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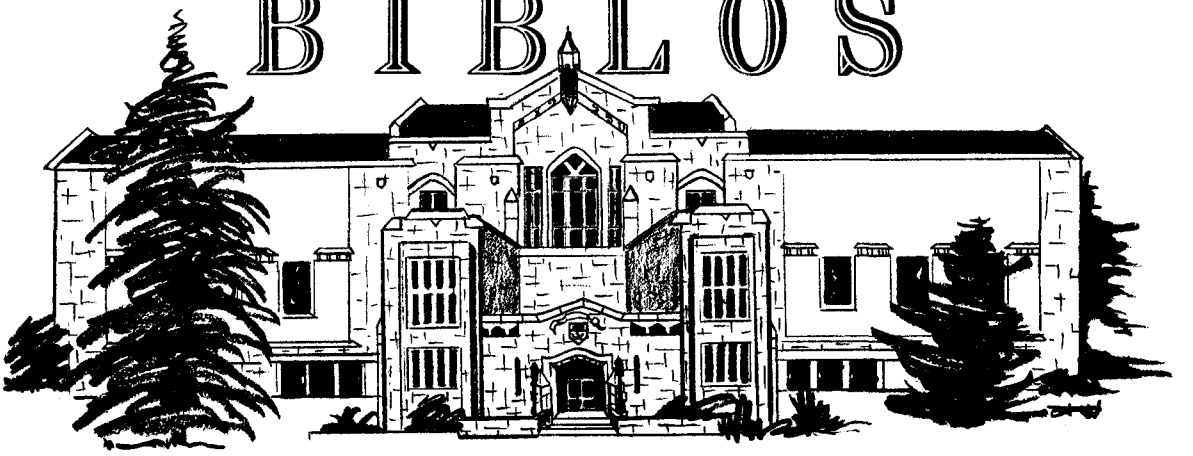

V. 2 NO. 7 OF THE U.B.C. LIBRARY STAFF NEWSLETTER APRIL 1966

NEWS FROM THE FRONT - NOT MUCH, BUT HERE IT IS.

30th meeting of the Reference Group, April 3rd, Board Room.

1. Searching the backlog for reference materials. Some 10,000 plus will be searched for reference materials. Arrangements will be made with Acquisitions to bring blanket order reference book arrivals to the notice of Division Heads.

2. Government Publications has a new Readex Microprint Reader good for microprint or microfiche.

3. Ture Erickson on Library Tours. Any high school teacher requesting a tour will be sent a letter of instructions - tours will be given in May or June.

Special Note - Aspiring writers - see p. 5

FLASH FROM THE "COFFEE GARDEN" -ANNOUNCING

For your added comfort and enjoyment:

We've a cheerful little lady
In the Staff Lounge every day,
And through the Summer Hours
Mrs. R. will also stay.
We like to see her smile
When all pennies in the pot.
(Just ask Lynne MacIver --
The rolling she loves not!)

CHANGES

Leslie Coutts	Cl.I to Lib.Asst.	Biomed (Branch)
Tom Shorthouse	Librarian	Curr.Lab. to Law
Eleanor Mercer	Librarian	Extension to Bibliography
Helen Constable	Librarian	Science to Bibliography
Walter Harrington	Librarian	Prebindery to Gifts and Exchange
George Freeman	Librarian	Serials to SSD
Lawrence Leaf	Librarian	Soc.Sc. to Curr. Lab.

JOINING

Daryl Dickman	Clerk I	Gov. Pubs.
Pat Meagher	Clerk I	Circ. (RBC)
Penny Simpson	Clerk I	Science

LEAVING

Joan Baker - Cataloguing; Mary-Lynn Hings - Circulation; Francine Parker - Circ.; Catherine Williams - Circ (RBC); Pat O'Connor - Curr. Lab.

BELATED BUT - WELCOME TO OUR "HOURLIES"

Rod Cardin - Serials; Allan Quan - Serials; Helene Karter - Cataloguing; Nancy Morton - Map Division, Linda Hansen - Woodward; Dorothea Daly - Woodward.

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE QUEBEC CONFERENCE ON AUTOMATION IN LIBRARIES

Mr. Stuart-Stubbs, Mr. Watson, and Mr. MacDonald recently attended an automation conference in Quebec. Our Head has discussed the trip in a lecture to the Library School on April 1st. Interested librarians were also invited.

At the Conference, talk was of punched cards, programming, IBM listings and hard work as various Canadian universities presented proposals, systems and uses for automated control of routine and repetitive operations in libraries. U.B.C.'s systems and researches included Circulation, Serials, Acquisitions and Cataloguing. Of interest, U. of T.'s ONULP project has had to be suspended.

Most impressive was the work done by Laval University. In serials they are currently issuing an annual list of current titles with calendar, in December, and annual subscription list for renewals, in November, and two cumulative weekly lists of accessions - one in Science, the other on Humanities periodicals. And they have just issued the prototype of their complete programme - a complete list of the periodicals in their Medical Library. The latter may be sorted and retrieved under at least fifteen different captions and combinations like title, place, periodicity, subject headings, country, language, holdings, etc.

In September 1965, a Committee for Automation of Library Services was set up at Laval. On it were - a rep from their Documentation Centre, the heads of Technical Services, Cataloguing, Acquisitions, Circulation, and Periodicals, plus a Computing Center analyst assigned to Library programmes. The Committee sat twice a week for six months and evolved systems analyses in their respective areas, submitting written reports.

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The Laval report, presented by Rosario de Varennes, pointed out that on-campus computer access plus minimum cost charges for library automation programming and a library collection of convenient size and growth have facilitated their efforts. Libraries are on the move. The process of automation at the beginning always involves a massive increase of work and more staff and money is initially needed to cope with data conversion.

In conclusion, the Laval report noted that the prime advantages of automation are to do routine and repetitive tasks more quickly and accurately. Automation also provides a whole string of by-products which indeed will bring forth a complete revolution in the set-up of our services to customers.

Mr. Stuart-Stubbs is currently compiling a more detailed report on the Conference and from it we may glean more at a later date.

NEWS FROM THE GALLERY:

No news! ... the Fine Arts Gallery (library basement) will be closed until July, at which time there will be exhibits of pottery and prints... More of this in the June issue.

BUT AT THE LASSERRE BUILDING -
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE:

300 scale models illustrating key monuments and ideas in the history of architecture and photographs of the architecture of Poland and Czechoslovakia (photographer - B. Paul Wisnicki.) Lobby and corridors of Frederic Lasserre building.

WE ANNOUNCE

BIBLOSLAND 1966 A.D. POETRY CONTEST.

A Morgue-to Map Room, stackwide, competition.
For a creative, critical, or "camp" composition.

Covering the crucial 12 month period following
last years inspired contest.

So Poet and Peasant hark to the call
Remember Shevchenko watches you all.

GRAND AWARD

"HIS SELF"

plus

a "consolation" prize to the winner donated
gladly by a relieved Retiring Resident Rhymer...

(it gurgles)

SUBMISSIONS

JUDGES PANEL
You!
the reader-
the "How"
see later
edition

Poems must be legible	- not necessarily understandable
Any desirable length	- we publish 12 to 20 pages in total
Competitors	- any toiler in "B" land
Closing date	- who knows - when we have enough entries
Submit to	- Biblos Box or your local Committee member ***

*** IMPERIAL EDITORIAL COMMITTEE . BIBLOS!

Aspiring writers, see p. 8 P.A.L.

ABOUT THE U.B.C. SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Toward the end of each month about fifteen people from different parts of the campus converge on the Administration Building as representatives of their own particular workday worlds; Buildings and Grounds, the Food Services, Traffic Patrol, Student Residences, Personnel Offices, Fire Department, Medical Services, the Faculty of Science and the Library. During the meeting which follows, the Chairman, Mr. McLean, invites each person to bring to the attention of the Committee any condition which he considers to be unsafe. If the other members agree, the appropriate representative is asked to investigate and report to the next meeting on action taken.

Some of the visible signs of the Committee's activity on our behalf over the past winter have been: the posting of signs on elevator doors (to conform with the Rules for Emergencies, another result of the Committee's work), the addition of "caution" signs to the stack smoke doors (admittedly a second choice - we would have preferred removal of the doors), the placing of first-aid boxes within easy reach in every division, the removal of a tripping hazard at the level five main stack entry, installation of an air-circulating fan in the Multilith Room, etc. Several other matters are presently being investigated, chief among them being the very thorny problem of ventilation for the Reserve Book Room (at present, it has none to speak of.) Sorry - the more general problem of ventilation throughout the entire building is not a legimate concern of the Safety Committee.

Please remember the existence of this committee the next time you bump your head on a low beam or trip over something that should not be there. Just stagger or crawl up to the desk marked "Graham Elliston" in the Serials Division and report.

Special Note: Aspiring writers, see p. 8.

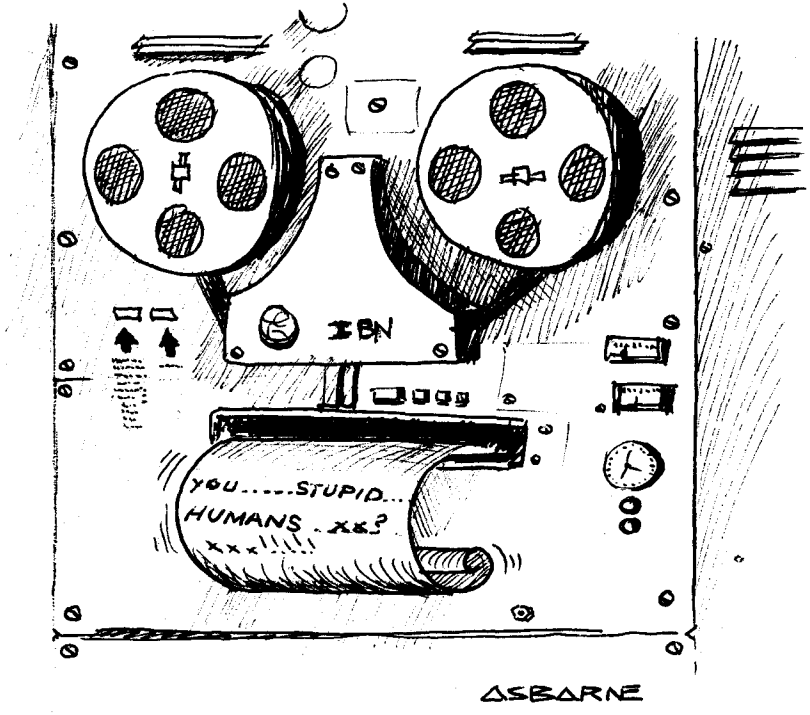
AND A REPEAT FROM LAST MONTH *****

PLEEEASE REMEMBER TO PUT "WHO, TO WHOM, WHY" NOTES ON ANY MATERIAL YOU "DUMP" ON SOMEONE'S DESK.
(see v. 2, No. 6, P. 2 of March '66 BIBLOS "An unfortunate finder")

Another unfortunate finder

RUMOUR HAS IT...

Circulation wishes to dispel ugly rumours that our 1030 system is making mistakes, sending out unoverdue overdues, etc. Actually, most of the "problems" arise from our various approaches to conversion. When we find that a method is not adequate, we re-vamp our work-flow and the resultant changes in procedure entail "errors", but they really are people "errors", not the blue boxes', and we really can correct them when said "errors" are reported. Conversions take time and staff and patience and... and... Your indulgence, please (Sigh).



ASPIRING WRITERS - see also pp. 1 and

The Imperial Editorial Committee Members are:
K. Kent and Pat O'Rourke - Circ.; Pat LaVac - Acquisitions, Isabel Godefroy - Cataloguing, Brett Osborne - Serials (unbound, 5th Floor), Diana Cooper - Fine Arts, Jean Molson - Woodward.

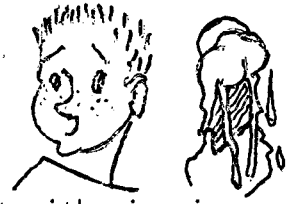
SOME COMMISSIONAIRE'S CAPTIONS COURAGEOUS

Commissionaire to male and female students in a Carrell:
Excuse me, sir, but courting is not allowed in the carrells.

Male Student: Excuse me, sir, we are not courting. We're married.

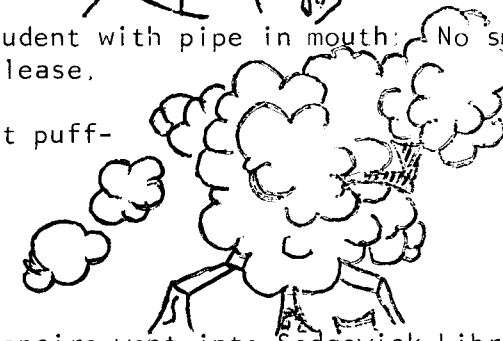
Commissionaire to student: No eating in the stacks, please.

Student: I'm not eating. This is ice-cream.



Commissionaire to student with pipe in mouth: No smoking in the library, please.

Student: But I'm not puffing on it, sir.



The day the Commissionaire went into Sedgewick Library to see what all the noise was about and found twelve white leghorn chickens flying around and four sheep. His was the job of rounding them up, much to the joy of the students, and the staff behind the desk.

ARE YOU -

Brilliant?
Interested?
Brain-washed?
Lost?
Over-anything?
If So...

HERE IS A SPACE LEFT ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. Practice up for the annual BIBLOS poetry contest. (See pp. 1, 5 & 8)

WHICH ONE?

It came addressed to:

The Circulating Librarian
The Library
University of British Columbia

THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM EXAMITIS, SHORT SIGHTEDNESS, OR SLEEPING SICKNESS ... BEWARE!! WE MAY CASH IN.

From the Daily Express, C. Rosselli:

People who persistently go to sleep in the reading room, and browsers who rest on the floor at Widnes Public Library, Lancashire, will face a 5 pounds' penalty under new by-laws. Accidental catnappers and short-sighted readers who have to lie down to read titles on the bottom shelves will not be prosecuted, says a library official.

A Letter to the Editor (Yes, really!)

The Editor - Biblos

Madam,

Some of the readers of A Librarian's Pledge to Patrons, (Biblos, March 1966), may be interested to compare the official code of ethics of taxi drivers as reported to me by a Vancouver taxi driver. It is:

No pimping. No bootlegging.

At least it's short.

Yours, etc.,

Elizabeth Jupp.

P.S. He added that with a code of ethics you have to be flexible

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