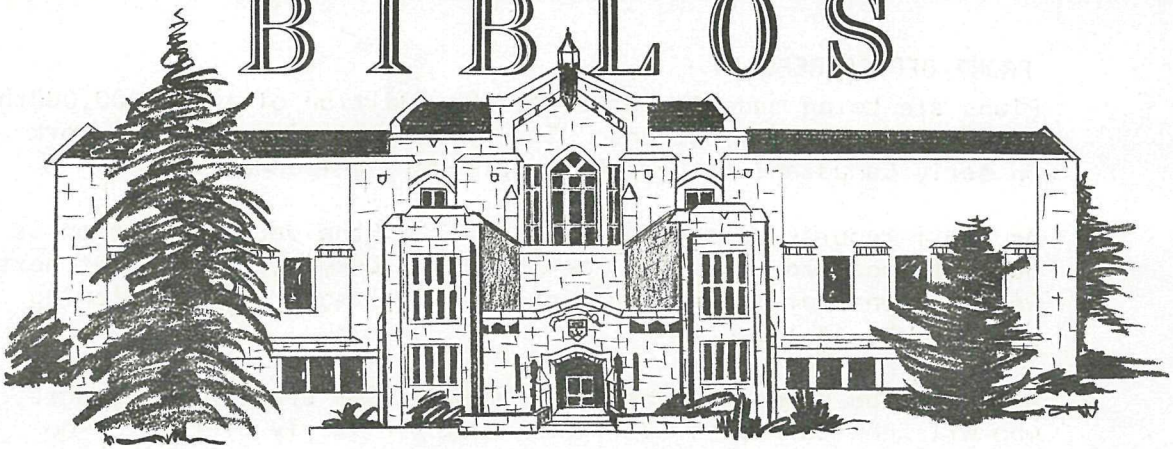
# BIBLOS



V.3 NO.12 of the U.B.C. LIBRARY STAFF NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 1967

The Library grinds into top again as the students return. A new piece of essential roadway was dug up, a maze laid out in the southern parking lots, and a large notice, reading "No Admittance to Students" appeared at the Chancellor entrance, but still 18,000 got through. Now the Library is deploying its forces. The temperature in SSD rose to 84 by 8:30 on the first day of term, and B & G were reportedly "very unhappy" about the ventilation system. Sedgewick is testing the "divide and rule" theory. And BSS is adding to the information explosion.

To complete the picture of gloom, Isabel Godefroy has left, and you, Constant Reader, are the guinea-pig on which a new Committee and Editor are experimenting.* On the brighter side, Doug McInnes is expected to reach his goal of 24 meetings in 24 hours any day now; the Millionth Book should arrive shortly (or have we lost count?); and a new Library Survey is underway! Read on, for another exciting installment ---

* Any g.-p. wishing to squeal will find the Suggestion Box in the coffee room, or the Editor in Science Division.

FRONT OFFICE REPORTS

Plans are being made to celebrate the addition of the 1,000,000th volume to UBC's collections. The rumour that it will be a work on early Canadian cartography is probably unfounded.

Mr. Bell reports considerable interest in the vacant position as Head of Woodward Library. The Selection Committee will meet next week to consider the applications and will soon be interviewing some of the applicants.

Also from BB comes word of pay increases for student assistants, who will now earn $1.30 per hour, and for hourly Clerks I, who will receive $1.55 per hour. The increases are effective immediately.

Books from the Colbeck stock are now being unpacked in Victoria. Using punched cards, an alphabetical listing will be made so that checking can be done against holdings at Simon Fraser, Victoria and UBC. As yet, a method of dividing the collections has not been decided upon, but many of the 50,000 volumes will ultimately find their way to UBC.

Because of a number of requests for assistance, the staff of Reading Rooms on Campus were invited to attend a short "course" on methods that could be used in organizing and supervising a reading room collection. Admittedly experimental, the main purpose of the program was to acquaint those attending with services and assistance available from the Library. It was also hoped that some of the methods described would be adopted in the Reading Rooms and that a greater degree of uniformity would result. Judging by the attendance (17 on two successive afternoons) and by the interest shown, it would seem that the tours and talks were worthwhile. D. McInnes would like to thank those who did the work: Pat McCalib, Rita Butterfield, Marilyn Freeman, Mc Elrod and Dave Thomas.

Apparently Circulation systems, like quarterbacks, need to be backed up. The possibility of installing a small computer to take over when the system "goes down" is being considered. If some inexpensive answers could be found, it would no longer be necessary to revert to the manual system whenever the machine gets indigestion.

If you sometimes suspect that the Circulation System doesn't really remember everything that goes into it, have a look at the massive print-out of loan transactions for last term. Bob MacDonald has come up with approximately 9,000 pages of information about items that circulated, including the number of times each was borrowed, the total number of days each item was out on loan, the number of loans to each type of borrower, etc. Lists for Main Sedgewick and Woodward are available, each with the items that circulated arranged by call number. Although the listing is merely a starting point from which further analysis of library use will be made, it will also serve to settle arguments about the number of copies of books needed for Reserve. In itself, it will never be a best seller.

Bill Watson reports that many duties in Cataloguing are being re-assigned. An attempt is being made to achieve a better balance in the ratio of professional to non-professional staff.

A revised list of Serial titles and holdings has now been produced from the computer records the Serials Division have been working on for the past two years. The list will be published in 400 copies, and available for purchase by students and faculty as well as being distributed to department representatives and library divisions. It is hoped to be completed by September 20th.

All duplicating is now being done outside of the Library at a commercial shop. Material to be duplicated should be left at the duplicating shelf beside Betty Misewich's desk. One change in procedure is that now 2 copies of the requisition are needed, one for Library purposes and one for the printer. The requisition slips are in a box by the Duplicating shelf. Please consult the memo of September 1st to Division for further details.

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With waxing -waning fashion trends
Girls like leopards change in spots;
The hemline rises, hair descends,
Not hippies now, but sans-culottes.

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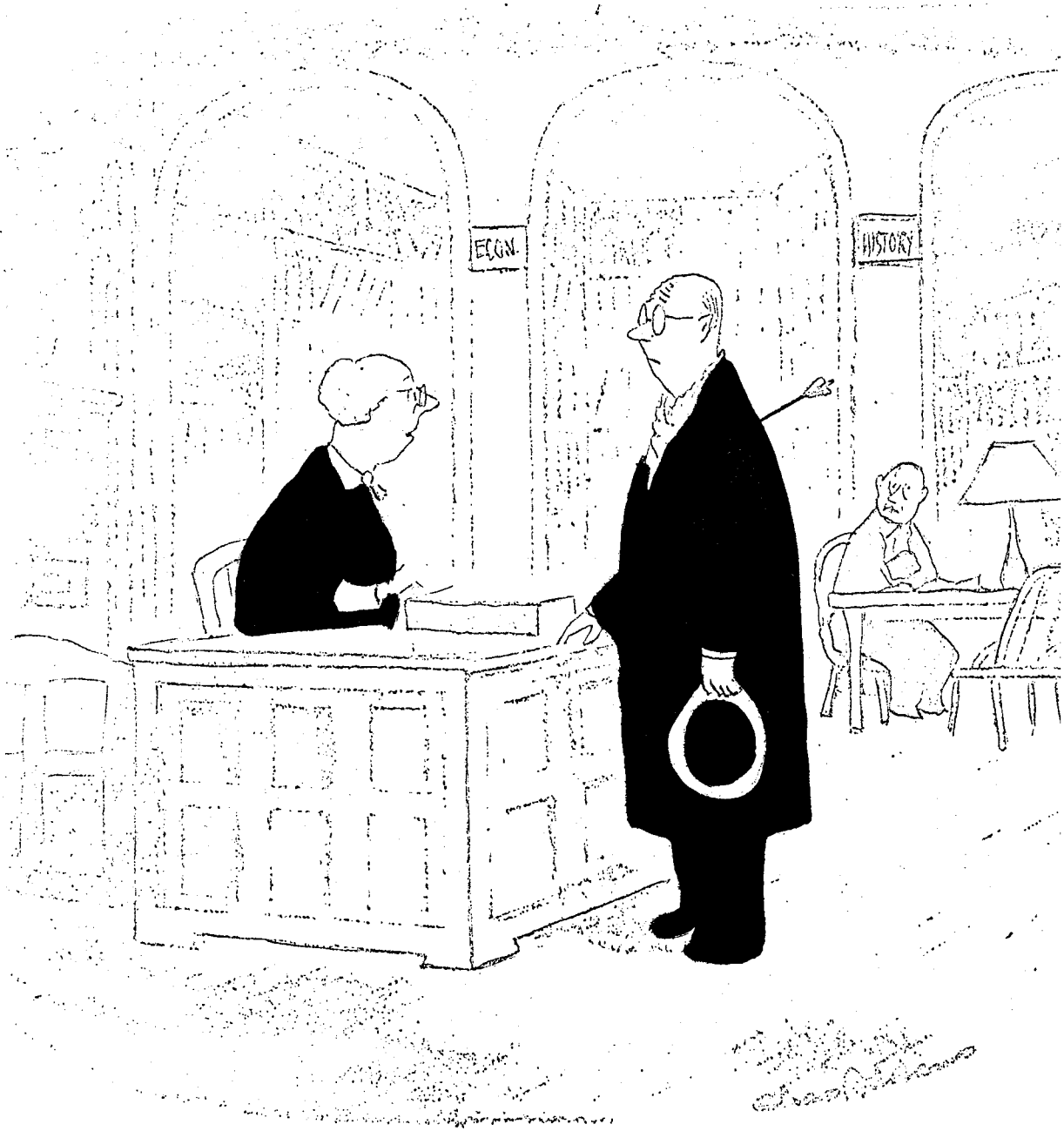


"I'm sorry, but our First Aid manual is on reserve."

## STAFF CHANGES

New Arrivals : BIBLOS would like to welcome the following:

in ACQUISITIONS...

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| Letitia Goldstrom | Clerk II | Vera Kowalyk | LA III |
| Graham Stonebridge | LA I | | |

in AGRICULTURE/FORESTRY...

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| Mab Belford | LA III |

in ASIAN STUDIES...

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| Shu-Ying Liu | LA III |

in BMB...

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| Jean Jones | LA I |

in CATALOGUING...

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|---|---|---|---|
| Joan Baker | LA IV | Yen-Yen Na | LA I |
| Dorothy Frigon | LA I | Kathryn Minorgan | LA III |
| Nuala O'Shea | LA III | Sherrill Perry | Libn. |
| Pamela Piddington | Libn. | Margaret Price | Libn. |
| Erica Wiachow | LA III | | |

in CIRCULATION...

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|---|---|---|---|
| Christine Camenisch | LA I | Diana Cullis | LA III |
| Alison Glass | LA I | Deborah Gray | LA I |
| Trixie Hoefsloot | LA I | Pat LaVac | LA III |
| Julia Lane | LA III | Cathy Okulitch | LA I |
| Wayne Wiens | LA I | Pat Smith | LA I |

in CURRIC. LAB...

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| May Law | LA I | Elaine Thorngate | LA III |

in FINE ARTS...

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| Joan Wenman | LA II |

IN LAW...

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|---|---|---|---|
| Marilyn Davies | LA I | Ruth Slater | LA I |
| Jacqueline Steed | LA II | | |

in PREBINDERY...

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| Barbara Bischoff | LA I |

in SCIENCE...

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| Ruth Stewart | LA II |

in SEDGEWICK...

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| Gwendoline Bell | LA II | Paul Deglau | LA I |
| Daryl Dickman | Libn. | Luba Kalmakov | LA I |
| Michael Sotiron | LA I | Barbara Williamson | LA I |

in SPECIAL COLLECTIONS...

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|---|---|---|---|
| Rosina Wan | LA III | Arab Abu-Sharife | LA I |

in WOODWARD...

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| Margo Henderson | LA I |

Promotions:

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| Gwen Deachman | LA III (Sedge) to LA IV (Sedge) |
| Diane Butterfield | LA II (Sedge) to LA III (Sedge) |
| Colleen Copithorne | LA II (Wood) to LA III (Wood) |
| Kathy Kent | Libn. (Circ) to Head, Math Library |
| Nick Omelusik | Libn. (Acq) to Head, Acquisitions |
| Beverley Roper | LA II (Cat) to LA III (Cat) |
| Anita Van Ginkle | LA I (Circ) to LA II (Serials) |

Resignations:

from CATALOGUING...

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| Mary Anne Epp | LA III | John Mason | LA III |
| Barbara Gibson | Libn. | Isabel Godefroy | Libn. |

from CIRCULATION...

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|---|---|---|---|
| Stephen Heinemann | LA I | Judy Schwartz | LA III |
| Barbara Bellward | LA III | Judy Rennison | LA I |

from FINE ARTS...

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| Lynda Kincade | LA II | Catherine Taylor | LA III |

from GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS...

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| Carol Brégaint | LA III |

from LAW...

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|---|---|---|---|
| Shirley Balon | LA II | Susanne Wong | LA I |

from MATHEMATICS...

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| Sue Keevil | Librarian |

from SEDGEWICK...

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|---|---|---|---|
| James Lanphier | LA I | Caroline Shaw | LA I |

from SPECIAL COLLECTIONS...

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|---|---|---|---|
| Ivy Lee | LA I | Joan Mitchell | LA III |

from WOODWARD...

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| Gisela Mallue | LA III |

from BMB...

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| Susanne Clifford | LA I |

Transfer:

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| Rita Butterfield | from Head, Acquisitions to Head, Circ. |

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME...

Congratulations to our six roses and one thorn (?); Best wishes to them in their new gardens:

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| Barbara (Little) | now | Mrs. Brent C. Walden |
| Mary Dale (Jones) | now | Mrs. G. Palsson |
| Linda (Hanson) | now | Mrs. G. Boynton-Lee |
| Jane (Roper) | now | Mrs. J. Whiffin |
| Rosemary (Grigsby) | now | Mrs. J. McAndless |
| Barbara (Bischof) | now | Mrs. W. R. Pohlmann |
| Gerry Palsson | now | Mrs. Palsson's husband |

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MOVES, PLOYS AND GAMBITS

North to the last frontier: The Cataloguing (Department?) (Division?) (Section?) has, predictably, broken out. Two modules have been taken over from Serials Division and the Serials Cataloguing Section under Mary Macaree is pioneering northwards. The vacant space will be taken up by Sue Gifford and New Books. Space for that section never really existed, so there will be no further chain reaction.

There have been so many changes of layout in the department that plans are being made for a moveable location map, with a permanent staff member to stand by and make daily revisions.

Woodward will be wider: Plans are being made to expand the biomedical library. Expansion is expected to give about 45,000 square feet of new space to the west and on top of the present building. The new area will be used to extend present facilities, such as stacking, reader space, and staff accommodation.

Government Publications: Expansion seemed impossible in this division but by judicious rearrangement of materials and by taking over the Backlog area at the north end, lebensraum has been found for another year.

New offices off the Main Concourse: One wing, facing west, has been taken over for offices. Thirty men were called in to remove those long tables (calm yourselves, equivalent seating is being provided elsewhere in the Library) and the space will be divided into 6 or 7 offices. Prospective occupants: Bob MacDonald, Bill Watson, Gerry Dobbin, Dout McInnes, Old Uncle Cobley and a programmer. Or herpays a bibliographer.

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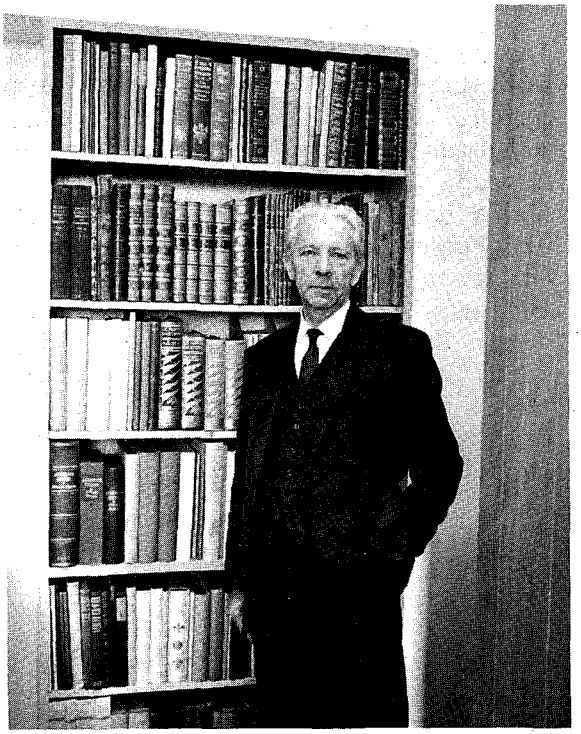
Great cries of woe and indignation
'Gainst certain formal allegations
That skirts have reached such dizzy heights
To almost disappear from sights.
For legs do not a picture make
That bulge or knob or worse still gape
And so remark with great dispassion
Discretion is the HEIGHT of fashion.

P.LaV.



Norman Colbeck,
Bibliographic consultant,
and donor of the Colbeck
Collection of 19th and
20th Century literature.

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First sighted in the Northern Hemisphere, 13th June 1903, and presumed to have been born.

Survived primary education, and two world wars; enjoyed a long seclusion in unsocial security until finally spotted by a U.B.C. talent-scout, early in 1966, off the southern coast of England, a small fish to round-off an unsuccessful expedition.

Principal concern hitherto has been the building of bridges - all of which, to date, have collapsed.

Accepts the existence of homo sapiens, and concedes the postulate of a female of the species, though an innate modesty has precluded investigation of this hypothesis.

Believes in Heaven, and dallies with the Flat-Earth theory; but, after three months residence in British Columbia, feels he has a long way to traverse yet.

LIBRARY SURVEY

The Federal Science Secretariat has announced that a Study of Scientific and Technical Information in Canada is being undertaken. Briefs, outlining existing services and projected improvements, have been requested from all "interested parties". A study group (13 of 'em) will survey services across Canada and assess requirements with a view to formulating policies and programmes for a national information system. The B.C. Library Association is submitting a brief on library facilities within the province and the three universities (SFU, UBC, Vic) are compiling a joint brief. Rein Brongers is Chairman of the Committee dealing with UBC, so if he looks harrassed, that's why. The study group is expected to reach Vancouver around October 16th. About the same time the Flower People are expected. No connection?

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Science announcement;

US DDC announce that TAB will no longer carry DoD S&T reports appearing in USGRDR and GWI.
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CHANCE AND CHANGE.

Bob MacDonald's paper to the Seminar on Decision Theory held at UBC in March, has come to Biblos' hand. A clear outline of the realities of information retrieval in a university library, calculated to dispel the illusion that instant answers by pushing buttons are just around the corner.

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PORTRAITS

A Portrait of John B. Macdonald has joined those of John Ridington, A. E. Grauer, Sherwood Lett and Mrs. Phyllis Ross, in the Ridington Room.

GIFTS & EXCHANGE

A valuable 1793 edition of Aesop's Fables has been given to the Library by Dr. W. C. Gibson. Mr. E.A.C. Stokes has donated an 8 volume set of Spenser's poetical works dated 1787, which form part of the 109 volume set produced by John Bell, bookseller of London, on The poets of Great Britain complete from Chaucer to Churchill.

The Library has been given the complete papers of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, which has merged with the United Steel Workers. So far, 5 large crates of books and papers have arrived in Special Collections, with more to come.

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LOST CHORDS

We have it on good authority that the music collection has arrived in its new building.

All we know is that it has left Fine Arts.

Our spies will work on this and report next month.

57th Conference of PNLA, August 23-25, 1967.

North Shore Lodge at Coeur d'Alene is not really a perfect setting for a conference, but it is a perfect setting for a holiday. Fortunately the weather slipped from the 100's to the 80's so those of us who went from B.C. (nine - assorted by age, sex, size and interest, excluding spouses) attended the conference - well, most of the time.

Depending upon interest (not the interest in size, age or sex) we attended meetings upon a selection of the following: problems of book collection and selection policy for college libraries; discussions on the change to Library of Congress from Dewey classification; or on adjustment to the 17th Dewey; a report on expansion of the USDA National Agriculture Library services; "PNBC of the future"; a co-operation planning meeting for forestry librarians in the Pacific Northwest; an examination of circulation systems in the Northwest; an IBM exposé; A Trustee Money agony; and an annual, if not ritual, self-analysis of "What's wrong with PNLA?".

Social events were equally varied; a trip by towed barge (complete with bar and dancing, as well as dinner at an inn along the way) on Coeur d'Alene Lake; an unusual opportunity to hear Simeon Oliver, a delightful Eskimo author and musician now residing in Washington, who entertained with word and music; a picaresque reminiscence on nine years of editing The Quarterly, by Eli Oboler who was honoured with a life membership in PNLA for this work; a safari, by some, to the local youth hang-out, the Ratskeller, which was not raided that night; and the usual quiet, formal "private" parties for librarians who fit an image which is not the one usually visualised by non-librarians.

This was a "business" meeting, but we suggest you join us at the Bayshore Inn for the 58th Annual Conference from August 14-17, 1968, which is planned as a workshop (but it may go similarly astray). Rex Des Brisay, Burnaby Public Library, Margaret Brunette from Vancouver Public, and Anna Leith, of UBC naturally, are tri-conveners. See you there? If you don't plan to attend, we'll find a job for you. It has been decreed that this library is one of the hosting institutions.

Anna Leith

ABSENT EDITORS

The Biblos Committee has decided to send a gift subscription of Biblos to Isabel Godefroy, last year's editor who is now administrative assistant at University of Toronto Library.

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CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS

Canadian Newspapers on microfilm, the Canadian Library Association project, is now classified under Reel No. 2077 and filed alphabetically by title in Government Publications Division. The index is available from Social Sciences Division.

SERIALS HAVE BEEN COUNTING

Main Library: the first, authentic, exact count in living memory.

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| Active Subscriptions : | 5461 | of which | 562 are multiple subs. |
| | | | 772 are added copies |
| | | | 137 are exchanges |
| | | | 634 are gifts |
| Inactive Subs. | 1025 | of which | 550 ceased publication |
| TOTAL | 6486 | | |

This excludes titles in Law, Woodward, Gov't. Pubs., Acquisitions

Woodward Library:

Current subscriptions: 2905

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ITS TOO MUCH!

IFLA CONFERENCE

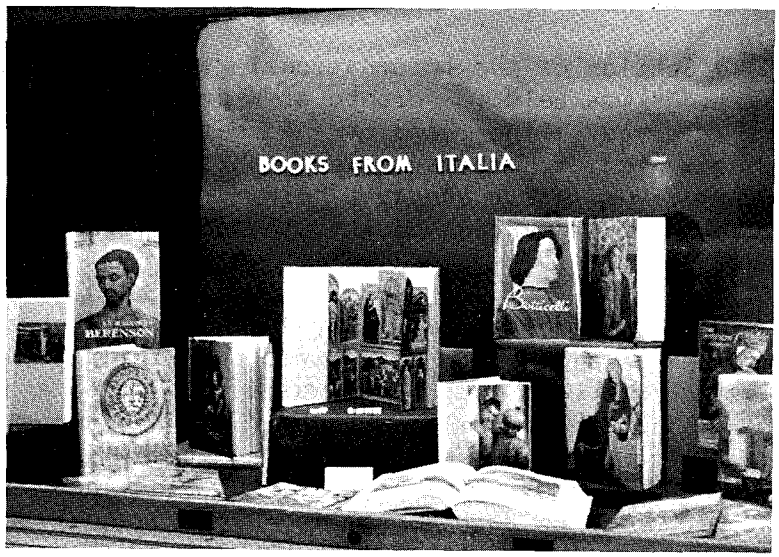
The 33rd Session of the International Federation of Library Associations was held in Toronto at Victoria University, 14-21 August this year. The theme of the meeting was "Library Service for a nation covering a large geographical area", which made Canada a very suitable venue. There were delegates from at least 24 countries and simultaneous translation was provided in 4 languages.

IFLA is divided into sections (by type of library) and committees (by problem of library work). I was particularly interested in the Astronomy Sub-section but I was also able to attend sessions of the Bibliography Committee, and of the National & University Library Section. I missed the session on children's libraries at which Sheila Egoff gave a paper, but Sieglinde Stiede (ex-Library School, now at N.Y. Public, Bronx Branch) was there.

The Astronomy programme included a visit to the David Dunlap Observatory, 15 miles north of Toronto, to see the library and the 74 inch telescope. The glass for this instrument was cast in 1935 by the Corning Glass Co., who are also making the disk which is to be ground at UBC for the Queen Elizabeth telescope. We were told that there has been a great increase in interest and opportunity in astronomy throughout Canada recently; 26 graduate students are now working at the David Dunlap.

To return to IFLA, it was interesting to hear an international gathering considering common problems. Among the discussions I heard papers on shared cataloguing on an international scale; standardization of bibliographic entry and mechanization of searching; the need for greater organization and support in the special library field. Most of the papers were descriptive and devoted to an exchange of experience rather than to concrete proposals, but resolutions for action were put up for voting and work will be continued during the year.

Helen Constable.




DISPLAYS

This year, the bulletin board will feature student activities and advertise special events, while the display case on Floor 5 will centre on research topics of interest to students. There will be several displays on the new Arts I pilot project - themes of the first term include "WAR", specifically World War I, the Russian Revolution, and Vietnam; "UTOPIAS" and the 17th Century. Other concepts such as "LOVE" (in painting, poetry, music, philosophy, etc.), "DEATH" (Dance Macabre, Petrarch, Donne, etc.), and "EDUCATION" will be studied in second term.

Dr. Willmott has made several useful suggestions for upper year research topics and has offered materials on China and Vietnam. Dr. Boyd has suggested that the questions of economic development in underdeveloped areas, and the economic cost of Canada's tariffs, would be of interest to students. Mr. Colbeck is working on a display of the Colbeck Collection, which will be ready by October 10th.

If you have any illustrations, maps, or anything you think would be appropriate, please let us know. Also, if anyone is interested in helping out, we always need and appreciate extra help. Members of the display committee are:

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| Sylvia Goiron | Liz Knott | Linda Kwong |
| Dorothy Martin | Evelyn Roth | Barbara Walden |

Jennifer Gallup, Chairman

MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY

This museum has been in the Library basement since 1948, when it was opened as a teaching and training Museum for the Department of Anthropology and the University community at large.

It has collections from most of the tribal cultures of the world, and from most Oriental cultures. The displays change as frequently as possible, in order to show the maximum number of tribal materials and themes, and in order to give Museum students experience.

The Museum is open every day except Tuesday and Sunday, from 1 to 5, and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9. All are welcome.

Audrey Hawthorn, Curator.

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MAPS

During the last few months, the Map Division has become a depository library for official U.S. topographic and geologic mapping, and for hydrographic charts of the Western U.S. This means we get, free, all maps published for the Pacific Northwest states and other states adjoining B.C., all city maps, all geologic mapping, and medium-scale mapping for the whole of the United States.

The hydrographic charts cover the Pacific coast, including Hawaii, Guam, the Samoan Islands and the Alaskan Coast.

We are still struggling to unpack all these maps, and to find space to house them.

Maureen Wilson

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Barbara Gibson, recently appointed Assistant Professor to the U.B.C. Library School, is spending the last two weeks of September in Turkey, preparing for her new position, and for Thanksgiving...?

SEDGEWICK EXPERIMENTS

The major change on this front is the division of the Card Catalogue. The Author/Title section will include persons as subjects. The Subject section will dispense with headings on each card, in favour of guide cards and ticked tracings.

Other changes: Sedgewick holdings now appear in the Union Shelf List on Floor 7, in the Main Card Catalogue, and in the Location File where Sedge becomes the 21st official location (unofficial locations are innumerable).

Sedgewick periodicals are now shelved separately by title; bound volumes have no call numbers.

This year, faculty have been asked to list course materials in three sections: Required Reading, Recommended and Suggested. All listed books are recorded in the Course File, so that the student has a working bibliography for each course. A system has been set up to notify the staff as soon as a book comes under heavy pressure, so that it can be placed on one-day loan for as long as necessary.

The Course File is being automated and a print-out is available in both shelf-list and course order.

Ture Erickson

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DID YOU KNOW? The Record Collection contains the Voz Viva de Mexico, a series of fifty recordings of Mexican poetry, prose, drama and political speeches.

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DID YOU KNOW? The Record Collection contains over one hundred discs of the Golden Age of Opera series, recordings of operas never recorded commercially.

## LIBRARY LOG

The Biblos will publish a monthly brief of memoranda that have been addressed to "All Departments". The column will be called the "Library Log". Briefs will carry the date and originating office. If a reader requires further information regarding a memorandum, the date and originating source will be sufficient information to obtain a complete copy.

The column dates will be from mid-month to mid-month; however, initially they will commence September 1st, 1967.

Sept. 1. Librarian's Office. Duplicating is now being done outside the Library at a commercial shop.

Sept. 7. Librarian's Office. "para.3" Student assistant jobs other than those filled by Mr. Gray during registration should be filled by calling the Student Placement Service.

Sept.11. Circulation Librarian. "para.1" Senior Staff who assigr literature searches (and hold faculty cards) may sign authorization cards for technicians. "para.2" Refers to Eligible Borrowers, "employees of Vancouver business firms".

Sept.13. Record Library. Door between the Record Collection and the Prebindery is for emergency use only.

Sept.14. Circulation Librarian. Memo contains Library Delivery Schedule Revised effective Sept. 18, 1967.

Sept.18. Librarian's Office. Appointment of Mrs. Kathy Kent as Head of the Mathematics Library.

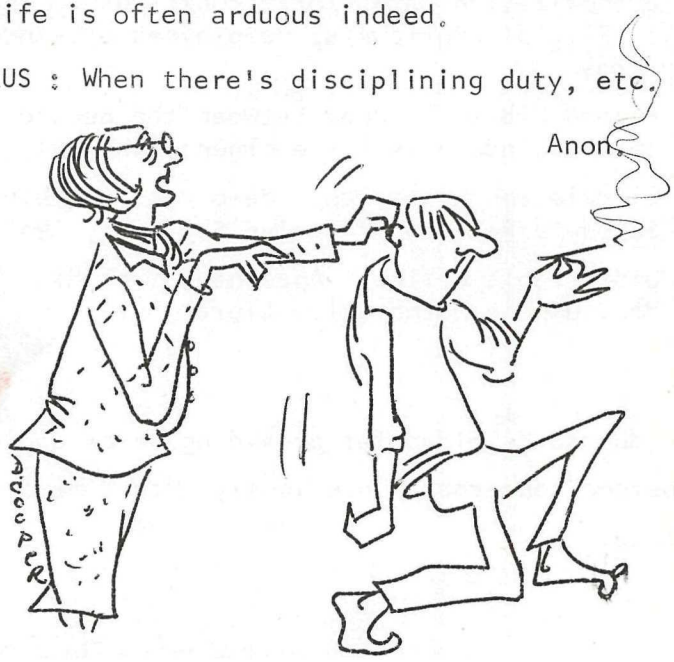
Thanks are due to Mc Elrod for providing Xerox copies of all memos for each person concerned - previously, "the" memo sometimes got lost en route.

## THE LIBRARIAN'S PLAINT

When the student isn't busy with his studying,
When his study doesn't hold him in its throes,
His capacity for mischief and for fooling
Is very much more great than you'd suppose.
My feelings I with difficulty smother
When there's disciplining duty to be done,
Ah! take one consideration with another,
A Librarian's life is not a happy one.

CHORUS : When there's disciplining duty to be done,
to be done,
A Librarian's life is not a happy one -
happy one.

When the freshette isn't chatting up her neighbours
And indulging in some girlish monkey-shine,
We may get a chance to re-direct her labors
Towards some Sedgewick readings that refine.
When the Aggies finish mauling one another,
They can sometimes be induced to sit and read,
But taking one consideration with another
My life is often arduous indeed.

CHORUS : When there's disciplining duty, etc.

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