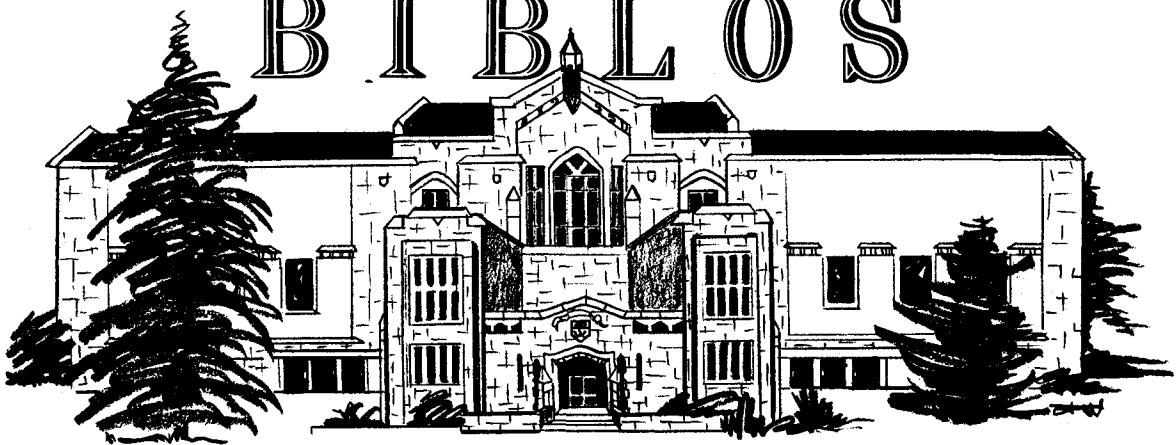


BIBLOS



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THUNDER - STOLEN AGAIN

BIBLO'S shaky reputation of possessing all the latest, up-to-date information, gossip, slander, etc. re library activities, suffered another prideful blow when unceremoniously scooped by the local UBYSSEY. The results of the "Traffic survey at the University of British Columbia Libraries" had long been awaited. Plans of wide-open-heavens proportions had almost been created to spring the factual news upon the waiting, anticipating staff. Alas and alack! A bold, a black, a headline of shattering proportions dashed all hopes of a BIBLOS first. And so we can only point, in sadness, to the 5 percent discrepancy between numbers of people entering and leaving the library and to the poor pup who was unofficially counted in, but never out.

However, in retaliation to the unethical scooping by UBYSSEY, BIBLOS has conducted its own traffic survey and must say, in all unabashed modesty, that its results are truly remarkable. We call our survey, most aptly, "An exercise in Busyness." For 1 hour, a total of 60 minutes between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock on Friday, March 26, 1965, reasonably accurate statistics were taken on the number of people who crossed the fore and hindsight vision of the BIBLOS staffer

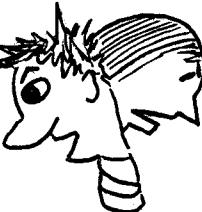
on Information Desk. To define the terms of reference "crossed the fore and hindsight vision," more closely means that to become a statistic, one had to make a complete crossing past the Information Desk - whether in front or behind was quite immaterial. A slight moral crisis was provoked when several potential statistics stopped midway in the crossing AND eventually retreated in the same direction from whence they had come. The statistician, hence, could only morally conclude that these would not be honest statistics - and popped them in.

In a further breakdown of figures, and also to emphasize the "BUSYNESS" aspect of the survey, statistics were also kept on the number of times a particular person passed by the Information Desk. Got a bit complicated here, it did. BIBLOS is proud to be the first to tell you that a total of 275 statistics "passed by my window" - so to speak - in only 1 hour. In all fairness, BIBLOS admits that survey conditions were not ideal in that the weather was half-cloudy, quite cool, and in that exams are imminent and essays presumably complete. However, the Information Desk and Catalog areas are the hub of the Library and therefore, must be considered the "busiest" to portray "busyness." To demonstrate this statement, the gathered statistics showed 7 passing by the Information Desk at least twice, 13 traversing at least 3 times, 3 at least 4 times, 2 - 5 times, and in conclusion, a "funny" librarian who managed to be "busy" for 8 crossings.

Remember "Busyness is next to...the card catalog" - and you read this first in BIBLOS.

HOPEFUL DEADLINE for next months' BIBLOS is - please-
APRIL 23, 1965. A FRIDAY.

March 16, 1965



Visitors

Dr. Frank Rogers, Professor of Medical Bibliography at the University of Colorado, spoke on automation to the School of Librarianship students on April 1 and 2. Dr. Rogers was formerly head of the U.S. Surgeon-General's Office Library, and was a leader in planning the MEDLARS system.

Travellers

Doug McInnes (Woodward) recently attended in Ottawa a meeting of medical deans and librarians, regarding the Simon report. Discussion centred on the proposed Canadian medical bibliographic centre which will probably be located in Ottawa.

Miss Ng (Asian Studies) will go to San Francisco for a meeting of the Association of Asian Studies.

Potential Travel

Although the budget is not yet set, there will undoubtedly be a sum of money to aid conference-going librarians; and it is expected to be a larger sum this year. The current golden egg committee: Maureen Wilson, Chairman; Bill Bell, John Gray, Doug McInnes, Helen Constable.

Reading Rooms

The Library's policy on campus reading rooms has been approved by the Senate Library Committee, and is now in the hands of the Committee of Academic Deans, preparatory to going to the Senate. Several departments have requested reading rooms; where funds are available, preparations are being made to stock and operate them.

Facilities and Services

The Record Library and Wilson Listening Room is ready.

Douglas Kaye moved his collection of records over from the Extension Department and alterations proceeded around him. Many new records have been purchased, both of music and of the spoken word. Campus fee will remain at \$5.00; class listening will be free. An outside speaker will provide noon-hour concerts. Mr. Stuart-Stubbs and Dr. Hagler are experimenting with a computerized cataloguing system for the records. This new facility was made possible by a gift from Ethel and Wallace Wilson, long-time friends of the Library.

The Extension Library, which will serve only extension credit courses and drama groups, has moved to Floor 2 near the mail room. It is not accessible to the telephone, and callers should be asked to leave a message for Miss Mercer.

The Curriculum Laboratory is on the new Education Building telephone exchange, local 801; they hope to get back their old number 355.

The Docustat on Floor 5 has attracted enough business to satisfy the company, and they plan to install another machine in Sedgewick (née College). The Library will suggest a soft drink dispenser in the staff room.

Remember that the Xerox service is open until 9 p.m. Since evening business is seldom heavy, library copying left at 5 p.m. can usually be ready by the next morning.

New!

Circulation proposes to attempt a complete inventory of the stacks, to close the Library for three days in May, and have the whole library staff work on the check. Mr. Stuart-Stubbs is asking the administration for permission to close.

Circulation is also preparing for September launching of the new IBM circulation system. Their staff are being trained now, and the rest of us will be introduced to it during the summer. A key punch is now installed in the Circulation work area.

SOMEONE

ANNOUNCES



Xerox Copy from Microfilm

A Vancouver firm, Preston Microfilming Services, Ltd., supplies an answer to the question "How and where can I get Xerox copy from microfilm"? The price of Xerox Copyflo prints is .07¢ per Lino Ft. Using this method of reproduction, they can supply prints up to 11" in width with a 2 week delivery date. Xerox 1824 prints cost .09¢ per Lino Ft. and produce a print up to 18" in width. A delivery date of 2 or 3 days is required for these.

Please! Re: Mechanical, Electrical, Heating, etc. Problems

All such difficulties must be reported to Mrs. Dewar, Librarians's Office.
Staff members must not phone Buildings and Grounds directly.

What is Happiness?

Happiness is a Spanking new display in the SSD display case.
We want more - Happiness.

Cataloging Strikes Again

M452
W43 Op.4 VENEREAL DISEASES

1911 Weigl, Karl, 1881-1949.
[Quartet, strings, op. 4, A major]

--played on a G string, no doubt!

SPECIAL TO BIBLOS

On Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, several members of the Library staff attended a very enjoyable evening of plays by the "Playtime Theatre" group. The group presented "Rumpelstiltskin" by the smaller children and "Aladdin" a three act play in verse, by the 6-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ year old members of cast.

Both the plays were written by Pat LaVac (Acquisitions) who is the organizer of "Playtime Theatre". Pat has been running the group for seven years and many dozens of children have been able to enjoy the fun of make believe and dress up, an enjoyment which she feels is sadly lacking in the schools today.

The children meet in her basement recreation room on Saturday morning and bring 10¢ each towards costumes and scenery. They are all neighbourhood children and are all given a part and lines to say, even if she has to write in extra parts! What is lacking in experience is made up in sheer enthusiasm and pride when the parents are sitting in the audience.

Her husband Gerry makes the scenery and her two older daughters, Marilyn and Patsy Anne, too grown up now to be on stage, help with production.

This year, as usual, the performance was held on the basement stage, and each night forty to fifty proud parents, friends and younger brothers and sisters sat on wooden benches and thoroughly enjoyed the magic world of make believe.

Pat eventually hopes to compile a book, showing how anyone with little experience, a sizeable basement and limited finances can, with enthusiastic imagination, provide interests and a wealth of fun for both the neighbourhood children and themselves.

Good Grief! A Flux of Librarians.

The Board of Governors has been requested to appoint, as Librarians I, the following library school graduates:

Miss Diana Cooper, Fine Arts (U.B.C.)
Miss Adrienne Flook, Catalog Division (U.B.C.)
Miss Jennifer Gallup, Humanities (McGill)
Miss Isobel Godefray, Catalog Division (McGill)
Mr. Larry Green, B.M.B. (U.B.C.)
Miss Linda Kwong, Asian Studies (U.B.C.)
Mrs. Susan Macrae, Acquisitions (U.B.C.)
Miss Donna Shaw, Law Library (McGill)
Mr. David Thomas, Catalog Division (U.B.C.)

New Position

Hans Burndorfer (at present in Humanities) has been appointed as Bibliographer beginning July.

Unfilled Positions

At present, there are a no. of vacant professional positions in Serials, Government Documents and Cataloging Departments.

Acquisitions Acquired

Miss Judy McDermot as Clerk I on March 15, 1965 and Mrs. Kathaleen Rankin as Clerk I on March 31, 1965.

Marriage

Ann Carson (Special Collections) became Mrs. Anne Yandle in March.

Offspring

Margot Belak, ex of the Fine Arts Division, announces the birth of a daughter, Brenda Allison, on March 12, 1965.

Left Us

Deirdre Perth resigned from B.M.B. on March 12, 1965.
Cataloging lost Betty Deeth on the last of March.
John Cull departed from Circulation March 31, 1965.

Just Transferred

Mrs. Kristen Martin moved from the Cataloging Division to B.M.B. on March 24, 1965.
Vivi Jorgensen transferred from Acquisitions to Serials on March 15, 1965.

Glad to see that

Len Williams is back at work. Almost forgot to mention Vernon Smith takes John Cull's position as Len's assistant.

CHUCKLE! --frustrated laughter.

Notes Found on Shelves in PR Section

This section is all mixed up. Why is Lawrence in the middle of Lewis, etc., etc.

Because idiots keep taking books out, and dumping them any damned place they feel like. Until you all start being a little more careful, shelveurs do not stand a chance of putting these books in order.

Signed

A shelver,
student help,

THE MARK

It began with my husband reading Life. He invented the Sneer Mark, ~, and the Suspicion Mark, ⚡, and went on to the Leer Mark, ☺. We immediately realized that modern English needs more marks of expression than have been provided to date. In past literature a hero could expand and expound, to a full paragraph, his feelings on, for instance, leaving his beloved for the wars. Today's hero is allowed a line. He slaps her young brother on the shoulder and says "Look after her, Seth". Exit. In film, the sound of gritted teeth and the bulge of the jaw muscle supply the obviously much needed Choked Emotion Mark, █. In print, one might wonder merely if the young man really cared.

Laconic speech has its point but can lead to misunderstanding. Take the time-honoured phrase "Come up and see me sometime". In speech, the acute male would be likely to misinterpret the invitation. But in a letter trouble could arise. If the phrase were followed by a Threat Mark, ☠, you would polish up your karate before going. If, on the other hand, it were followed by a Promise Mark, ☺ you wouldn't. The Student evidently feels the need for a greater variety of marks; witness the plethora of trite asterisks and exclamation marks on book margins. Let us pioneer a greater wealth of punctuation to cope with today's Great Society:- the Pow Mark, the Squelch Mark, the Square Mark, the Easy Mark----- Most magazines will stimulate you to invent more.

Helen Constable
Science Division

LAW LIBRARY

What's the difference between overtake and pass?

How long can money be held in Chancery in England?

Where could I find out about a case of poisonous hair oil that was sold on the market in about 1958?

My friend Bob studies in the Law Building in the afternoons, could you please find him and tell him that I can't meet him at 4.30?

I have a friend who would like to know what the law for residence for divorce is. Could you tell me?

Could I be extradited for not paying a traffic fine?

Could you tell me where I could find the blue book that used to sit on that shelf, right there, last year?

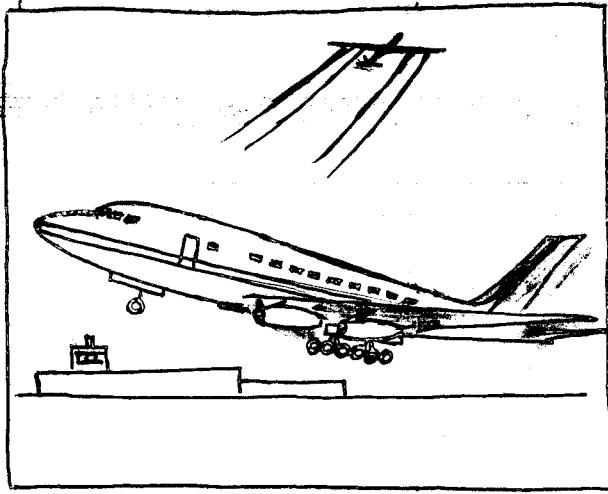
Hello. We'd like a copy of - by -. Yes, we'd like to xerox it.

But sir, that would cost you approximately \$35.00. Would you not prefer to try a book dealer first, where you could purchase it for about \$5.00?

Oh no, it's not our money, it's the municipalities' funds.

The reference desk of the Law Library is a busy one! One deduces that many enterprising individuals seek out free legal advice daily, thus sustaining the sunny side of life in the Law Library.

The Law Library, which was under the jurisdiction of the Faculty of Law until 1964, is now a part of the Main Library. The book collection consists of approximately 45,000 active volumes, and 10,000 dormant housed in the morgue. The checking, ordering, some cataloguing, and filing of books is shared by the library staff of 3 permanent employees, as is the manning of the reference and reserve desk and the checking in of mail. The size of the collection, building and staff are in just the proper proportions to give library personnel a substantial amount of daily exercise. Because classes are held in the Law building, the silence of the library is hourly shattered by the dull roar of class changes.



THE HAPPY WANDERERS

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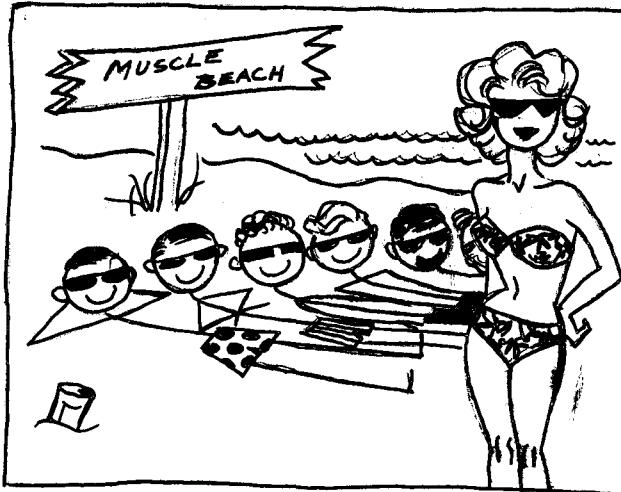
They also serve who
only stand & wait.

Rub-a-dub-dub six men in two
tubs,

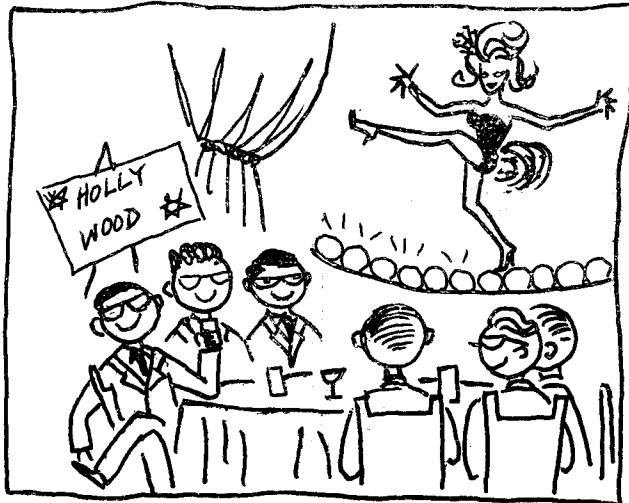
And who do you think they were?
There was Basil, Bill, Bert,
Bob, Bsteve, and someBody -
Just all boys together
With mary a care.



The sextet departed
From those they'd outsmarted,
Hearts bursting to cement
Relations 'ere they went.



My, my were they keen,
And so it would seem
The systems analysis
Contributed to paralysis.



Expertise in selection
To increase our collection,
Gave each guy a share
In viewing things rare.



They returned bright and
breezy,
But it sure wasn't easy
To get back to the job
And contend with the mob.

(Signed)
U.R. Fired