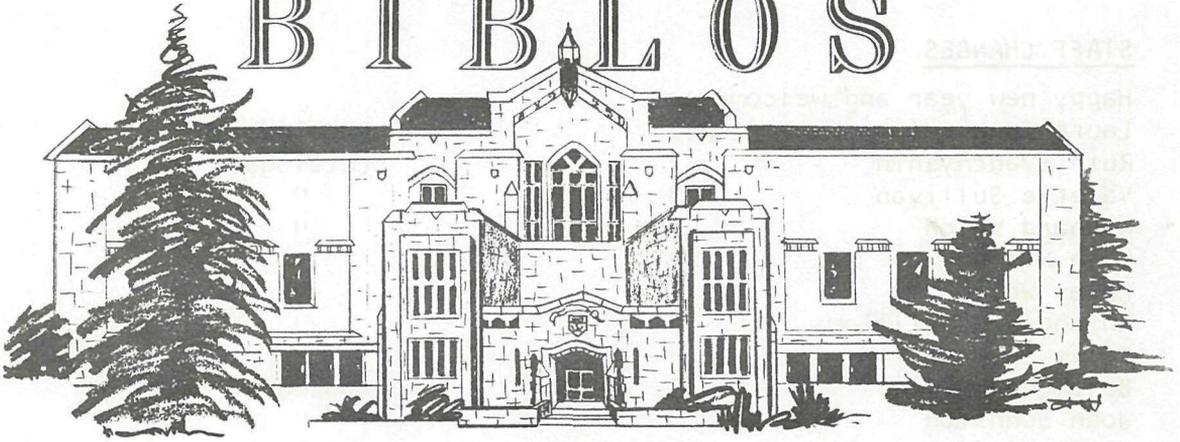


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# 1969

THE YEAR OF THE DOUBLE TAKE.

or

Where did it all go?

'Tis that time of the year again, for the annual review, with budgets on the horizon, ammunition in readiness for the annual wage skirmish, record temperatures (low) and the Monday morning splints and bandages as the skiers return from the mountains. A few very serious cases of Hong Kong flu, a few very nicely tanned faces of the returning holidayers and the usual seasonal let-down. So... here to brighten your days (it will take that long to read) the Biblos' annual survey of the scene - just past, present, hopeful and what now Mr. Bennett?...

The Editor. Pat LaVac.

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University of British Columbia

STAFF CHANGES

Happy new year and welcome to:-

Laura Funk	L.A.I	Prebindery
Ruth Evanchyshin	I	Catalogue
Valerie Sullivan	I	"
Richard Welch	III	"
Lynn Miller	I	"
Helen White	III	"
Rhiannon M. Williams	III	"
Sally Seymour	I	"
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Joan Johnston	I	"
Linda Cluff	II	"
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Wendy McKim	L.A.I	Circulation

Congratulations to:-

Maureen Fromsen	L.A.I Woodward	to	L.A.II Catalogue
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Vivian Reid	L.A.II "		Flexo. Op. Systems
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Farewell to:-

Cheryl Howe	L.A.III	Woodward
Ardele Bruce	L.A.II	Catalogue
Michael Newman	L.A.IV	"
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Gloria Gelinis	L.A.II	"
Shirley Archibald	Flexo. Op.	"
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Kirsten Sullivan	L.A.I	Circulation
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Robert Peck	L.A.I	Sedgewick

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Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher of the 5th century B.C., wrote: "In the same rivers we step and we do not step; we are and we are not."

By this he meant that everything in the universe is in a state of change at all times, and that things are not as static as they seem. Certainly his observation would hold for the Library, wherein change is a constant process, and the end of every day sees a different Library.

We always hope that changes are for the better, and despite the occasional blue notes struck in the following pages, it is clear that the Library is increasingly successful in fulfilling its role in the educational process. Statistics testify to that, if simple observation of library use were not enough.

In a co-operative venture such as this, everything is achieved by and through people. The reports in this issue of Biblos tell your own story. The accomplishment is there, and it is yours, individually and commonly. From all directions I hear words of appreciation for your effort, and I take this opportunity to add my own.

Basil Stuart-Stubbs

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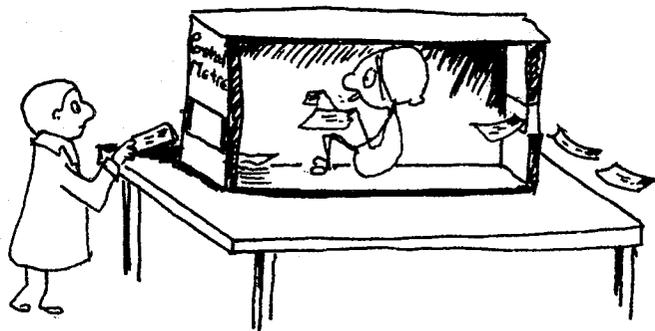
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at the beginning there is the Mail Room.....

The last year has seen two main changes in the Mail Room. In a single dramatic sweep Bruce Stephenson, our faithful mail room clerk (qv) has put an end to the fantastic turn-over of previous years by becoming a sort of permanent fixture there. Robin Williams (alias The Hood) has also brought a measure of stability. (ed. for which Julius must be eternally grateful).

The second major change is the addition of a postal meter to the forest of obscure machinery lodged there, thus putting an end at last to the gruelling task of stamp licking for the boys. The necessity of this endless task has long threatened to ossify them completely with months of back-log, hardened gums.

However this last bastion of Medieval thinking has finally been eliminated, and we look forward to a productive year in the Mail Room.....BS.



and at the end of the elevator . . . . .

### ACQUISITION DIVISION

The Acquisition Division's year was highlighted by the long awaited introduction of an automated ordering system.

Since August 1st all orders have been typed on flexowriters which simultaneously provide purchase orders, processing slips and a paper tape which is the computer input. This tape is then used to give an alphabetically arranged order record and punched processing and accounting cards. The second stage of the system, the automation of the accounting process, is now being planned and should be initiated before the new fiscal year.

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Preparations for the transfer of a large number of titles in the Continuation File were also begun. The Serials Division will assume responsibility for all titles except monographs in series and sets in progress. It is expected that these preparations will take the better part of a year to complete.

N. Omelusik

Same floor - behind the glass windows.....

### BIBLIOGRAPHY DIVISION

The most significant single event of the year was the retirement of "RJL" - Mr. Roland Lanning - Serials Bibliographer extraordinaire. He served the UBC Library from 1926-1968, an amazing 42 years during which he diligently pieced together our first class serials collection. In recognition of this service the Library has dedicated to him a reprinting of the Victoria Magazine, a scarce mid-19th century Canadian journal which we hope he is now enjoying along with his retirement under the snows of sunny Vancouver Island.

During the summer there was a change of personnel in the Science Bibliographer's position when Helen Constable left the Library to become a mother and Gerry Palsson transferred into the vacancy from the Woodward Library.

The activities of the Bibliography Division itself in 1968 proceeded at an even, undramatic pace, the mood being defined, perhaps too strongly, by the generally lower level of the allocations for the budget year. When the Library's share of the University's 1968/69 budget was examined for priorities among the book funds, the BYB allocation came off relatively well, being cut by less than 12%, whereas many others (especially in the areas of reference and research) were slashed without mercy. However, the general atmosphere of poverty had a depressing effect on the bibliographers, so that they tended to be almost miserly in their buying habits -- scrutinizing all additional purchases with a sceptical eye and recoiling almost in fright from periodical backfiles. The drastic cutback in funds for research periodicals dictated the decision to carry on for the rest of the year without a replacement for Mr. Lanning, the housekeeping jobs being distributed among the remaining bibliographers. Lynda Putnam, Mr. Lanning's clerical assistant, was consequently transferred to the Serials Section of the Cataloguing Division.

Money did become available, however, through the Canada Council which granted the Library \$64,000 for the purchase of research books and periodicals in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The amount of work involved in managing the 44 separate funds thus created has been considerable, as a very strict accounting must be kept for reporting purposes.

Another important facet of the Division's work has been the selecting of books from the Colbeck Stock for absorption into the Library's collections. This work is still continuing with the help of the Bibliographic Searching of the Cataloguing Division. So far the Library's intake from this stock is running at about 30%.

The Blanket Order and Approval programs, with the exception of the Spanish one, have carried on with the usual amount of surveillance. Maintaining contact with Spain has proven to be a problem which has not yet been resolved to our satisfaction. Perhaps a trip to Granada, Madrid, Seville, Valencia, the Costa Brave??.....0le!!

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Still on the seventh floor the largest of them all.....

### THE CATALOGUING DIVISION

During 1968 the shelf list was united and the public catalogue divided. Ticked tracing subject headings have been introduced into most of the catalogues of the system. Missing title cards are being typed for all the catalogues, and new cross references for Main, Sedgewick and Woodward. At the end of 1968 the Catalogue Division is current in adding continuations and copies and the cataloguing of currently received new imprints. Catalogue card typing and checking is now as current as our external printing arrangement allows.

The \*brief listed storage collection on level one has been reduced to 31,000 volumes (from a high of 60,000). \*(Ed. Formerly known as "backlog" "ZZs" or just "down there")

As many as 40,000 cards have been filed into the public catalogue in one month, resulting in the author-title file reaching capacity by the end of the year.

In 1969 the Division hopes to continue cataloguing all currently received material rather than sending any material to level one - this despite the many thousands of volumes in the Colbeck stock now being searched and added. It is hoped that sufficient catalogue cabinets will be forthcoming so that the catalogue may be expanded and filing made current. In the latter half of the year it is hoped that further inroads can be made on the brief listed collection.

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Ed. Note. Cataloguing currently receives 90 copies of Biblos each month indicating that it is by far the largest division in the Library.

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and across the floor to.....

### SERIALS 1968

#### Highlights:

Valentine's Day 1968: inception of Automated check-in system and that's when claiming became automatically impossible; a semi-automated claiming method is being implemented on Valentine's Day 1969.

Due to switch to the computer, Kardex died; all available information on unbound holdings is being extracted and Kardex units will be gone with the April wind.

Kardex cards are replaced by computer printed Master cards 19,000 in filing tubs and by check-in cards (2-6 for each Master).

For those who miss the Kardex, daily, weekly, annual printouts will tell what's received in Serials and what's in unbound form at various locations. Lists also reflect changes in titles, delays in publications, claimed issue etc. i.e. you will have the Kardex on your own desk.

Transfer of 3,000 continuation titles from Acquisitions to Serials will be completed in 1969, we hope!

New equipment to cope with the new situation has accumulated rapidly such things as a Collator 85, interfiling punched check-in cards at 140 cards per minute; a telephone chime to sooth the nerves of customers impatiently waiting for information; a lime co our shirt for the Head -- to keep up with progress; an automated date stamp is expected and one day there may be a keypunch machine for local use.

Staff situation: this is the first year with only 1 librarian (or superclerical) in this division (this compared with the old standard prescribing one librarian for every 3000 subscriptions). We also pride ourselves with the first computer produced position: File Maintenance Assistant (or File Maintenance Engineer as she prefers to be called) in charge of updating the Master File; she implements all kinds of changes which abound, as about 56% of all titles undergo some kind of change every year. The Head has discovered a new way of coping with staff requests for extra help when faced with demands of help to carry the workload from three of his staff members he replied with -- AN EXTRA 'IN' BASKET for the respective staff members' desks.

Other staff gossip: average stay of a staff member in this division is 8.8 months; shortest stay registered: 4 days; longest 4 years; most people resigned in August, lowest number of resignations is November with none. Marital problems: 3 unmarried, one engaged, rest married.

Our order section also keeps an eye on the world of high finance: when the pound devalued, British publishers levied an additional charge on their journals to carry the loss and lately when the French refused to devalue, French publishers and agents levied an additional surtax to bolster the economy, hence they have you coming and going. Average price of a periodical in 1968 is \$8.65.

#### Lowlights:

Ceiling lights are very low, causing eyesores.

Serials is a semi-independent unit taking orders from Bibliographers-Selection Committee, Systems: but we independently take blame for all problems, errors and defects. (Ed. and successes surely!!)

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One pastime which surely must have been missed by the occupants of the seventh floor was the football games on the playing fields behind the old field house. What a grand view that used to be - passed many a joyful "half minute" there myself at the window. Of course there's always the new Student Union Building and possibly that might prove exciting as the days progress but I'm sure the older members of staff would like to know that the old field house still stands, after being carried away during the night on huge house moving trucks. It's new home is situated at the furthest point south on the perimeter, at the end of Fraternity Row, past the winter stadium and, as you can see by the photo, surrounded by trees.



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FROM DOWN UNDER.....

### PREBINDERY

Since last year's Prebindery report to Biblos, one or two progressive steps have been taken. Last October a five week binding schedule was inaugurated. All unbound material is passed back to the sender, bound, within five weeks. This achievement was accomplished through hard work and the use of many four letter words like darn, gosh, golly. (Ed. Note: Oh yeah!)

The second step is the total elimination of phone calls regarding delayed volumes. This of course is the result of the first step. Which brings back to mind the old axiom: that if you don't take the first step, no need to try the second.

Best regards from the staff of Prebindery for 1969.

### BINDERY

Owing to the illness of Percy Fryer we are sorry that there is no report from the Bindery but we know that the usual colourful atmosphere prevailed during 1968 and we'll try to get something for next months issue. One of these days we might even get Percy to write a biography - to say the least it would be interesting.

Good health Perc. (editor)

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### RECORD COLLECTION

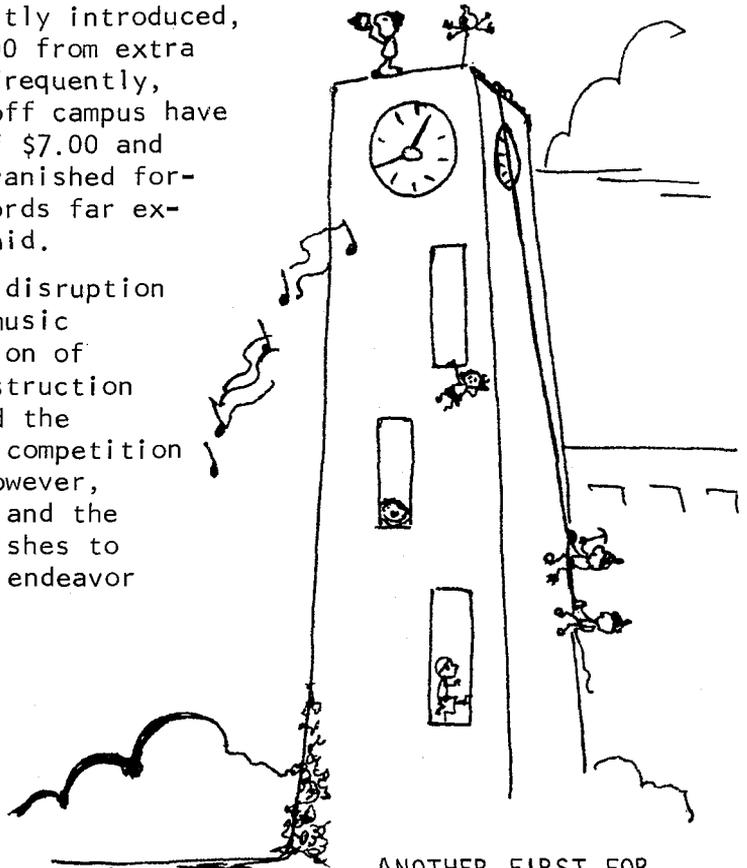
You might call 1968 another bumper year for the Record Collection. We certainly had more of the same old things. We loaned more records to more people, had more records stolen and we received more donations. We had a few unusual things as well. Paul Gager was drafted and went to Viet Nam. Now we have hired Alison Glass, hoping that it will be at least a while until they begin drafting Canadian girls.

1968 saw the floor area of the Record Collection increase by almost one third, a most welcome increase as the bins were starting to burst at the seams.

One project started last year will not be completed for at least another two years. This is a project to print index cards for the recordings to enter in the main index. The first phase of this project is completed, i.e., the printing of author and composer cards which advise the index user that recordings of works are available from the Record Collection but not giving any details of specific works. We have 3,450 authors/composers represented in the collection.

A new policy, reluctantly introduced, requires a deposit of \$15.00 from extra mural borrowers. All too frequently, in the past, persons from off campus have paid the extra mural fee of \$7.00 and then, like H.M.S. Friday, vanished forever, taking with them records far exceeding in value the fee paid.

The summer past saw a disruption of our noon-hour recorded music concerts, due to the erection of Ladner's "thing". The construction noises and the fence around the contractor's hoarding made competition impossible at the time. However, now that the edifice is up and the fence is down, if anyone wishes to go sit on the lawn we will endeavor to serenade him.



ANOTHER FIRST FOR  
'68.

The Clocktower  
asset or liability  
who knows - time  
will tell. Ouch!!

FIFTH FLOOR.... South

SCIENCE DIVISION 1968

Unable to compete with the attractions of Motherhood<sup>1</sup>, Medical librarianship<sup>2</sup>, Moscow<sup>3</sup>, Master's studies<sup>4</sup>, and Moving to the interior<sup>5</sup>, the Science Division suffered an almost general exodus in 1968. A bit of a blow for a Division that claims to offer good working conditions (high ceilings, large windows, fresh air, good lighting) and such fringe benefits as marriages (two<sup>6</sup>), babies (three<sup>7</sup>) and boxes of chocolates from appreciative customers at Christmas time.

Oh well--if those who left did not know a good thing when they saw one, those who stayed did, and five others were willing to give it a try.

Thus armed with "new brooms" we once again tackled old problems, trying to weed as much as we dared and to streamline as much as we could. More specifically we weeded the reference collection earlier in the year and ended with a housekeeping "blitz" at Christmas resulting in a tidier arrangement in workroom, morgue and prebind area. During spare moments we pushed a little wheel along the length of the Science Collection covering three miles at a subsomic speed of 20 ft/min...., and now we know exactly how many books and journals we have in each classification--in feet. (The machine that made this possible is called "Measure-master" and is now in the care of Pat O'Rourke.



In summary:- we kept going in 1968--even though some of us went in the wrong direction--and we intend to keep going in 1969 during which no resignations will be accepted.

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<sup>1</sup>Helen Constable

<sup>6</sup>Kathy Kujundzic became Kathy Millar  
Ann Gillanders became Ann Hutchison

<sup>2</sup>Diana Kent

<sup>3</sup>Helen Derwenko

<sup>7</sup>Peter Gerald Constable  
Jan Edward Brongers  
Katherine Isobel Thomas

<sup>4</sup>Tom Farnsworth

<sup>5</sup>Kathy Millar

FIFTH FLOOR - North

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION

The great event of 1968 - which turned out to be a Good Thing, and Memorable - was the great Humanities trek into the wild unknown of the Ridington Room. We welcome their proximity still, and have benefited from the merger of the collections. Two bibliographies, geared for graduate use, were completed in 1968 - Geography and Anthropology. In connection with these, lectures were held for the graduate students in these subjects instructing them on the ways and means of a research paper, together with the more pertinent research sources in their literature. Similar bibliographies in Economics and Political Science are now underway. New Year's resolutions? Well...we resolve that by next New Year's we'll be fully staffed and have all the new reference books we want and need!

First appearance..... FIFTH FLOOR center...

INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION

With the intent of ascertaining the range and magnitude of library users' need for assistance in the public concourse of the Main Library, the Information and Orientation Division conducted a four-week survey between Oct. 12 and Nov. 8 last fall. Using a specially devised form, personnel at the Information Desk recorded the number and the nature of requests for assistance they received.

The figures below are extracted from the data gathered and provide clues to certain kinds of problems and suggested solutions.

4,933 requests for assistance were received.

1,012 of these requests were referred to other divisions or branch libraries for specific help (Social Science Division led in number of referrals with 311, followed by Humanities Division - 194, and Government Publications - 129).

931 questions were asked concerning the location of a service, division, collection, facility, etc. of whose existence the inquirer was aware.

308 persons were informed of a service, division, facility, etc. which they did not know existed.

714 persons needed help with the card catalogue.

388 persons needed help with the location file.

455 persons needed help with the Serials Holding List.

143 persons required an interpretation of a citation.

123 requests for help and/or materials could not be accommodated because a division or a branch library was not open evenings or weekends or there was no subject reference librarian on duty at the time.

The I. & O. Division expresses its appreciation to personnel from other divisions who serve at the Information Desk and who patiently took time to record this data, often under extreme pressures. Principal areas of difficulty have consequently been identified and various measures are being evaluated and prepared to increase the self sufficiency of library users wherever possible. These will be reported in a future issue of Biblos after they have been put into operation.

a fairly new one.....

### FACULTY PUBLICATIONS 1968

JOB: to compile the bibliography of publications and productions of the UBC faculty and staff.

LOCATION: in the office wing off the Main Card Catalogue concourse.

CHANGE: relinquished July 1 by Joan Selby and Sylvia Goiran to Emily Anne Woodward and Elisabeth Bouscholte.

INNOVATION: "forms". Since April, faculty members have been receiving "forms" on which to record their publications (one form, one item). We have gone really wild with all that space for notes.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: 90% of the job; 100% humility; 150% respect for our predecessors.

and an old one..... department that is...

### HUMANITIES DIVISION

Accomplished in 1968:

Publications: A guide to reference materials for French language and literature, by Sue Port; A reference guide to book reviews, by Jennifer Gallup; and A Doukhobor bibliography. Part 1. Books and periodical articles, by Maria Horvath.  
Additions: three new L.A. I positions were added to the Humanities Division establishment.

Projected in 1969:

Publications: A guide to reference materials in German language and literature by Barbara Walden; a revision of the guide to book reviews by Jennifer Gallup; Part 2 of the Doukhobor bibliography by Maria Horvath; and American and English literature; a concise guide, by Bill Bell and Jennifer Gallup.

Additions asked for but not yet granted - an Interlibrary Loan Librarian.

1968 also saw the beginning of.....

ST WIBBY REPORTS.....

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Colbeck on their recent marriage.

THE GALLERY. Ninth Festival of the Contemporary Arts. Monday, Jan. 27 through Saturday, Feb. 9, 1969. Twenty-seven works by some of the more exploratory younger artists on the current American scene, who represent a diversity of recent tendencies in art including abstract illusionism, anti-form, minimal-modular.

SPECIAL EVENTS. 12:30 Thursday Feb. 5th at the Gallery, Lucy Lippard, New York writer and art critic, will conduct a tour of the exhibition. Hours: Monday through Saturday 10:30 to 5:00. Tuesday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Closed Saturday.

NEW YEAR, NEW NAMES. So very best wishes to the erstwhile Tannis Havelock of R.B.C. now Mrs. Bill Mulcahy (what a man that Bill must be) and to Ann Gardner of Science now Mrs. Dean Hutchison.

WE UNDERSTAND that a great time was had by all who attended the Library Assistants Wine & Cheese Party (it must have been a success, the wine had to be replenished) and Pat LaVac would like to thank all those who helped and added to the festivities. See you all next year at the "Annual Event".

THANKS also to all the people who made my Christmas Party a success, especially to Martina of Systems for her beautiful decorations, and to all her helpers on the eighth floor who risked the dangers of a "trip" from the fumes of the gold paint. Also to Diana Colquhoun for her creative stained glass window.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION. The Cecil Green Park can be booked for Receptions and Parties. Phone Mrs. Falls, Physical Plant, 2171. Food Services will cater if you phone Mrs. Nellis, 2469. Cheese Wholesalers. Imported & Domestic. James Henderson, 1864 West 4th Avenue. 733-1181. Kelowna Wines - agent Wayne King, 872-2831 - will supply all varieties delivered and probably discounted. Any type of disposable glass or cup. Wholesalers G.W. Wood, Hastings St. 255-8411. All the above people are most helpful and highly commended.

WOODWARD DISPLAYS. Jan. 29. Treatment with Radio Activity.

ST WIBBY CONTINUED.....

Feb. 5. History of Marijuana and a small display on Syphilis. Feb. 19 Medical Education.

SIMON FRASER. as reported by the Librarian's office: - December 20th, 1968 the Consul General of Japan, Mr. Tomihiko Kambara, presented a magnificent collection of books on the fine arts in Japan to the Library as a gift to the people of Canada from the Japanese government. (SFU bulletin Dec. 1968)

CONGRATULATIONS TO Mr. & Mrs. Dave Thomas - he of the Science department - on the birth of a daughter Katherine Isobel. We understand Katherine will probably always have a fondness for Volkswagons!!

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS to Sedgewick who holds the honour of being the first with an

For all those who don't know already, St. Wibby is short for St. Wiborada patron saint of libraries.

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annual report. See V. 5 No. 1 Biblos, Sept.-Oct. 1968.

THEN THERE WAS THE CASE of the faculty member who put a hold on a book - checked day after day as "call ins" went out to the offending borrower - expressed righteous indignation as each notice was ignored - demanded the name of the reprobate and - you've guess it - sheepishly crept away to check his own shelves and - mail!!

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all those people on our mailing list - may all your budgets be large ones - and how about an occasional line to Biblos.

TO OUR OWN STAFF. Keep those news items happening and see you next month.



"That'll be \$368.17 you owe."

"PUNCH"

ASIAN STUDIES DIVISION

As far as our funds and space problems are concerned, history repeated itself in 1968 as in 1967. Fund shortage caused a halt in book purchasing and a drop of our position among the 15 largest East Asian libraries in America, from the 13th to 14th, with the University of Toronto following suit as No. 15. Our vertical space expansion programme of adding one or two more shelves to each bay wherever possible would have to stop soon; by that time all our shelving space would be filled to capacity. The Asian Studies Collection has now grown to a total of 124,872 volumes, including 409 reels of microfilm.

All this seems trivial as compared to our preservation and security problems. The loss of some titles in the P'u-pan Collection prompted our urgent request for enforcing closed access to our rare books, but lacking funds and space, no step has yet been taken. The way in which most of the P'u-pan books are shelved without the protection of folders has been strongly criticized by visiting East Asian librarians. What they did not know was that if all our Chinese stitched volumes were to be cased, about 8,672 folders would be needed, costing approximately \$19,078.40!

Chasing away some of this gloom, a ray of hope and relief did break through in the form of a replacement of a librarian, whose position had been vacant for over ten months, and a new addition of a Japanese library assistant in September. Cataloguing has since been catching up, with a total of 1,768 titles in 5,036 volumes catalogued within the year, as compared to 1,693 titles in 3,485 volumes of 1967. However, preliminary cataloguing of the Seto Collection which had been received in 1967 was only half finished.

Three numbers (11-13) of our List of Catalogued Books appeared as scheduled, but the plan of substituting one of them with a special list of holdings of Chinese gazetteers was cancelled owing to lack of professional staff. Upon request from some graduate students, we tried for five months to extend by one hour our opening time in evenings. The attendance was so poor (some of those who had made the request showed up only once or twice!) that we have returned to our former hours, i.e. 7-10 p.m.

For six weeks in June, Mr. Soe Thein of the National Library

of Burma studied periodical indexing and Asian bibliographical reference in several divisions of the Main Library. His study programme was prepared by the staff of the Asian Studies Division where he wound up his work during the last two weeks of his stay. In March, Miss Ng attended the 20th annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, one of whose programmes was on Automated Bibliographic control of East Asian materials, organized by the Committee on East Asian Libraries, (CEAL). Now we, CEAL members, begin to talk about such subjects as "Synthetic Chinese, a direct method for computerized characters", "An automated bibliographic system: A Korean social science bibliography project", "Dialog: On-line bibliographic retrieval system", etc. Dear System Analysts, brace yourselves for an East Asian invasion, here we come!

#### GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

In 1969 Government Publications is going to try to follow the New Year's resolution of one of its members - Suppress it! Calm it! Life's too short.... A few trips away in 1968 - to New Mexico, Spain and Fiji - helped G.P. people keep their proper sense of perspective as they gasped about in their airless atmosphere. Business increased at an alarming rate and all worked madly staving off the student advances - platonic and otherwise. We attempted to become more accessible and have concentrated in particular on the monstrous microforms. Hopefully our lists and guides will help preserve the sanity of the users (and ourselves). Astrology has filtered into the Division and, if nothing else, has influenced our colour scheme (and given Duthie's profits a shot in the arm). In the coming year we resolve (well, some of us do) to be helpful, brotherly, courteous, kind, obedient, smiling, thrifty, pure, and thin. Sounds nauseating, doesn't it?

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and up to the top - the eighth floor

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DIVISION

The Top Dogs on the Top Floor (Special Collections Division to those who did not know right away) had another 'escalating' year. The reference and circulation figures increased considerably, due partly to the fact that more courses are being instituted in Canadian history, and partly that our non-book material is being gradually catalogued, making it more available for use. Seating accommodation is at a premium in the reading room and the dozen or so seats available are on a share basis with the Map Division.

Our manuscript collection continues to grow and the more noteworthy additions are: the papers and related material of several British Columbia Locals of the now defunct International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union; a collection of papers, letters, etc. from Dawson City dealing with the Klondike Gold Rush; and the personal papers of Dr. W.J. Rose who was instrumental in establishing U.B.C.'s Department of Slavonic Studies. Our organized collections are becoming widely known and used now that we have author and subject cards for them in the card catalogue, thanks to the Cataloguing Division.

During the past year two came and two went, so our numerical strength on the staff retained the status quo. We had another wedding this year and it certainly was an elegant and interesting affair. Other ethnic groups have a pinnacle to reach to top a Chinese wedding.

Come up and see us sometime. We dressed up a little the past year with some very unique pictures of the Klondike.

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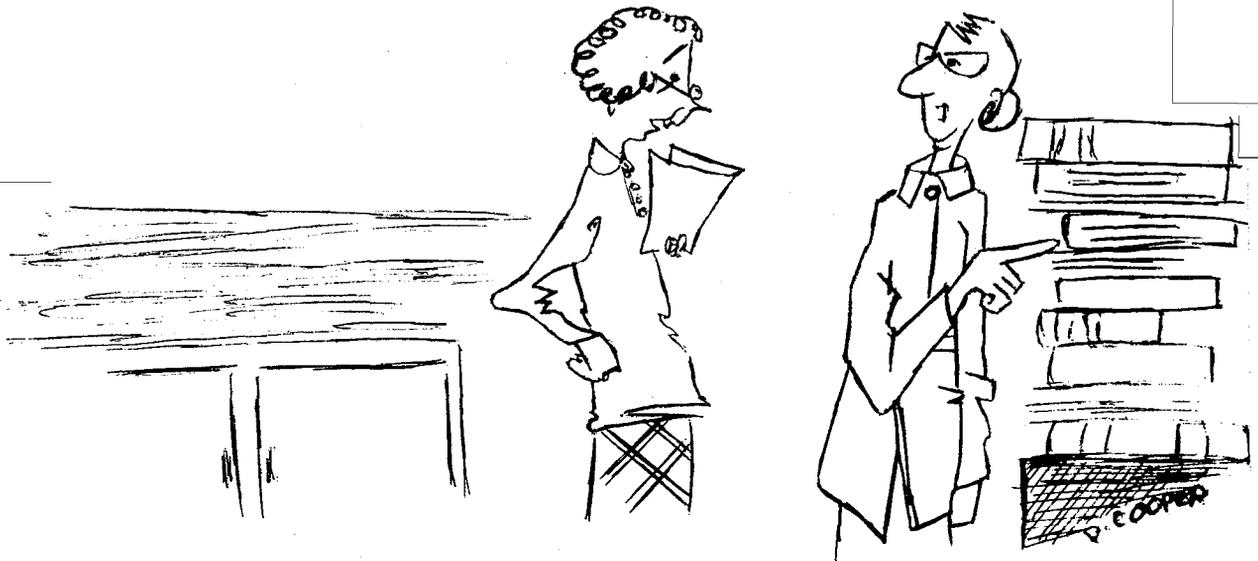
MAP DIVISION 1968

The Map Division does not seem to have done anything very extraordinary this year, except be twice as busy with regards to the number of students served. However, we have more or less caught up with our backlog of gifts, and the huge number of maps which came when we were made a depository library for the U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey maps have now been dealt with. So processing is now back to current orders and those portions of the collection that need recataloguing. The weeding out of duplicates and the overhauling of the collection is now also more or less complete.

Although we still have some maps piled on top of the map cabinets, some new cases are arriving shortly and this will be about the limit our space will hold. Like everyone else our hope for the future is more SPACE.

Maureen Wilson.

How about that Top Dogs claim on the previous page? Do I hear any arguments from Systems or Maps? (Ed.)



1968 FINE ARTS DIVISION NOOZ...all travel - conferences - courses!!!

Looking back, it seems a stable year - fairly placid on the surface, yet frantic activity through our individual pursuits.

## SPRINGTIME:

Alice Blank returns suddenly to Switzerland and Eveline Warbey joins us from Reserve Book Room. Diana is busy with a design course. Joan finally decides to give up her car and finishes her course in North American Art with flying colours. Evelyn is busy with Intermedia and recovering from a serious operation. Jill takes a short course in Community Planning. Melva takes off for England and Jasper.

## SUMMERTIME:

We redecorate (er...rearrange) the old "Div", shifting stacks to one more level again and moving furniture to find some breathing space. Evelyn gets a Canada Council grant to attend a dance workshop in San Francisco and contributes to the Vancouver art scene by participating in an Ortiz 'happening'. Jill holidays in eastern Canada. Joan holidays in the Okanagan. Eveline W. Holidays in London, England. Melva takes a summer school course in Art History. We all pitch in to help with the P.N.L.A. conference.

## FALL AND WINTERTIME:

More students, more books and more reference questions than ever before! Whew...Jill attends a very successful Community Planning Association of Canada conference in Victoria. Evelyn gives her own fashion show in Burnaby. Melva takes a course in Medieval Art and publishes an article on Fine Arts and Music Libraries in Canada. Diana takes a course in German. Diana and Melva attend the Universities Art Association conference in Ottawa (and glimpse the beautiful Mr. Trudeau at the opening of the Jordaan's exhibition at the National Gallery of Canada.)

Looking ahead, the new year promises to be explosive. We are busier than ever before, both in the Division and in our own pursuits.

From where it all ends.

### CIRCULATION DIVISION

This year has seen many new faces in the division. In addition to dozens and dozens of student assistants, 34 new people were hired in "permanent" positions and several oldtimers had to learn new jobs following promotion.

After a very busy winter session 67/68, we launched a clean-up, tidy-up campaign in the stacks in the spring. We discovered that 20 people working an hour a day for two months cannot quite finish shelf-reading the book collection, and once through the stacks with a vacuum is now such a big job it exhaust two people and wears out the brush attachments of the cleaner.

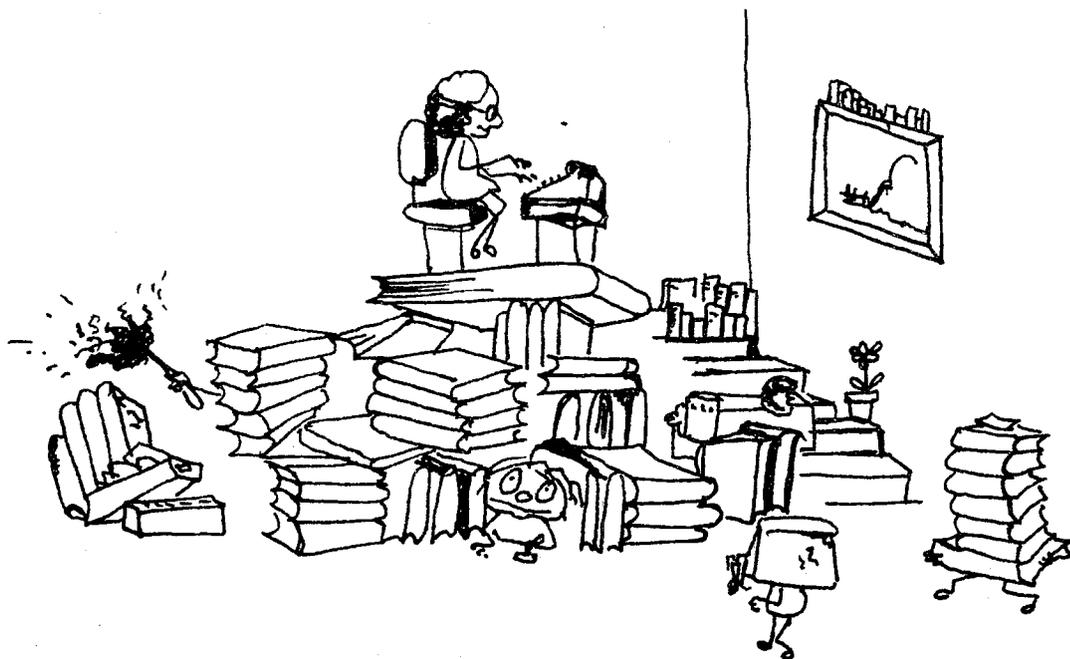
Reserve Book Collection had a good spring cleaning too. After carefully studying a computer-produced "use study" fully, 5000 volumes of the approximately 9000 volume collection were removed because of insufficient use.

For Library Copy Service, 1968 was the year of the SCM, the first of which arrived in Sedgewick in February. Its main, and at times only virtue, was the price-5¢ per copy. Now there are more SCMs around and fortunately - or unfortunately, depending on your gambling instincts - the breakdown rate has been so reduced that seldom any more do they give 10 cents change for 5 cents! With the 5¢ price most of our public have migrated to the coin-operated machines, leaving Copy Service staff time to give better service to I.L.L. and Library xeroxing.

And of course 1968 was the year of the well-publicized re-issue of student library cards. Even Biblos, however, failed to carry the inside story of how Circulation staff - assisted by two key-punchers - worked secretly behind locked doors to produce the new cards, nor did it mention the dire threats made against anyone who disclosed their secret project prematurely. By the way, did anyone ever investigate the rumour that the pile of waste plastic was so large that someone was lost in it. (Ed. Note. We knew all - but owing to our high sense of duty etc. etc. - and anyway the threats sounded too ominous. Re the lost person - all evidence had been removed when Biblos arrived on the scene - also very ominous)

The occurrence with the greatest impact upon our daily lives was the continued increase in work. During the fall term, for example, borrowing from the main stacks was 22% higher than it had been the previous fall, and double what it had been in 1964. This means not only more work for the stack entries and desk but more work all round - shelving, tracing, overdue, filing, discharging, etc. Although borrowing in RBC has declined from last year it is still 35% higher than it had been in 1966/67.

Our other major problem is lack of space for books, lack of space for staff, lack of study space for students, in a word SPACE. Pat O'Rourke has been seen casting covetous eyes up on open areas such as upon corridors, staircases etc. so get your alternate escape-exit routes worked out; there may not be so many aisles left next year.



AND NOW FOR A TOUR AROUND THE BRANCHES.....

WOODWARD BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY - BIOMEDICAL BRANCH LIBRARY

Woodward Biomedical Library and the Medical Branch at the hospital seem to have at least their share of staff changes during the past year. Well over thirty-five persons either progressed, regressed, were married, became pregnant or retired from the book world. The remaining staff took Miltown, LSD, aspirin or  $C_2H_5OH$  in an attempt to present an untroubled response to the confusion. The query would seem to be whether life sciences and mobility have any direct correlations. (Excellent subject for a thesis!)

In addition to the usual conference attendance, three librarians took a one week course of seminars held in conjunction with the Medical Library Association Conference at Denver in June. Carol Freeman, John Cummings and Bill Parker discovered, among other tid-bits, that living in residence at an advanced age can require as much adjustment as returning to work.

In spite of the confusion associated with planning and building the expansion to the Woodward Biomedical Library, which will continue until the end of 1969, the decision was taken to try a new circulation regime for faculty members starting last September. Library users at Vancouver General Hospital were discouraged by the term loans for Home Use books on the campus. On a trial basis, Woodward Library now has a normal two-week loan period for monographs with an alternative extended loan designed particularly for persons who need biological materials for a longer period. Besides an inundation of overdue notices appearing at regular intervals, the system appears to be workable, if exhausting.

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MATHEMATICS LIBRARYWINDFALL

\$1000. From Dean Gage's Master Teacher's Award, for under-grad books "selected for the purpose of stimulating interest, and...in general...not text-book variety".

The Mathematics Library is a popular spot - carpeted and well-lighted. At the current rate of growth in the collection and the number of students using the collection, we'll probably be feeling the pinch by the fall term of 1969.

EXPANSION PLANS?

Now, if that west wall of the reading room were knocked out, would the building collapse?....

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: or, View from the fishbowl...

A few mild flirtations - only one definite alliance this year, and they should soon win the "continuous dialogue" trophy.

CIRCULATION INCREASE

Was 46% over 1967	Jan. - Dec. 1967	13,000
	" " 1968	19,000

COLLECTION INCREASE

About 25 new journals and 500 new books.

LOSSES

Not too bad, about .7%. Hardest hit (but about 90% in print) was the Analysis area which is heavily used by both undergrad and graduate students. About 60% of our Reserve Books are in this area. Only one of them disappeared.

NEW HELPS FOR USERS

1. Monthly "new books received" lists. All Math faculty and Math grad students automatically receive these. The rest are up for grabs.
2. A "key-word" in title file as a guide to the numerous tables.
3. "What topic is where?" An alphabetic-by-topic approach to the collection based on the L.C. classification QA schedule. A popular 'pick up' publication, and 'sels' well beside the bookmarks!
4. Because of L.C.'s somewhat "inverted" personality,

we had to break down and make up all the 'see' refs for the SUBJECT section of our catalogue. (We had just finished when Mc Elrod said that cataloguing had time to do them. Tough luck, Cataloguing!)

#### STAFF CHANGES.

End of August we lost Dawn Anderson to Winnipeg and gained Joy McKinnon from Cataloguing. Apart from an attack of the Hong Kong flu, the latter "transplant has shown no rejection symptoms.



#### A HECTIC SIX MONTHS IN THE CURRICULUM LAB

During the past six years the Curriculum Lab has occupied a rather ambiguous position between the Faculty of Education and the Library. Despite this fact the collection has grown to about 30,000 volumes and 23,000 pictures, while services to over 3,000 undergraduates and faculty members have become absolutely vital to the teaching program. The fact that we make about 150,000 loans a year testifies to this.

During the last six months a sometimes frantic staff has been heroically dealing with "regular" business while two new librarians try to give thought to our short and long-term goals. A policy brief has been written, faculty consulted, students interviewed, physical changes drawn up, special cataloguing programs launched, weeding completed, A/V collections gathered up from elsewhere in the building, children's books and school texts separated, office routines somewhat streamlined, and plans laid for the coming of IBM circulation. It may not look like much but at least we know where we are going. Our personnel, by the way, consists of two librarians and four L.A.'s!!

FORESTRY/AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

In 1968 FOR/AG:

- 1) completed the filing of our catalogue - last of the shelf list going in just before Christmas.
- 2) started the move of all relevant Government Publications from Main to FOR/AG.
- 3) received on microfilm Oxford card catalogue of world forestry literature which replaces the old Forestry Reading Room subject file.
- 4) received as gift (Christmas?) from Raynier a complete file of Chem. Abstracts from 1926-68.
- 5) with exception of one faithful member, suffered a complete change of staff just in time for beginning of session.
- 6) enjoyed, compliments of UBC Research Forest, probably the most beautiful Christmas tree in Vancouver - an Austrian pine, perfectly symmetrical, decorated at expense of our very generous students.

In 1969 FOR/AG hopes to:

- 1) take inventory during summer recess.
- 2) finish the Government Publications project.
- 3) do something about 72 ft. of waiting pamphlets.
- 4) get on record holdings of all continuations.
- 5) provide excellent service and remain cheerful while accomplishing 1 - 4 above!

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SOCIAL WORK LIBRARY

It is with a great sense of pride that WE the staff of the Social Work Library, report our achievements for the year 1968. We will list but a few, a few which should be sufficient to indicate the breadth and depth of our achievements.

Moving with the times and after many hours of detailed work we have almost automated the circulation system to the great benefit of all - for the student taking out a book it means that a bright yellow card is now filled out in place of the old dull green one - the benefit to the staff has yet to be determined. On top of the circulation system change we have succeeded in moving the entire book collection - at least twice - with measurement of the floor space being made between times by the librarian. The librarian's measuring has been matched by the Assistants



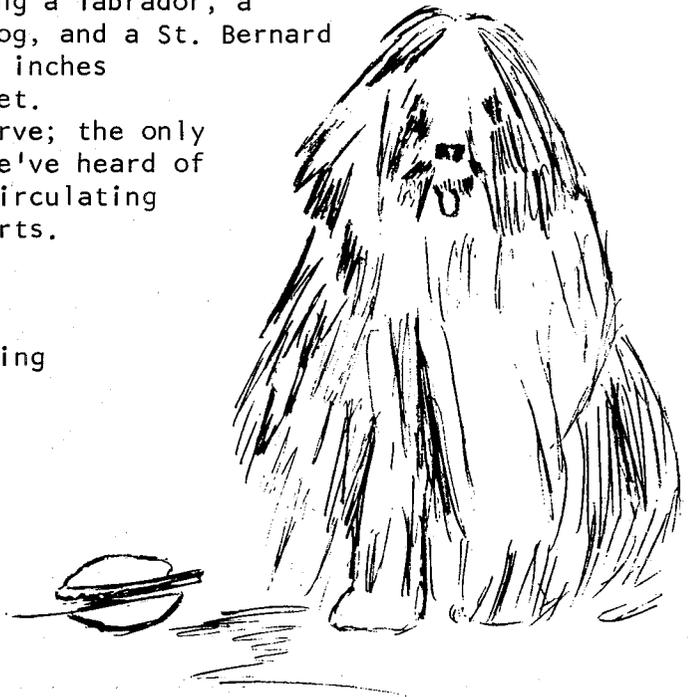
Shorthouse on LAW - Library that is.....

1968 was a memorable year, for amongst other things it marked such library-like things as:

- 1) a 217 increase in student enrolment over 1967, resulting in a total of 496 book-hungry law students prowling the corridors
- 2) an addition of 3000 books to the collection making a total of 54,739 volumes
- 3) an increase in circulation of 46% over 1967 (total:81,336)
- 4) the purchase of a catalogue card printing unit, which we now use to produce sets for both this branch and main.
- 5) the installation of an SCM copier, which has spilled its entire contents all over the floor on only one occasion (that we know about).
- 6) the agreement of faculty to abide by the same date-due times as students on reserve books. Result: business as usual.

It was also a memorable year for such non-library-like things as:

- 1) the frequent appearance of dogs in all parts of the building; to date we have had the pleasure of regularly meeting a labrador, a retriever, a bulldog, and a St. Bernard pup, who stands 48 inches in his stocking feet.
- 2) sandwiches on reserve; the only recorded example we've heard of Egg salad on Rye circulating with Fleming on Torts.
- 3) a resolution of students to voluntarily ban smoking in one of the reading rooms.  
Result:  
Business  
as  
usual!!!!



and from way over there - behind the giant tuning fork (rusted)

MUSIC LIBRARY - Hans Burndorfer.

Records

The non-circulating teaching collection was taken over from the Music Department when the Music Library opened. In 1968 this collection was greatly enlarged. These records may be used by anyone but only in the Library's listening room.

The Library now has the complete set of records issued on the "Archive" label. These are extensive selections from musical history starting with Gregorian chant through to the School of Mannheim.

This year, to support the new course in Ethnomusicology, the Library has bought a representative collection of recordings in the field.

Books

The Library received a gift of \$1,000 from the Vancouver Foundation for the purchase of microfilms of medieval and renaissance music manuscripts.

The Koerner Foundation has given a small sum for the purchase of books.

Miscellaneous

Ann Craig is now spending half of each day in the Music Library doing reference work. Her remaining time, as before, is spent cataloguing music.

Historical sets are now fully catalogued (analysed) and will continue to be in future.

The Library hours have been extended to 11 p.m. at the request of the students.

There were no staff changes, excitements or disasters.

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Congratulations to all who read to Page 31 - apart from the Music staff.....and thank you to all the people who contributed and to the great editorial staff who did all the leg work.....