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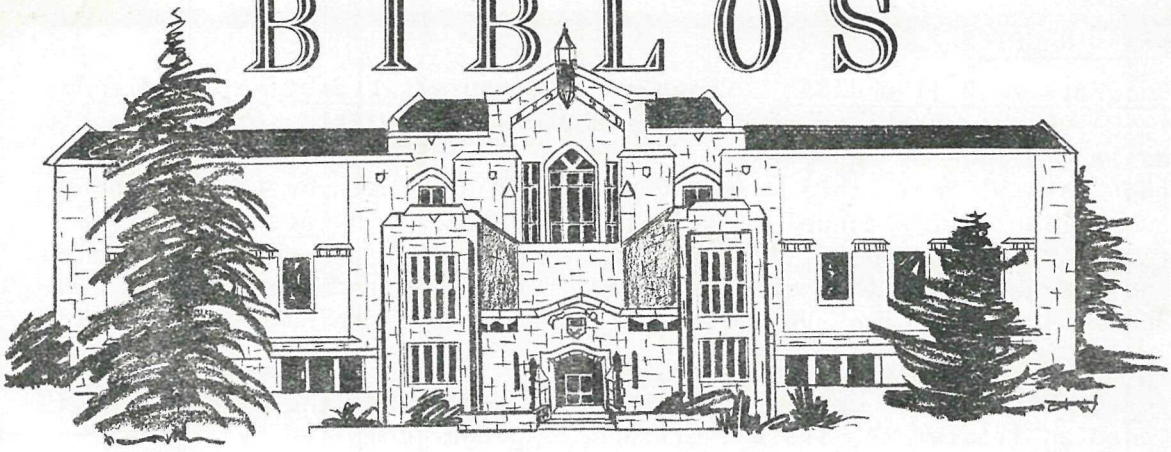

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"IN PROCESS"

It seems that everything we wanted to talk about this month is only partially completed - beyond the initial negotiation stage but not quite reaching any definite conclusion. The student survey on library facilities has been carried out but no results are as yet available; the non-professional job descriptions have been reviewed but we are still waiting with bated breath for a comment from the Personnel Office; even the Bruning has decided to delay its grande entree for three to four weeks! But with lots of help and a bit o' luck, we managed to pull a few tricks out of the ol' bag and here we are again...

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NEWS 'N NOTES

Congrats to Bill and Sue! Canadian Literature/Litterature canadienne, 1959-1963; a checklist of creative and critical writings/bibliographie de la critique et des oeuvres d'imagination. Edited by Inglis F. Bell and Susan W. Port, this recently published bibliography is an amended cumulation of the annual checklist which appears in Canadian Literature. Bill did the English-Canadian section; Sue, the French-Canadian and George Kuthan the unusual woodcut. A highly recommended B.C. production! Copies are available for inspection at the Humanities Desk.

This marks BB's second book for 1966. His first, On Canadian Literature, 1806-1960; a checklist of articles, books and theses on English Canadian literature, its authors and language (compiled by Reginald Eyre Watters and Inglis F. Bell) appeared earlier this year. Those poker games must be at a complete standstill...

A guide to Technical Terms and Abbreviations Used by the Processing Divisions has been compiled by Rita Butterfield. Some 200-odd items peculiar to processing have been noted and defined in this booklet. Anyone wanting to be "in" with the library lingo may consult a division head's copy.

A Supplement to a Plan for Future Services - Mainly on Priorities has been issued. The supplement presents justifications for the priority ratings assigned to the various library buildings envisaged in the original report. It also notes the substantial increases in both construction costs and student enrollment projections. Anyone got an extra $20,000,000?

Results at Sedgewick! Statistics show that the circulation figures in Sedgewick have almost doubled for the month of October. In the 1965 October records, some 23,866 books circulated; in 1966, 42,186! This cannot all be accounted for in the transfer of Reserve Books from R.B.C. to Sedgewick in September, for the figures for week loan material show an increase of 10,961 - from 16,581 to 27,542.

"In Philadelphia, nearly everyone reads...BLATT#!"

The Bulletin of the Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago - but naturally !

SSD Librarians are reaching out into new domains. The Library has been asked to set up a reading room in the Henry Angus Building to serve graduate students in Economics, Political Science, Industrial Relations, Anthropology and Sociology. The collection, consisting primarily of duplicate journals, government publications and a book collection of 2,500 volumes maximum will be attended by a clerical assistant under Marilyn Dutton's direction.

Isa Fiszhaut shall be working part-time as a Slavic Studies Bibliographer, reviewing the books acquired on the blanket order programme, selecting out-of-print titles and new subscription titles and ultimately compiling comprehensive desiderata files.

The duties of Patricia McCalib in charge of the Periodicals Reading Room has been defined as the general supervision of staff and such working processes as circulation regulations, type and amount of service to be given, and prebindery routines as well as planning future alterations and additions to this area.

These duties are all being done on a part-time basis, the rest of their time being spent with normal Social Science reference work - if it can ever be called normal !

Wee Willie Winkie (alias Bill Watson) and Friar Tuck are changing places sometime at the beginning of December. Those weren't Santa's elves hammering at the far end of Serials - only Buildings & Grounds creating Bill's new office !

Acquisitions vs. Serials. After much discussion, a rather lengthy note has been composed and circulated differentiating between the material handled by Acquisitions and Serials. The light has dawned over the Kardexes...

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STAFF CHANGES

Welcoming:

Chanjun Choe, Clerk II, Asian Studies
Carol-Ann Chriasty, Clerk I, Science
Leah Gordon, Library Assistant, Cataloguing
Leslie Logan, Clerk I, Woodward Library
Lynda Moss, Clerk I, Woodward Library

STAFF CHANGES Cont'd.

Welcoming:

Leone Parker, Library Assistant, Acquisitions
Maureen Sutherland, Clerk I, Cataloguing

Resigning:

Angela Schmidt, Cataloguing
Janet Ellis, Cataloguing
Patricia Ord, Cataloguing
Elli Gomber, Woodward Library

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

As everyone is aware, the reclassification of non-professional staff has been the heated subject under discussion in the personnel end of library administration this fall. In October, every clerical and library assistant position was described in detail so that the Personnel Office, represented by Mr. W. Clark could examine every job effective in the library today. While plowing his way through these job descriptions, Mr. Clark came across the following and it is upon this primarily that we hope he will realize the unique position of library staff on campus. (Fingers crossed we shall hear something by December 15th!)

Any Division Any Rank Position No....

Organizes and maintains the social activities of the division for the benefit of all fellow workers and takes every opportunity to promote their good health, morale and happiness.

Supervision

Works entirely without supervision. Initiates and carries out all projects independently and arranges own time schedule.

Duties

Organizes teas for staff members who are leaving the Library, or for celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries and (if all else fails) paydays. Collects necessary moneys from fellow workers and purchases gift for guest of honour and cakes or other food for whole party.
In case of a shortage on money, skips the gift and purchases food.
When Division Head becomes grouchy about length and frequency of teas which are deemed necessary, avoids telling the division head until arrangements are too far advanced to be cancelled.
Maintains social contacts with fellow workers, passing the time of day and exchanging pleasantries during working hours in order to maintain morale and esprit de corps.
Listens for news, however, insignificant, especially news of a personal nature involving fellow workers and passes it on to as many others as possible.

Keeps close track on the comings and goings of fellow workers, especially young eligible ones and after adding 2 and 2 and coming up with 5, adds a little more for good measure before passing it on to as many contacts as possible for their edification and entertainment.

At coffee time rounds up fellow workers to ensure that they do not miss the break so vital to their health and well-being.

Announces the start of lunch hour to all within hearing to ensure that fellow workers do not accidentally do any work on their own time. Also announces the time five minutes before quitting time to ensure that fellow workers have packed up and are ready to leave on the dot.

Goes to the window frequently to observe the weather, reporting back to fellow workers to ensure that they will know when to take their umbrellas upon leaving the building.

When fellow worker is absent on account of illness, speculates on his symptoms and after making a diagnosis in absentia, informs other fellow workers of the cause and treatment that they might better avoid the illness of their comrade.

Inspects washroom frequently and, in case of flooding, issues warnings (and gumboots) to each member of staff individually.

Discusses with fellow workers their forthcoming vacations to ensure that they plan wisely for an enjoyable time which will prove socially and matrimonially beneficial.

Discusses private problems with fellow workers and offers extensive advice on every topic touched upon, giving if possible, several choices of action. Then inquires later to keep informed of progress.

Watches weight and eating habits of fellow workers to remind them of their diets and offer advice whenever possible.

Takes new staff in hand and ensures that within a week they are informed of the life histories of all fellow workers, and ensures that they join actively into the right clique for their own social benefit.

Keeps staff up to date on the latest accepted swearing terminology by constant use of same.

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*** FACULTY TO AID COMMITTEE IN SELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT ***

As of Thursday, November 24th, the following have been elected by the Faculty Association to help the "Committee to select a new President to assume office on or after July 1, 1967" (appointed by the Board of Governors November 22nd):

Dr. Benjamin N. Moyls
Dr. Robert M. Clark
Dr. B. Harold Copp
and our own BSS !!

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS E-V-E-R-Y-W-H-E-R-E!

Fine Arts Gallery has two Japanese exhibitions on concurrently: one, a photographic exhibition of Japanese architecture by the noted contemporary Japanese photographer, Yukio Futagawa; the other, a collection of Japanese banners, shop curtains, towels, draperies, and miscellaneous fabrics from the personal collection of Professor Philip Thiel of the University of Washington.

Woodward Library has begun a display series of three different types:

1. The top floor 3 - section display case was given to Woodward by the Pathology Department. One section contains a permanent display of early infant feeding bottles collected and donated by Miss Alice Wright. In the other two sections, a monthly display is being arranged in which we hope to show some of the colourful and rare biological books. December's display will be "The Christmas Fir Tree" showing specimens of B. C. Firs as well as books.

2. In order to acquaint the faculty and students with some of the outstanding items in our rare collection, the Memorial Room will exhibit a "Book of the Week" every Monday. Although these books do not circulate, a reader may examine them in greater detail in the gallery after the week of exhibition by appointment. "This week at U.B.C." will carry the announcements of the changes in displays.

3. As part of their research during the year in the History of Medicine and Science Course, small groups of first year medical students set up a series of medical displays, such as the one on "Medical Quackery" which started November 24th in the Woodward foyer. Two displays scheduled for the following week are "The History of Dental Extractions" and "The Origins of the Hippocratic Oath".

Special Collections and the Map Division have put up an exhibit of maps of mediaeval European cities.

Between the Social Sciences and the Humanities Division, a display is due to appear on the Pre-Raphaelites.

And, of course, Sedgewick-a-go-go has theirs centered around the Beatles and "Read a Paper-back Writer" !

UPS... AND... DOWNS...

Have you seen librarians gnashing their teeth, uttering imprecations, speaking in tongues or sticking pins in voodoo dolls? Have some of them been running through the stacks using a length of string as a tape measure, or counting with their fingers? Have they been pouring over annual reports, budgets, circulation counts, computer print-outs, predictions and briefs? Have they been querying whether large dusty volumes might be published by museums, societies or government agencies? Have they been cursing, fuming, or sputtering as they have wondered why they must answer evidently irrelevant questions concerning the Library's book collection? Have they been suggesting that sections of the collection are weak, strong, adequate, inadequate, foreign, exotic, North American, negligible, essential, dull, or obscene? They have? Well, they have a questionnaire which is asking them to do the evaluation. They've probably been alternately rushed, bored, dishonest, perplexed, frank, comprehensive, inaccurate, and confused, which means that the survey team will probably be amazed by their astounding conclusions.

This survey involves the study of Canadian academic libraries for which a $20,000 grant has been made to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada by the Council on Library Resources. The award will supplement a previous grant of $65,000 by the Canada Council and will enable a study team of four to complete studies of library resources, library administration, financial support, and automation in libraries.

Dr. Robert B. Downs, dean of library administration at the University of Illinois, will direct the study with the assistance of Father Paul-Emile Filion, Librarian of Laurentian University of Sudbury; Bruce Peel, Librarian of the University of Alberta; and Professor Peter Russell of the Department of Political Economy at the University of Toronto. The team members will visit each degree-conferring institution in Canada; they expect to complete their study by September 1967.

DUPLICATION DOODLES

The following has been passed on to us by BSS:

One day over lunch a number of us were discussing some technical problems of copying. Dr. Roy Daniells, one of Canada;s most eminent men of letters, was surprised to learn that a simple thing like producing a copy for his use should be so complex to arrange. He was impressed by this, and remarked that we were like priests of a secret cult, expert in the details of our private religion. I asked him if he could write a sonnet about this and he did in less than an hour.

The priestess mentioned is a librarian who was coating her sandwich with mustard. The libations are probably the beers being consumed by Doug McInnes and me. The granite temple is an obvious allusion.

Xerox filius Majae Mercuii geminus deus multitude. -- Virgil
Xerox, Maia's son and brother of Mercury, god of Dissemination.

The priests of Xerox, in meet robes arrayed,
Gather to pour libations to their Lord.
And eat the sacred meal in full accord.
O see the priestess on her gleaming blade
For sacrifice list up the spices laid
To cheer and warm this sacerdotal board.
Deus ex machina is their reward.
These prayers and counsels shall bring forth displayed
Xerox in other forms.
The destined nook
Within the granite temple shall divulge
Manifest multiplicaties of leaves,
A sacred text. Although some god-damned book
Abstains to genuflect, & though vaults bulge,
The humane worshipper this gift receives.

In other copying developments, the new Xerox 720, a faster and more economical unit than its predecessor, has arrived, while the highly-reputed Bruning has been delayed for about a month. Our recently acquired Dennison machine seems to be behaving itself and is proving to be a worthwhile addition to the Library. The Gestetner duplicator, formerly housed on stack level 3, has been relocated in room 769. On Mondays and Wednesdays, it will be devoted to the production of catalog cards. The service will be available to other divisions of the library during the rest of the week. Mrs. Betty Misewich will supervise the machine's use and assign priorities to various jobs.

TECHNICAL PROCESSES

WILLIAM WATSON

The Assistant Librarian for Technical Processes, one of those responsible for the non-public service (or inhuman) side of library operations, nevertheless insists that he is a small-h humanist. Refuting the charge that all easterners are effete, he cites as witness a past that includes too many Montreal winters, two in Saskatchewan, a summer in Washington, D.C., a flight on Daryana Afghani Airlines, and many other hardships borne.

Part of a misspent youth included some months as a banker, during which he learned only that he was not cut out for banking. Since then he has resolutely and successfully refused to accumulate capital, ably assisted by a wife and three sons of similar tendencies. After a stint as a newswriter while at college and for a year or so afterwards, he was forced by the constant excitement of writing up bingo games, service club luncheons and obituary reports, to seek the quiet of university once more.

A sometime Islamicist, he spent thirteen years at McGill's Institute of Islamic Studies, where he picked up a smattering of Arabic, made friends now scattered all over the globe, and confirmed his enduring aversion to theological dispute. A long journey once took him hastily through parts of Europe, Africa and Asia - a trip notable chiefly for producing the first recorded case in medical history of a Canadian's sojourning in the Middle East without succumbing to the disorder known from place to place as Egyptian tummy, the Turkey trot, Delhi belly...

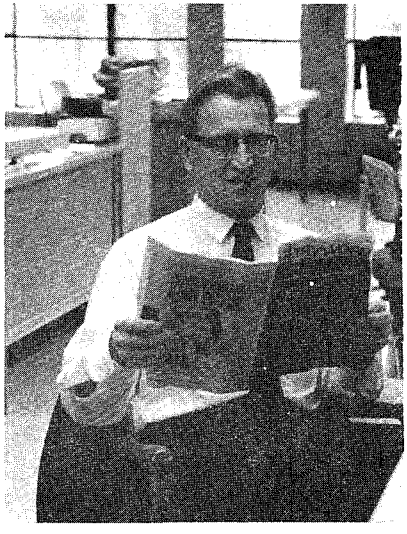
MISS RITA BUTTERFIELD

Rita Butterfield was born and raised in Burnaby, where she still lives. After receiving a B. A. and teacher training at U. B. C. she had a year's fling at teaching high school before joining the library staff at U. B. C. as a Library Assistant in Circulation. She worked there for two years, chiefly in RBC, until the School of Librarianship at U. B. C. opened, when she enrolled in the first class. Upon graduating from library school in 1962, and realizing that knowing a good thing when you see it is not the same as being in a rut, she joined the Acquisitions Division of the U. B. C. Library.

Having moved up the scale, she now heads Acquisitions which is quite different now from what it was only four years ago. The function of the division now includes placing orders for books, maintaining the on-order and in-process record for books, receiving and processing books, operating the mailroom, preparing for payment against the internal accounts for all book funds. Because of the last duty mentioned, Rita is the one who breaks the sad news to the spendthrifts when they have overspent.

She compiled the third volume of R. M. Hamilton's Canadian Book Prices Current and is presently the editor of Canadian Books in Print. Her chief interest is British Columbia history and chief extra-curricular activity is trying, and generally failing, to keep one very temperamental cat - named Stinky because it suits his personality - out of trouble.

STEVE JOHNSON



The directory in the Library's lobby lists nothing; there is no name under Serials. That's me. In fact, I have a "valuable" name; I purchased it for $15.00. I also paid for my citizenship with five years good behaviour, and then joined the ranks of the common, ordinary citizens who have the birthright to be bad.

The foundations of my professional education reach down to the 24th level - 2,400 feet underground - of Bralorne Gold Mines, wherefrom I emerged at the McGill Library School.

I started out as College Librarian in the Redpath Library. After one year of internship there, I became the first full-time Gifts and Exchange Librarian at U. B. C.; concurrently I served as a part-time cataloguer and Acquisitions librarian. In 1960 Basil vacated his position in Serials for me (I don't expect him to do the same with his present post); in 1965 I began "acting" as head of the division and after one year's rehearsal I assumed the real identity of a division head. In this capacity my main job is to report on the good work done by Mrs. Marilyn Freeman and Graham Elliston and their competent staff; they order/record periodicals and are converting these operations into a computer-controlled system.

As well as paying membership dues to C. L. A. and A. L. A., I wish to join another organization - one that liquidates Marx and Das Kapital for humanism's sake and goes forward instead of left or right, under the leadership of librarians, of course.

MISS GERRY DOBBIN

Gerry's enduring fascination with books and libraries began away back in pre-war Kenya, where her mother worked in a small-town library. Scattered schooling in Kenya, Ireland (she's Irish-Canadian, and proud of it) and Victoria led first to U.B.C. and then to one winter in the teaching profession. Nobody could have been more relieved than she was to exchange children for books in 1953.

In Toronto after enjoying a winter of concerts and ballet (and going to Library School) she became convinced that the west coast was where she really wanted to live. A member of our Catalog Division staff since 1956, she remembers with some nostalgia the days when the division had a staff of 12, and life was relatively simple. Now she functions in a continuing state of brinksmanship, trying to keep disaster at bay. She is normally seen dashing about the library with a sheaf of untidy notes and a harassed expression. Her great ambition is to have one whole day when nobody, staff or faculty, comes to her with a gripe of any description.

Off campus, before the library wore her down, she would have put tennis and badminton at the head of her list of activities. Now, however, she putters in the garden, pretends she sings well enough to belong to a suburban choir, and attempts to keep one small tabby cat from running everything in the household.

Failure to Keep Proper Records -- A Crime or a Virtue?

On a beautiful spring morning in 1945 in a German Concentration Camp, a small group of political prisoners had been ordered to watch a public hanging. Public hangings were quite common, but for me this hanging was different. Two Dutchmen were to be hanged together, side-by-side, at the same time, on the same gallows. One of them was Jan Poolman, a filing clerk. He and I had been assigned the duty of maintaining S.S. Machine shops and were held responsible for the alphabetical and numerical filing of all machine parts.

The hanging began with an S.S. Obersturmfuehrer shouting: "And you, Jan Poolman, you have hereby been found guilty of failure to keep proper records. You are hereby sentenced to death on the gallows by hanging." Then followed the military orders to the hangman, the tightening of ropes around the necks, -- and the sudden drop. Both my friends were young, but Jan, an only son, was not yet 18.

Later that year, after our cruel 12-days death-march, we were liberated by the allied Armed Forces. Back in Rotterdam, I visited Jan's parents. The Red Cross requested that I personally tell his parents how and why Jan died. What a ghastly task! Jan's mother collapsed; his father could only question: "Failure to keep proper records? -- Failure to keep proper records? -- Oh my son, my son."

Now after 21 years, free from persecution and fear, I recall some other people in far away places who also struggled with the exacting task of keeping proper records.

I vividly recall a seventy-year old missionary woman in charge of the "Station in the Mud" on the Bamu River, located deep in the jungles of New Guinea. One of her duties was -- and I hope still is -- to keep the records of children's books sent to her from all over the world. These books were used to teach the hundreds of native children who lived in rows of primitive huts along the river banks. Her records were the only - but hopelessly inadequate - means of book retrieval in the muddy jungle. But she kept her records faithfully.

In yet another place, in the Province of Agusan in the Philippines, while on a geological survey, I met another missionary, who was attempting to care for a headless body left upon his doorstep -

the victim of a local head-hunters' quarrel. He invited me to visit his small library. Again in a most unusual place, I saw another fine example of meticulous record-keeping - up-to-date entries of the many books to be distributed among the canoe-paddling members of his mission.

More recently and closer to home, I recall, as a student, the importance given by the School of Librarianship of the University of Washington to such basic principles as the filing and recording of author, title, and subject entries. How we all rebelled against such menial tasks!

But I can never forget that in a German Concentration Camp, Jan was killed for failing to keep just such records.

How do <u>we</u> stand?

Huibert Verwey

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BAZ, YOU HAVE ARRIVED !!

Basil Stuart
Stubbs Library, Univ. of B.C.
Vancouver, B. C.
Canada

U.B.C. JOINS N.P.A.C.

U.B.C., with close to a hundred other North American libraries, has joined the National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloguing. Basically the plan is intended to reduce the tremendous duplication of effort involved in the original cataloguing of the same foreign research publications in many different libraries. The Library of Congress has, or will have, airmail blanket orders for research material published in European countries. They intend to have titles catalogued and cards available in the depository files by the time the cooperating libraries receive their copies of the same books for surface mail. We will notify L.C. whenever we acquire a current title which is not listed in the depository file, and L.C. will in turn tell us the status of the title in their organization. It sounds wonderful, provided L.C. can obtain sufficient cataloguing staff to handle the volume involved.

The Catalogue Division is presently receiving and filing our free depository set of current L.C. cards (70 alphabets to date, with 3 or 4 more every week) in the new drawers opposite the Authority File on Floor 7. The mammoth interfiling job should have A-F ready for use about the beginning of December. The present proof-sheet system will be abandoned shortly for this is only outdated and duplicated by the new N.P.A.C.

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VICE IN THE LIBRARY

Strange things have been going on in our Library:

First of all, we heard of the wild drinking parties going on in Government Publications. The truth was out when a half-bottle of rye was found among the D.B.S. material! Now we know why they are so long answering those reference questions. The material must be thoroughly investigated and sampled first!

Then rumours floated by of an exhibitionist running around our stacks. Funny thing - Circulation won't tell anyone who he is! Curiosity is killing us, so anyone knowing anything about him, please tell the Front Office.

To top if all off, the Serials Division gave birth to a 14 lb. 7 inch thick baby boy last Wednesday, November 16th, in the form of a master list of the Union List of Serials in the U.B.C. Library, noting some 12,000 titles including periodicals, newspapers and monographic serials. Fifteen copies of this 3 volume work will be circulated around U.B.C. and the outside world. Still at a loss as to what to call their new offspring, they are racking their brains for ideas.....

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SEMINAR ON LIBRARY AUTOMATION

3rd. University of British Columbia Library, 1966.

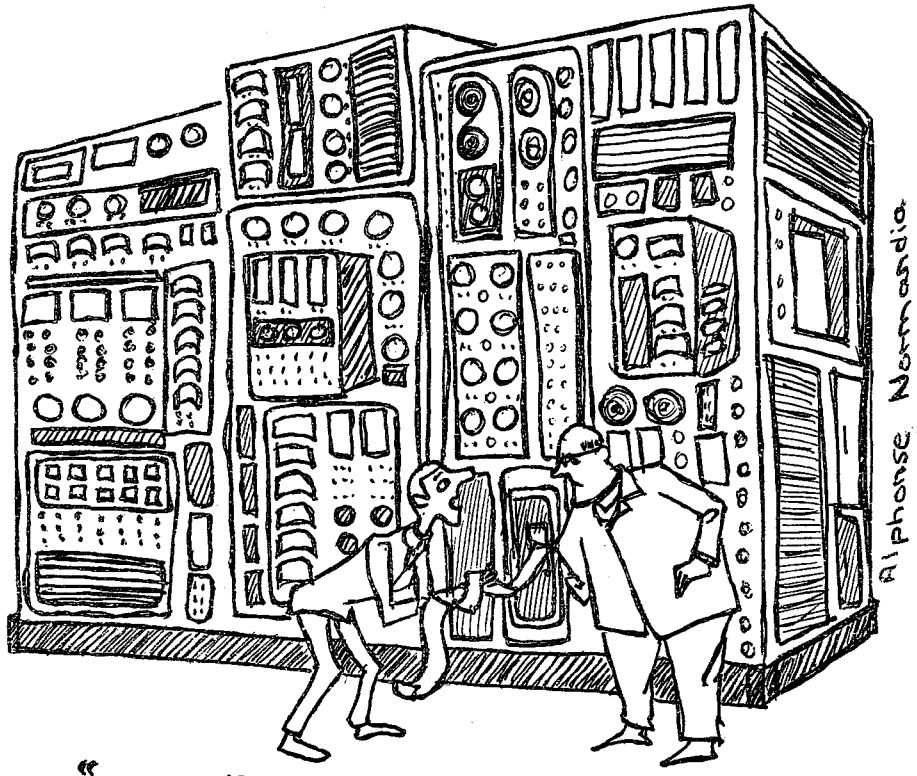
The third seminar on computer and data processing applications in the libraries of U.B.C., Simon Fraser University, and the University of Victoria was held on November 8th and 9th in the U.B.C. Library. Some twenty representatives from the three institutions and two from Laval University in Quebec met on the first day to discuss computerized circulation methods in terms of reasons for switching from manual procedures to an automated system, considerations necessary in planning the change, the various types of processing hardware available, advantages and disadvantages to users and library staff on the systems operating at U.B.C. and S.F.U., and related subjects.

The second day's proceedings were concerned with other applications - in acquisitions, serials, cataloguing, etc. - including systems already operational, those being designed, others under consideration, and some that are so far only future possibilities.

Earlier seminars had been devoted to the computerized serials project at U.B.C. and the automated acquisitions program at S.F.U. The series is intended to provide for the regular exchange of information between the three British Columbia university libraries to prevent unnecessary duplication of research and experimentation. This also offers some opportunity to keep systems compatible so that cooperative programs are possible.

It was felt that general discussion such as took place the second

day was not of too much consequence. Future seminars will centre around more specific subjects, with formal papers on some particular project under consideration by one or more libraries.



"IT WANTS A WINDOW OFFICE ....."

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DON'T MISS:

the complete, unadulterated and unrehearsed exposé in the next issue of Biblos - the results of the recent survey of Library facilities. Experts are working far into the night to compile all available statistics and to assess their possible implications for the world of the book.

Collections in the U.B.C. Library

As the U.B.C. Library is becoming established as a research library, we thought it might be interesting to find out something about the "amazing" collections we are alleged to possess. However, after surveying the innumerable collections in our some 400 feet of manuscript material in Special Collections, we abandoned our partially completed list and followed the rules of Blind-man's Buff, coming up with these three to annotate in this month's issue of Biblos.

Malcolm Lowry Manuscript Collection. This famous Canadian author spent approximately two years living and writing in an old shack in Dollarton, near North Vancouver. Sometime after Lowry left the area, a project to destroy this older section of the town reached the ears of a member of the English Department at U.B.C. He managed to find Lowry's old shack and to retrieve his literary manuscripts, correspondence, and all his private books which happened to be scattered around. This is what constitutes the Malcolm Lowry Manuscript Collection, fitting into some 33 boxes - 11 feet in all! Being the largest single collection of Lowry's papers, this is perhaps the most heavily used collection in Special Collections today warranting researchers to come from as far as New Orleans and Virginia and correspondence with students in France and Great Britain.

F. W. Howay Papers. Judge Howay, 1867-1943, first became interested in British Columbia history at an early age and in later years he was the leading authority on the subject contributing books, periodical articles, and giving lectures all over the province. He is still considered one of the leading historians of B.C. Many of the historical monuments around the province can be attributed to his unfailing industry as a member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

Howay's superb library is now part of the Howay-Reid Collection in the Special Collections Division. Howay's papers, about 20 feet in all, consist of his voluminous correspondence, plus files of information on articles which he had published or was going to publish.

John Ridington Manuscript Collection. Consists of the papers of our first U.B.C. Librarian who worked here for some 25 years in all.

His letters are far from dull for he frequently goes into some depth in his descriptions of conditions in certain fields, particularly in the library. His 1933 report, Libraries in Canada, gives the conclusions of a survey George M. Locke, Mary Black and he carried out of the Canadian library field and is considered to be an early landmark in Canadian Library history. [Maybe we should send one to a Mr. Downs]. Far advanced in his thinking, he ignored the sharp criticism of his contemporaries in such things as classification schemes [Dewey was "in" at the time] and managed to envision the library needs of the future. His papers have been divided roughly into sections - those relating to the administration of the U.B.C. Library, to functions of such library organizations as the Canadian Library Association, to the various book dealers associated within the first two years of the U.B.C. Library's operation, and a miscellaneous section of letters giving his private opinion on all subjects. This has proven to be most useful in conveying a more accurate description of, for example, people who usually appear inhuman and insufferably perfect in the regular history text!

As an example of his candid opinion, and of the historical significance of his papers, this is an excerpt from a letter he wrote to a friend who was on the faculty at U.B.C. in which he is discussing a recent fishing expedition, he had gone with a certain Judge Howay (the same as mentioned above):

"I have returned today from a second cruise with Judge Howay. The first cruise was up to Pender Harbor and Jarvis Inlet. This last time we went across to Chemainus on Vancouver Island, then to Nanaimo through Dodge Narrows (the tide was going through and we went with it at a rate of about 12 miles an hour, for the narrows are only about 100 feet wide) and then across to Gabriola Island then home. The Judge was, of course, skipper and I merely the AB. In his capacity as owner and skipper Judge Howay [showed] even more than the impetuosity and autocracy for which he has the reputation on the bench. As I pertain to little nautical knowledge he would be frequently explosive at my clumsiness and inability to carry out commands. 'If I had an AB that was worth a ----' he would say, 'he would do so and so, but not having an AB who was worth a curse I guess I will do it myself'. However, the Judge has hopes of me. He admitted that I was getting almost useful. He taught me to steer by compass and to make three or four different kinds of hitches and a number of other things. Of course I cannot cook but

he says I will pass muster as dish washer! I had an extremely pleasant time and the skipper, having someone to abuse, enjoyed himself very much.

" I suppose you have heard of the new appointments, Sedgewick as the Head of the English Department, Boak to the History and Todd to take Willis' place in Classics. From all I can gather they seem all excellent and will strength these departments very materially. "

A PARTING REMARK:
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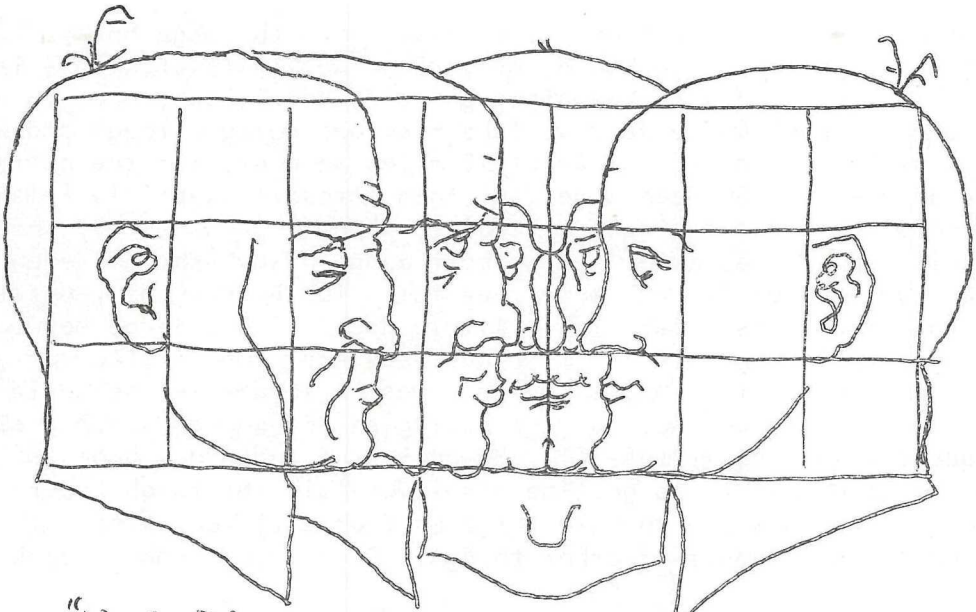

"LETS FACE IT FELLAS, TO THEM WE EGG-HEADS ARE JUST A BUNCH OF SQUARES------"