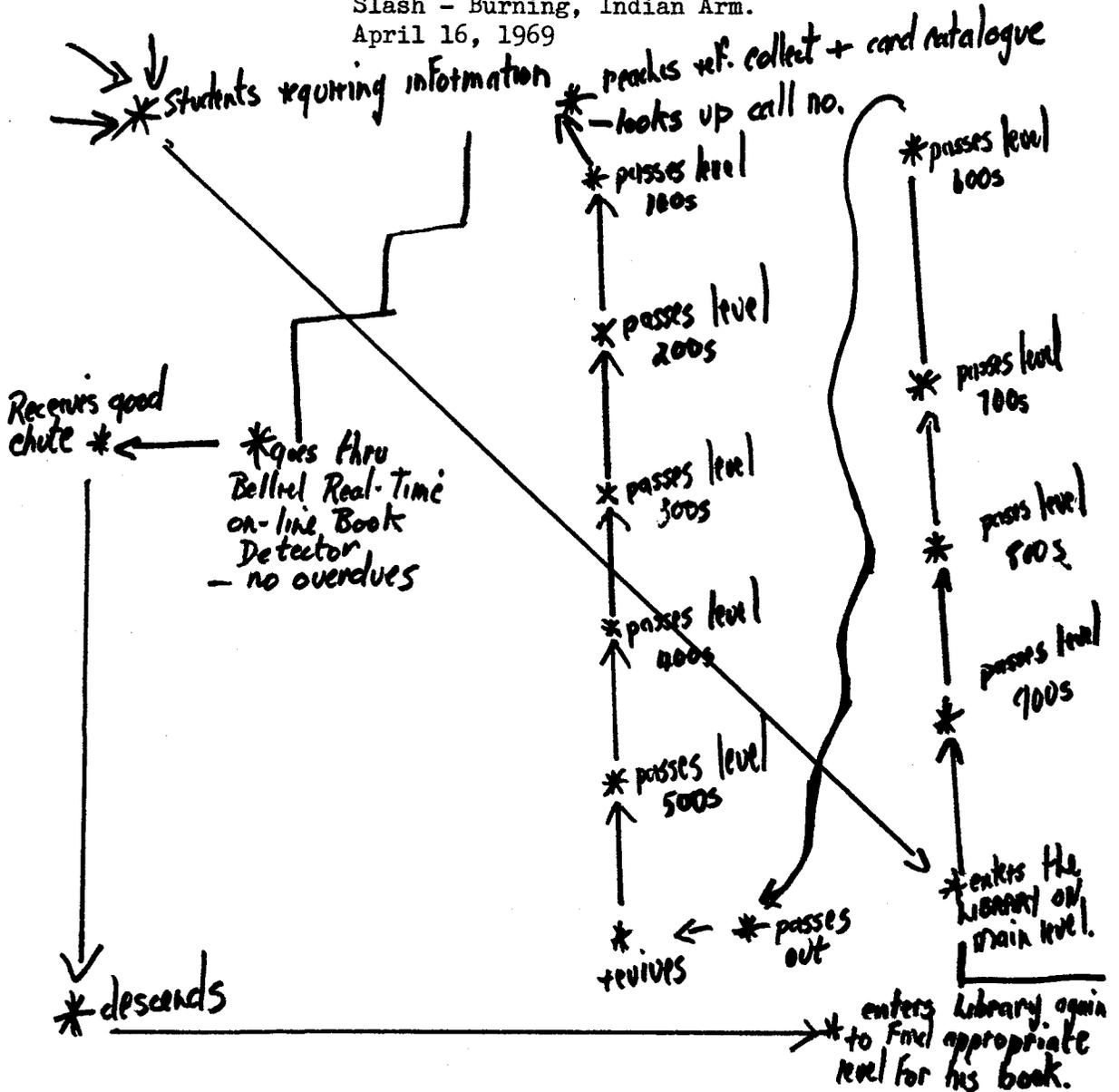
You may have realized by now that the plan as it has been described leaves no route for exit from the library. Herein lies the genius of the proposal. We propose to limit exits from all floors, except the tenth which houses the BELLREL REAL * TIME ON * LINE Computer Check-out System. This way, students would get their required amount of physical exercise (ask any library school student!) and a more acute awareness of the library's total collection, each time a book is borrowed. As the book is checked out the student is supplied with a colourful parachute with which he descends from the library heights. (Students with overdue books could be threatened with use of chutes packed by newly trained student assistants!) We believe that this may add a little fun to a student's dreary life.

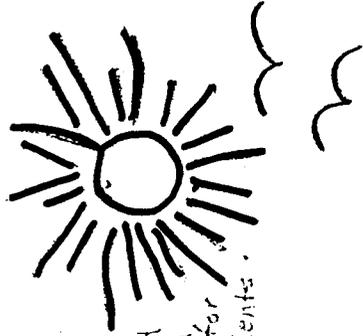
Undergraduate students have long been the under-dogs on university campuses. We believe that to give them an under-ground library would be the final insult. But, being served by the tallest library on campus will give them a feeling of well-being and enable them to hold their heads up high within the university community.

Please see the appended diagram for other library services.

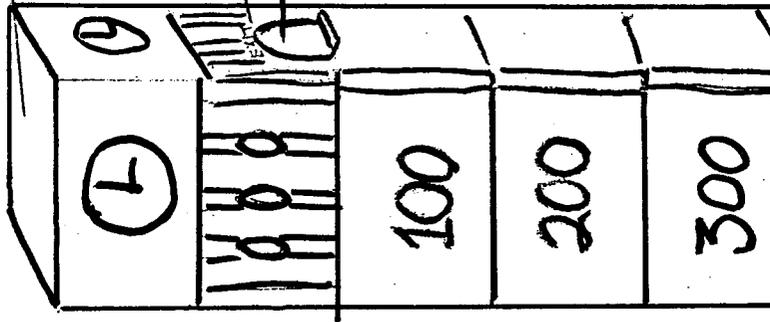
We hope that our proposal will meet your approval and beg you to remember that this is only a preliminary draft. We are willing to meet you and your colleagues to discuss improvements on our proposal. You need only drop us a line.

Professor Aldon Norbury and Colleague
Slash - Burning, Indian Arm.
April 16, 1969

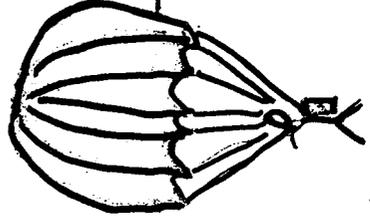




perhaps this could be converted into a sun-bathing area for library-school students.



Card Catalogue
Reference books
Bellrel real-time on-line
Computer check-out
quiet reading area



colourful parachutes
mean contented
students.

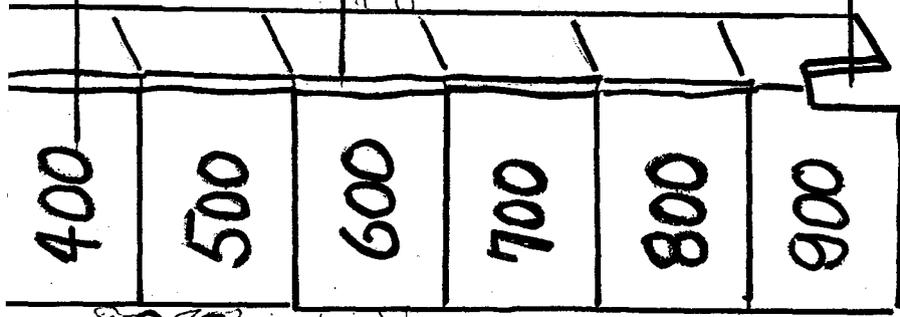
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suggestion that the sections be numbered and colour-coded to aid engineering undergraduates.

note the good ventilation in each section (especially the top)

chipped foam rubber in the landing area would be nice.

entrance only - no exit here.



ST.?? WIBBY REPORTS...

PARDON me if my column seems a little garbled this month but I'm not quite sure whether I'm a "has-been" or a "never-was" but anyway here goes:

CONGRATUALTIONS to Mrs. Anne³ Brearley, School of Librarianship on her appointment to the University Senate.

HAPPINESS is the birth of a boy Tuesday April 8th, Robert John "Jay" 5 lbs 10 oz. 19" long, born to Gwen Deachman, former head of Sedgewick Receiving.

MARRIAGES. MANY...cupid working over time...then he's no saint...

BEST WISHES to...

Mrs. Ron Niessen who was the former Vera Wall of Circulation.

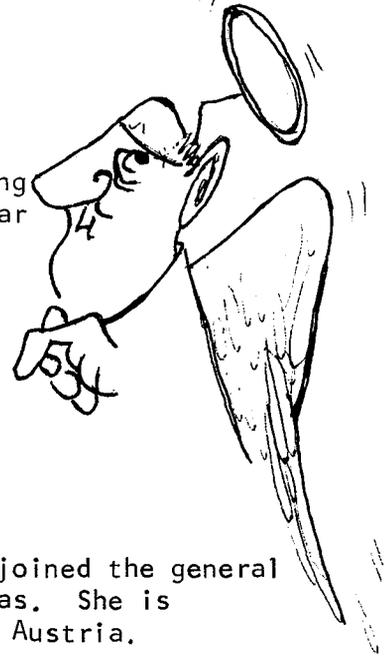
The Miss, that was, Jerilyn Sproston of Curric. Lab. now Mrs. Thomas Gamet. And old friend Jean Lindsay of Searching, now Mrs. Barr Hall. Jean was entertained at a surprise party prior to the wedding at, of all places, her own home. We hear it was a great "do".

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS busy binding their DBS. - sounds rather risqué but actually this is the reason that Gov. Pubs. have been closed until 11 a.m. every morning. All members of staff are engaged in the horrendous job of assembling material for the binding.

DBS stands for Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the staff in Gov. Pubs. are discovering material as far back as the twenties and some material that even the Bureau does not have. Happy Heat-wave!

Suzanne Dodson-very sensibly-has joined the general exodus overseas. She is holidaying in Austria.

OTHER TRAVELLRS ABROAD include: Hilda uit den Bosch, Social Work, visiting her home-land, Holland. Maria Haas, Searching, off to Germany. Rosemary McAndless, Sedgewick, Hawaii. Georgia Detwiller likewise of Sedgewick making the scene in Greece. (incidentally best wishes on the engagement) Bev Richards, Social Science, New York and Europe. Jennifer Gallup, England and Scandinavia. And a trip to end all trips, Gillian Stoneman of Searching to Montreal and the Eastern Provinces then on to jolly old England where she and her husband will commence a tour by car to include Morocco, Spain, France, a meeting with Maria Haas in Munich sometime in July then on to Scandinavia through the Middle East to India and from there to Australia in time for Christmas. (Just colour me green).



NEWS FROM WOODWARD

An unusually rare showing of colour photos depicting old European hospitals (1400-1800) is on display currently at Woodward Memorial Library. Lent to the Library by Mrs. Grace Golden of Connecticut (who took the pictures on a U.S. Public Health grant in the history of medicine) this is its first travelling appointment.

Dr. Gibson was instrumental in bringing it to our University for a limited engagement after its original showing at Yale. It will remain on extended exhibit until around July 15th and should interest students of architecture, fine arts and literature as well as those in the history of medicine.

The large foyer case, all 3 cases in the Memorial Room and 4 large cases on the second floor are devoted to the exhibit. Leave yourself enough time to enjoy every item thoroughly.

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES to Mrs. Larry Lacelle, nee Heather Jones of Woodward.

and WELCOME BACK to Adrienne Clark after her tour of Holland, Belgium and Scandinavia.

OTHER RETURNED TRAVELLERS include Pan Piddington, Cataloguing, Czechoslovakia, and Mary Macaree, Forestry/Agriculture - Scotland.

With all these overseas visits who can tell what collisions will occur. Drive carefully the one you run over might be a fellow worker.

We see our "BEATLE BABY" is back in the news the lucky recipient of a \$100 Canada Savings Bond. As every one knows, wee Kate is the daughter of Dave Thomas of the Science Division.

TALENT UNLIMITED. Cheers to Joan Cosar of Serials Div. who took first place in her solo singing division at the B.C. Kiwanas Music Festival. Her co-workers were very thrilled to hear Joan sing at a party given by Mr. Johnson for members of his staff.

The LAW LIBRARY STAFF also enjoyed a buffet supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shorthouse Tuesday, May 13th.

MORE MARRIAGES. Biblos drawer of fine cartoons, Diana Cooper, now Mrs. "Willie" Kraetschmer. Diana is still riding a pink cloud. Cliche! Cliche! Trouble with cliches is that they fit the situation so well. Loads of happiness, Di. Anyway, at last our two cartoonists have different initials.

AND STILL ANOTHER. Best wishes to Heather of Special Collections. Formerly Paterson now Mrs. Ronald Fearn. Rumour has it that the marriage was performed on board ship. True?

CONFERENCES

Those attending CLA too numerous to list, you know them all, but we are looking for reports. Hope to include some in next month's Biblos.

Peg Loughton of Woodward off to the 14th Quadrennial International Congress of Nurses in Montreal June 22-28.

Hildegard Spaulding, Woodward has already attended the Conference of the American Assoc. for the History of Medicine, Baltimore, May 8-10.

Georgia Macrae, Cataloguing, to the third International Congress of Medical Librarianship. Amsterdam, May 5-9 & an extended tour of Europe.

Steve Johnson, Serials, to the Special Libraries Assoc. 60th Annual Conference. (Prelim. Prog.) Montreal, June 1st and 2nd.

Chuck Forbes, Sedgewick, to the ALA Conference and Preconference, Atlantic City, June 19-28.

Tom Shorthouse, Law, to the American Association of Law Libraries. 62nd Annual meeting, June 29-July 2, Houston, Texas.

MARIA HORVATH, Humanities, has published again, this time in the Art publication KERAMOS Heft. 43 - 1969. Title of article. "Ceramic Expression of the Mediaeval Tile". Maria has credited Dr. Spaulding (Woodward Library) with giving considerable aid in her research for the article.

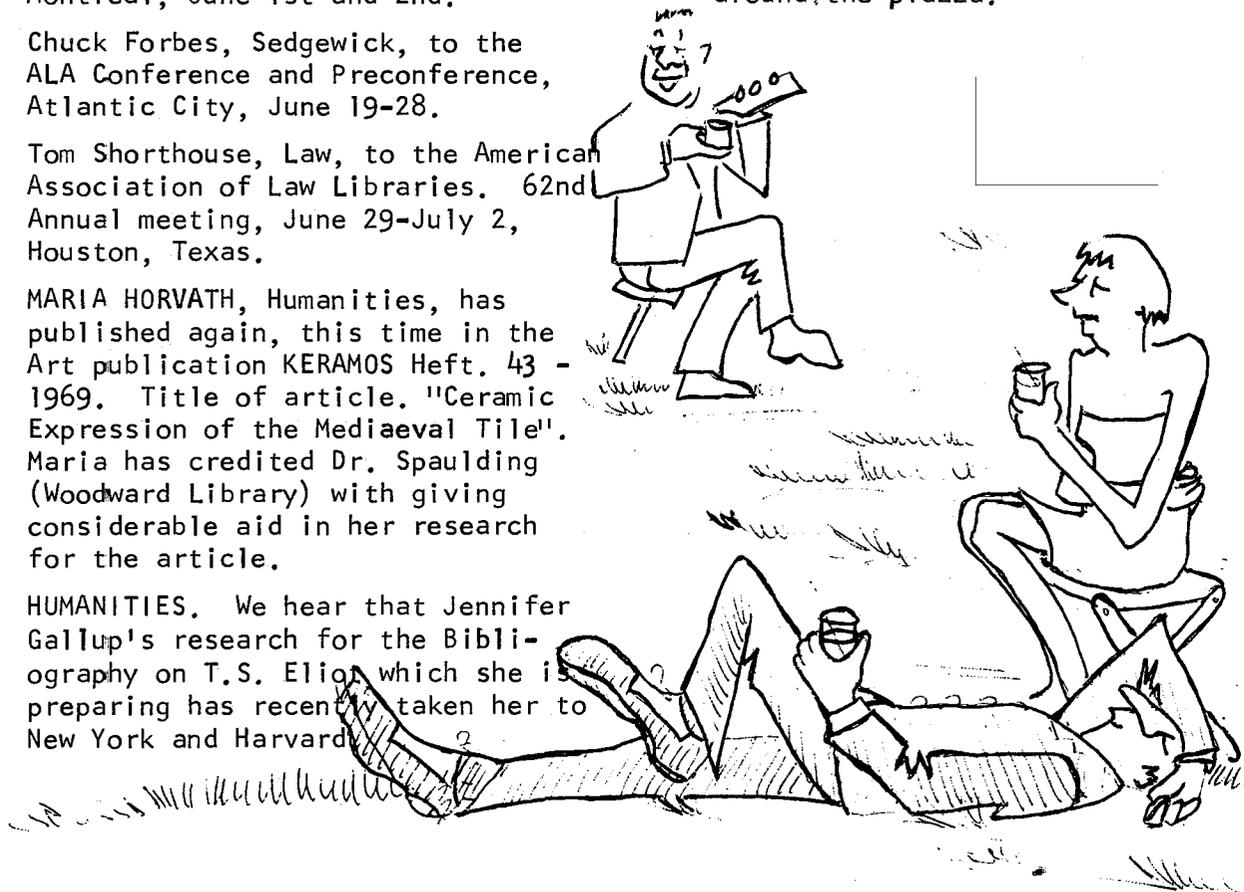
HUMANITIES. We hear that Jennifer Gallup's research for the Bibliography on T.S. Eliot which she is preparing has recently taken her to New York and Harvard

UNUSUAL VACATIONS. Carol Trueman, Bio-Medical Branch is to live on an Indian Reserve at Lake Labin for three weeks, both to help and to learn.

ALMOST FORGOT. Best wishes to the former Liz Howatson of Social Sciences who is now Mrs. Colin Fussell.

Hope I haven't missed anyone. And aurevoir till next month.

Must go join George, Christopher and Wenceslas. We're thinking of staging a sit-in...you know where... Might see a few library types around the piazza.



TOUR OF PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Although there was no connection, it was All Fool's Day that a group from U.B.C. Libraries and their friends took a tour through Vancouver's Main Public Safety Building as arranged by the U.B.C. Library Assistants Association. Considering the "Public Safety Building" in the vernacular is "Police Station" it was surprising that over thirty persons turned up for the tour (some of the gals dragged their husbands along).

Duty obliged our Biblos editor's better half to be present and it was he who was elected to conduct the tour. Most of us have met up with Gerry socially (like the L.A. Association wine and cheese party) and therefore know that he cuts a fine figure...you should see him in uniform...perfect!

As one of the group I was asked to give my impression of the tour. To give a detailed description of all we saw would take more time and space than is available, so this report will be brief. If you wish to learn more of P.S.B. (Public Safety Building) contact the other thirty persons or better still, arrange for a visit to P.S.B... it is worth the effort if only to realize how well your safety is being protected! We visited the following sections: Starting at the sixth floor and working down.

FIRST STOP FINGER PRINTS ROOM

Any person arrested is fingerprinted so you can imagine what volumes of files this room holds. Fingerprints are also "lifted" at the scene of any crime and if possible matched with those on file thereby narrowing down the search for the suspect.

The fingerprint room is small, dark and dingy, crowded with file cabinets and other necessary equipment; comparative readers, mounted magnifying glasses, two desks, no windows - airless, we were relieved to move on.

DETECTIVES OFFICE - IDENTIFYING

In contrast to the fingerprint room, this room was well-lighted but with a purpose. A battery of lights is directed to one end where a suspect, together with non-suspects, are lined-up. Witnesses are called upon to identify the person involved in the crime. Due to the strong light persons in the line-up cannot

discern the witnesses, thereby protecting them from recognition by the suspect.

Here also we were most interested in thumbing through the case files. Any call requiring police attention is given a case no. Starting with number one (1) each current year on January 1st. The night we visited the case numbers were in the mid 19 thousand (three months of the year having passed).

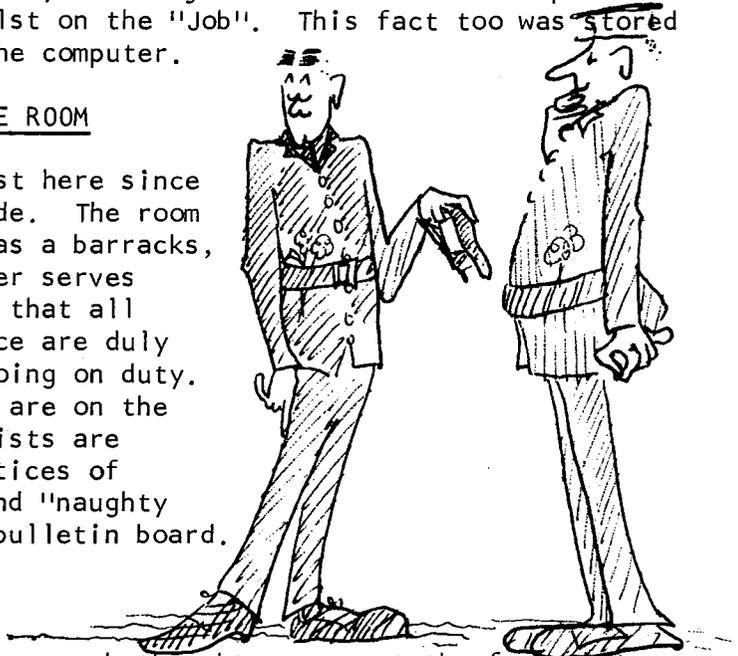
In this room also there are dozens of bound volumes of identification photos. Each page carries approximately a dozen pictures, two of each person that has violated the law, crimes ranging from petty larceny to homicide. A complete description is also recorded with all known identifying marks; likes, dislikes, habits, aliases and vital statistics. Beside this hard copy, all data is stored in the computer. When a crime has been committed, clues are fed into the computer making it no longer necessary for a weary witness to thumb through thousands of pictures. By a process of elimination the computer assists detectives in narrowing down the suspects for identification. We were amused to find that one person in the picture gallery "liked jam sandwiches and was prone to take them for lunch whilst on the "Job". This fact too was stored in the memory of the computer.

SO ON TO THE PARADE ROOM

Not much of interest here since no one was on parade. The room is best described as a barracks, its function however serves well as it is here that all members of the Force are duly inspected before going on duty. Orders for the day are on the wall, stolen car lists are on the desk and notices of social functions and "naughty jokes" are on the bulletin board.

TARGET RANGE

Without giving it too much thought we accept the fact that our police officers are armed, and being armed must keep in practice



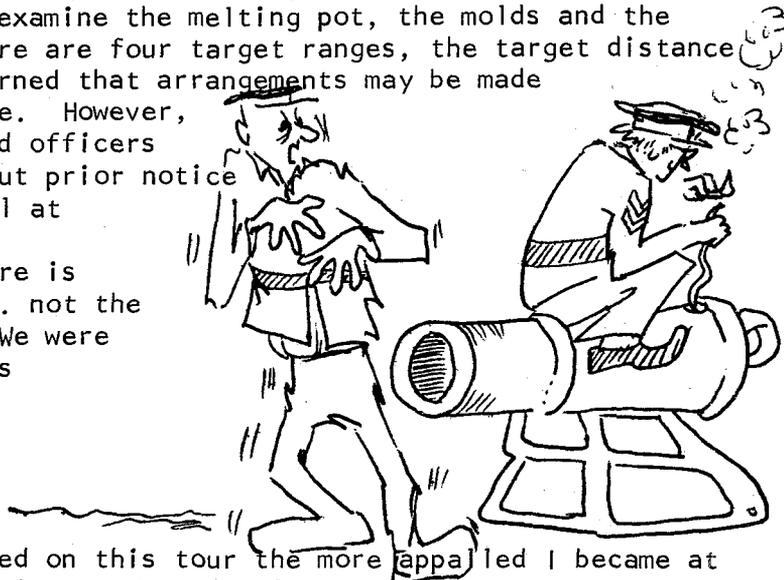
to use the weapons they carry. Dummy bullets are made at the range for target practice (thereby saving the taxpayers money) It was interesting to examine the melting pot, the molds and the finished product. There are four target ranges, the target distance being 66 feet. We learned that arrangements may be made to practice at any time. However, tests are mandatory and officers are called upon, without prior notice to exercise their skill at least once in a three-month period. The score is entered on record, (ed. not the ones in the ceiling) We were also told that there is an outside range for long range target practice elsewhere.

MAGISTRATES COURT.

The further we travelled on this tour the more appalled I became at the over-crowded conditions. Fortunately our group was not on official business when we visited the courtrooms; I doubt if the space could have accomodated us! Most of us are familiar with the Perry mason-type court room so to inspect these court rooms was quite a contrast. The facilities were all there but on a reduced scale. Offices for court room officials and stenographers are small, windowless, hot and depressing cubicles again fantastically over-crowded.

The elevated witness box stood out starkly. A black-covered Bible rested on the ledge of the witness box and I wondered how one could swear to "tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God" when ones belief was that "God is Dead". (ed. oath can be taken by "affirmation" and also there are copies of the Koran, Old Testament and other Sacred books. Many of the older Chinese witnesses still take the "chicken blood oath" which is quite a colourful procedure.)

These are the "lower courts" presided over by a magistrate. Trials are held here and sentences passed. On more serious cases preliminary trials are held and when necessary referred to the "county court" which is presided over by a judge.



COURT CLERKS OFFICE

Open 24 hours a day with a Justice of the Peace in attendance at all times to set bail, swear out warrants and advise Police Officer's on due process of Law.

WEAPONS CUPBOARD

Our next scheduled stop was the Phone Room but an armed hold-up had just occurred in the city so the Phone Room was out of bounds to us at that time. We moved on to the arsenal, the Weapons Cupboard, which is kept locked at all times. Our guide obtained the key, unlocked the cupboard permitting us to view the contents.

Anyone interested in weapons has much to see here. Guns of all description, bullet proof vests, tear gas and one small can of the notorious Mace which we gathered dwells in lonely state as a sample. At this time I was at the tail-end of the group and couldn't hear too well what was being discussed on weapons supply. I sauntered around the outer office, noticed a sheaf of papers hung under a sign 'Daily Reports' and upon reading the first report I became aware that this was not just a tour of the Public Safety Bldg. I was experiencing but the law in action. This report gave the details of a theft that had taken place at 5 p.m. that day. A young man had been arrested stealing meat, from a supermarket. The stark details of how this person was caught and under detention at that very moment saddened me. I felt compassion for this unknown; what prompted the action? was it bravado? was it for profit? or did he take the meat because he was hungry? I shall never know; at that point along came the Sergeant -of-the day, to take my attention. He was very subtle but I realized that I was reading confidential material. Embarrassed at the faux pas, I was relieved to catch up with the group and move on to the Records Room.

RECORDS ROOM

Records are kept of all persons that have committed crimes within the city limits of Vancouver and they fill many files and book shelves. These records are retired only upon the absolute proof of the persons decease.

PHONE ROOM

The crime that was being committed while we were on weapons inspection was now under control so we proceeded to the phone room.

Not too long ago we had the minister of education visit the library so that he could see the crowded conditions under which we work. Someone, soon, should invite the minister of justice to the P.S.B. to witness the cramped conditions under which these people work!.. by contrast ours are palatial.

A very small, poorly-lighted room with four desks pushed together as one. A corner of this room is set aside as a "lunch room". This "Lunch room" approx 3x4 feet, could accomodate one electric kettle and one chair only. A young woman having lunch while we were there remarked that the area (Main and Hastings) was not a good-neighbourhood for eating out. (ed. the coffee shop in the basement is only open whilst court is in session - closing at 5 p.m.)

The desks had phones manned by four young women, only one being a regular police woman and while we were there the phones were in constant use (remember this was a Tuesday night, the weekends must be h...!) Messages were jotted down and passed through a connecting chute to the Radio Room. Perhaps I have been fortunate in that I have never had occasion to call a police station. The visit to the station has given me full confidence of the attention I would receive if I were ever in trouble and a call was necessary. The women taking the incoming calls were efficient, getting all data pertaining to the call. All four phones are inter-connected permitting one operator to switch in on another operator's call. We were permitted to listen in on calls when given the okay by an operator. One call was from a dear old lady reporting that she was going away on holiday! She wasn't asking that her premises be gaurded but rather chatting that she was tired and needed a holiday, one of the many lonely persons that phone the police department. The operator was very gracious and kind, wished her a happy holiday and terminated the call. I listened in on the report of a stolen car, the operator asked the person calling the necessary questions, jotted down the replies and the report was passed into the chute connected with the Radio Room



RADIO ROOM

The radio room is the hub of public safety operations since the officers on duty at the switchboards are in direct contact with all police cars patrolling the city. Before entering this section we were asked to be silent; it was explained that if and when the officers on duty could accept questions they would so indicate. Our group was too large for all to visit this section at one time so we split into smaller groups of seven and tiptoed in.

There are two switchboards manned by officers wearing headphones. A magnetized map of the city and small squares of metal are used to track the location of each radio patrol car on duty. At frequent intervals patrol cars report their location and the control officer moves the "car" on the map. At all times this radio room is in command of the safety of the citizens of our city. One wonders how they can handle the volume of work a city this size must entail at peak hours and weekends.

The chute in the phone room leads directly to the switchboard. The officer picks up a report from the chute, contacts the patrol car that is in the vicinity of the reported trouble and the patrol officers take it from there.... Car.. Man wishes to give himself up at the corner of Robson and Granville ... Car ... reporting What for? ... We have no further information caller incoherent.. ... We'll check it out....."

There was a brief lull; the officer enquired if we had any questions. We learned that each patrol car has a specific area to cover and unless instructed must not go out of the assigned area. When so instructed orders are promptly obeyed. For instance, responding to a reported bank robbery (alarm system) patrol cars are dispatched to the bank from all quarters to surround the area. The lull had passed so there was no time for further questioning. We silently tip-toed out nodding our gratitude...

The jurisdiction of P.S.B. extends to the Vancouver City limits.... city limits ends at UBC gates! One of these days we must arrange a tour of the RCMP station....

The personnel of the Public Safety Building are to be commended for the interest they take in the protection of our safety; for dedication to duty under trying conditions and the dispatch in which these duties are carried out. A very special thanks is extended to Gerry LaVac for conducting this very instructive tour. His patience and endurance while playing "Pied Piper" was remarkable... and appreciated.

Ann Gardner

NEWS FLASH: dateline "Vancouver Sun" May 12/69
ALL B.C. COURTS TO BE RE-LOCATED

Block 61 Skyscraper planned to Hold every Level of Court

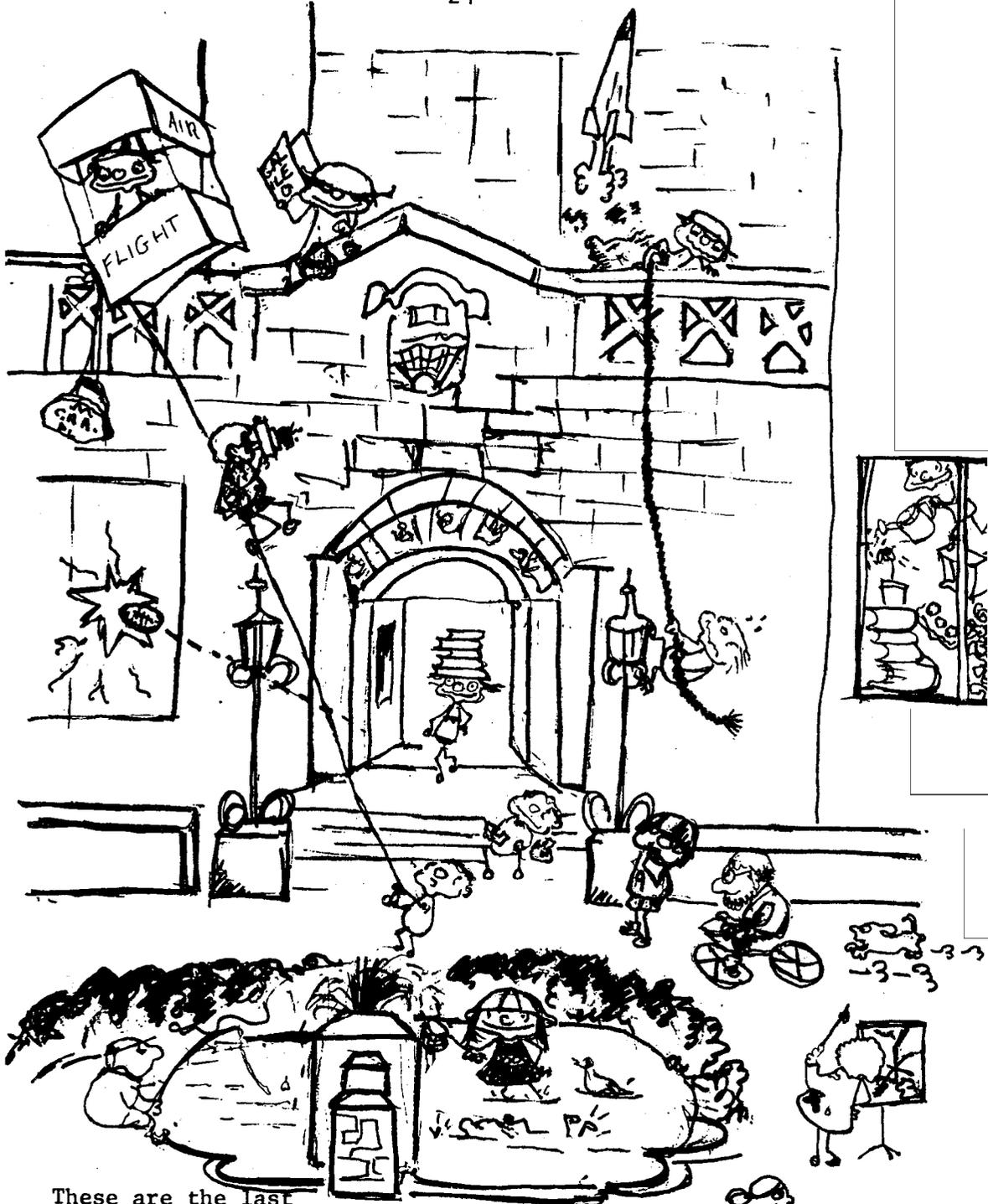
All levels of Courts in Vancouver will be accomodated in the proposed B.C. Bldg. Block 61, says Chant (Hon. W.N. Chant, Minister of Public Works)....."and not a moment too soon says I".

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