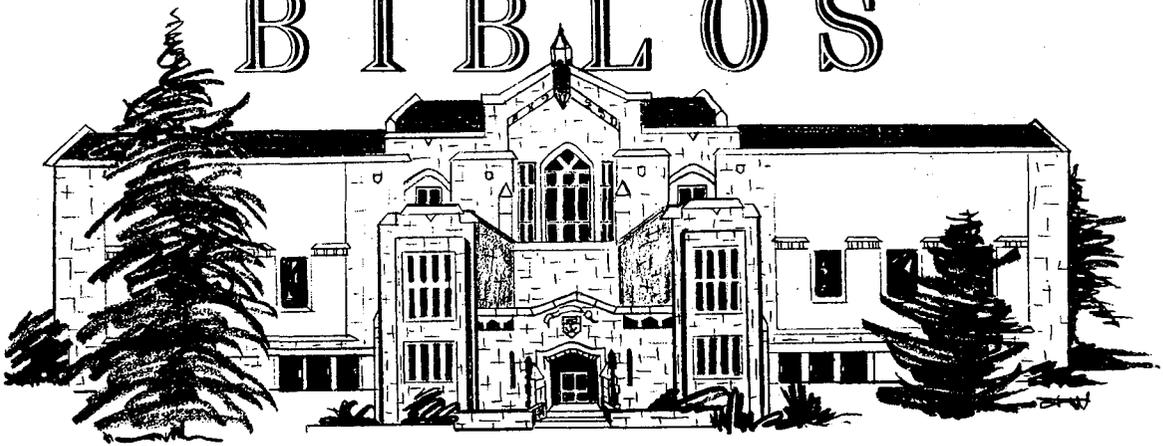


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November - the peaceful waiting days before the onslaught of the Christmas Season with its mad rush of Mailing Deadlines, Exams and Police Blocks, so to fill a quiet interlude before the mayhem here is your November Biblos.

Read! Relax! and prepare yourself for the hectic times ahead. For your Happy Advent reading we offer;-

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STAFF CHANGES.....

We Warmly Welcome:

Bonnie McDonald	Secretary II	Sedgewick
Richard Howlett	Stack Attendant	Sedgewick
Cheryl Huchula	L.A. I	Cataloguing
Anne Severson	L.A. III	Cataloguing
Joan Watson	L.A. I	Curric. Lab.
Josephine Cuff	L.A. I	Cataloguing
Juliette Croot	L.A. III	Cataloguing
Brian Ferris	Stack Attendant	Sedgewick

Congratulations to:

Anne Loh	L.A. I	Acquisitions	L.A. II	Gov. Pubs.
Syl Goiran	L.A. III	Gov. Pubs.	L.A. IV	Sedgewick
Linda Lines	L.A. I	Circulation	L.A. II	Circulation
Claire Reynolds	L.A. I	Gov. Pubs.	L.A. III	Gov. Pubs.

We Regretfully Say Good-Bye to:

Karol Parsons	L.A. II	Gov. Pubs.
Kay McConnell	L.A. IV	S.S.D.
Phillip Hind	Stack Attendant	Sedgewick
James Jones	L.A. I	Cataloguing
Mitsue Obana	L.A. I	Cataloguing
Helen Kartar	L.A. III	Cataloguing
Gwen Deachman	L.A. IV	Sedgewick
Cathy Batten	L.A. III	Cataloguing

NOTICE.

Now that the Monsoons have set in how would you like to liven up those dreary Winter lunch hours?

It had been proposed that Biblos should sponsor a series of programs or demonstrations on varying subjects, which might be of interest to the staff. Subjects already suggested include Gift Wrapping, Flower Arrangements, Leather Craft, Make-Up and Hair Styling, Fashion, you name it.

If we could arrange such demonstrations it might be necessary to collect a nominal 25 - 50 cents per person to cover any fee which might be entailed.

If you would be in favour of such a program would you sign the notice outside the lunch room and also indicate what topic you would be most interested in.

ALICE IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

On the occasion of its 40th. anniversary in 1965, the UBC class of 1925 bought and presented to the Library the Lewis Carroll collection of Victoria bookdealer R.D. Hilton Smith. The collection, housed in a corner of Special Collections, includes more than two hundred editions of Alice, about half of which have Sir John Tenniel's familiar illustrations. Particularly notable are a facsimile of Carroll's original manuscript of Alice's Adventures Underground with the author's illustrations, and two volumes autographed by Alice Hargreaves, for whom the story was written.

Some of the many parodies of Alice in Wonderland are in the collections: a few of the more colorful are Clara in Blunderland (1904), a satire on English politics after the Boer War; Malice in Kulturland (1914), a parody on the Kaiser's Germany; and Alice in the Delighted States (1926). As well, the collection includes sixty books about Lewis Carroll (alias Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, by the way), fifty editions of other books by him (e.g., A Fascinating Mental Recreation for the Young: Symbolic Logic!!) and twenty-five musical and dramatic versions of his works (Humpty Dumpty: a Short Cantata for Children.....) Since 1965, about 30 items have been added to the collection - Alice in Italian, Alice in Latin, and even Alice in Hindi; a very fine Alice colouring book, and Alice on LP records with the New York Woodwind Quintet.

Biographical Note.....anon.

'Lewis Carroll's' life, though short, had nearly Victoria's span - from 1832 until 1898; this, coupled with the fact that he produced, in the Alice narrative, two veritable best-sellers, might indicate a participation in the main stream of revelation and unfoldment of those memorable years. But, despite the friendships with the great which he enjoyed - Ruskin, Tennyson, Rossetti and a host of others - he left little or no mark on his generation, and the creations of his fancy may well enjoy an immortality in Legend long after his own name of Dodgson is forgotten (or attributed to a quite different author who wrote mathematical treatises!), and even the magic of 'Lewis Carroll' cease to flutter any young girl's breast.

He might have found his vocation as a priest - a destiny from which an impediment of speech excluded him; as he lived, sheltered by Oxford's endowments, he just declined into harmless eccentricity. But there were many people, themselves unknown, for whom his personality was real and warm; which is the reward of living.

THE DELIGHTFUL ILLUSTRATIONS
FROM THE ORIGINAL "ALICE".



Victorian evolution of present-day problems???

COLLECTORS ITEM.....

MC GILL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

and

VALUATION OF BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

August 31st 1915

Building and Fixtures		\$17,379.85
Library		
Books	1,910	
Furnishings	431.75	2,341.75
Mechanical Department:		
Equipment	3,309.30	
Desk, Stools etc	380.00	3,689.30
Chemistry Department		1,633.25
Physics Department		3,310.00
Office		437.00
Other Furnishings		1,949.30
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(Signed)		\$32,059.45

(Signed) G.R. Kendall.

ST. WIBBY REPORTS.....

PAINTINGS of B.C. wildflowers by Mrs. Suzanne Dodson, head of Gov. Pubs., are currently being shown at the 2nd Exhibition of International Botanical Art at the Hunt Botanical Library in Pittsburgh. Suzanne's flowers also appeared in the Vernon Art Gallery Oct. 10, 11, and 12th.

ORIGINAL DESIGNS by Evelyn Roth of the Fine Arts Dept. were shown in "Artists in Fashion" at the Burnaby Art Gallery on Oct. 22nd.

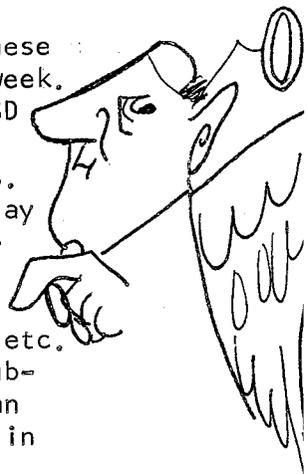
SOCIAL NOTE. The Library Assts. Assoc. has booked the Cecil Green Park for a Wine and Cheese Party on the night of Friday, January 3rd, 1969. More details later but keep that night free.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS has a new display, fourth in the series on Canada: Manitoba in maps, pictures, manuscripts and books from early exploration and settlement to the Northwest Rebellion of 1885 and the completion of the C.P.R.

BEST WISHES to the former Derica de Beauchamp-Dennigan of Inter-Library Loan back from Europe with a brand new husband and name Derica de Beauchamp Roberts. Also to the gal from Key punch formerly known as Miss Shirley Bouchard now to be officially addressed as Mrs. John Archibald.

FROM THE WOODWARD LIBRARY - Anyone interested should drop in and see the displays by the 1st year med.

students. These change each week. Currently..LSD and related Hallucinagens. Also on display is an attractive work on quadrupeds, birds, fish, etc. edited and published by John Johnson M.D. in 1657.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Deglau proud parents of a son, Ivan. Paul is in the Woodward Library originally of Sedgewick.

THE GALLERY. 2 exhibitions Nov. 7th - 23rd Rauchenberg's "Dante's Inferno" from the Museum of Modern Art New York. (drawings) Nov 8th-24th Alfred Siemens Photographs. "Saint with Earphones and other Images". Mr. Siemens is with the Dept. of Geography U.B.C.

INFORMATION FOR new members on staff. The Gallery is in the basement of the Library two flights down from the entrance of the Fine Arts Department. Take a walk down at lunch time and drop in at the Museum of Anthropology on the way - it is fascinating.

SPECIAL GOODBYE to Gwenn Deachman Sedge, who could't be leaving for a happier reason. Keep us informed Gwen.

ST. WIBBY WANTS TO KNOW

WHO was the phantom organist - that Sunday evening at 8 p.m. - rather good we understand - and when does the clock tower strike again?!

WHAT every happened to the Great Sit-in - and non-activism.

NOW that it has been decided who should ring the bell in the Brock Annex - where the h...! is the bell?!

AND HAS the Commissionaire in the front hall recovered from the shock of the "flustered" lady who, obviously under the impression that she was at the downtown bus terminal wanted to know the way to the Seattle Bus! Honest!.....



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Biblos will do it again! - but with a difference.

A Pros and Nons Christmas get together will be held, Friday, December 20th between the hours 3 - 5 In the Staff Lunchroom on the 7th floor.

THE WORD IS OUT.....

Make whoopee with Wibby around the Wassail Bowl (spiced - we hope)

SERENA KOTTMEIER - Alias Mrs. Newman is having a show of her graphics in the work area of the Humanities Office (Ridington Room).

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Jill Wade on the Conference Circuit

I went to the national convention of the Community Planning Association of Canada in Victoria, October 5th to 9th. C.P.A.C. is a citizen's organization and the delegates included local government officials, executive members from C.P.A.C. national and branch offices, and professional planners. I was the only librarian present and attended because a better subject knowledge would help me in my reference work. The theme of the conference was "Building human values into the community" and the speakers, ranging from Dr. Gordon Shrum to an SFU professor, stimulated some lively discussion.

MARY MACAREE - HEAD OF
FORESTRY/AGRICULTURE

Born into a family of farmers, Mary early showed interest in the agricultural sciences by experimenting with chickens as playthings. A little later she embarked on a close study of calves; the result, recorded for posterity in a photo of a sad-faced, bald two-year-old, was a dose of ringworm and early acquaintance with the razor.

Her suffering in the cause of science did not daunt her, however. She next tested the effect of sound on the bovine race by singing to the cattle penned in for the winter. The result--inconclusive--probably because she had not learned techniques of scientific sampling.

Perhaps to remedy this lack she turned her attention to education, mingling only in farming matters at harvest time and in university holidays, but her interests now had turned away from the land, not to be reactivated for a number of years--never mind how many.

In this period she taught in Scotland, Quebec, and B.C., married, travelled a little, and in general passed the time pleasantly enough, latterly in the library's catalogue division. But the call of the land was still audible so at last she answered it and came to Forestry/Agriculture.



Attention Serials.....Kathy Kent asks, "How do we really come out?"

A survey was recently conducted in the States "to determine the extent to which American College students could gauge trends in foreign thought through the foreign news serials" received in the libraries. The results appear in the May issue of COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES 29 (3) 213-218.

Every third U.S. Library listed in the Americal Library Directory and with a budget over \$25,000 was sent a questionnaire (350 libraries). The serials listed for checking were cited in "Atlas" 1961-1965 (every 3rd issue selected). Any serial selected was mentioned 2 or more times in any given article in "Atlas". 258 out of the 350 questionnaires were filled in and returned.

How does U.B.C. stand on the basis of this survey? A quick check through the weekly cumulated Serials Check-In List turned up 34 of the 90 titles listed in the questionnaire. The average number of titles held by the 15 responding libraries with budgets of \$1,000,000 plus was 30. (A few more may have been missed on the UEC listing through different form of entry and fast flipping.)

UBC's breakdown of the 34 titles by publishing country was as follows:

	No. Titles	%
England	12	35.3
France	5	14.7
Russia	5	14.7
W. Germany	4	11.6
Poland	1	2.9
China (Mainland)	1	2.9
Hong Kong	1	2.9
India	1	2.9
Australia	1	2.9
Kenya	1	2.9
Phillipines	1	2.9

The actual proportion of those IN ENGLISH is much higher - 19 or 61.8%.

Of the 90 titles chosen for the survey, those published in the following countries were not represented in U.B.C. holdings:

Albania, Austria, Republic of South Africa, Brazil, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, E. Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunis, Yugoslavia.

This does not necessarily indicate that UBC Library fails to subscribe to foreign periodicals. We have many foreign journals, as a look at the print-out will quickly show, but most concern specific areas rather than general popular news media. The lack appears to be in the daily-weekly type of general foreign news sources.

The magical number 3 pervades this survey and statistics are rather like politics- they fool all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but not all of the people all of the time. Serials division - how do we really come out in this survey on general "trends in foreign thought" serials, and does the "nature of University research" preclude subscribing to many of these "ephemeral" publications?

..... K. Kent

The Annual Meeting of the Library Assistants Association was held October 17th, 1968, at which time the Executive for 1967/68 resigned.

The new executive elected by acclamation then took office for the year 1968/69, they are...

Chairman	Mrs. Pat LaVac, Law Library
Vice Chairman	Mr. John Johnson, Circulation
Secretary/Treasurer	Miss Tannis Havelock, Circulation
1st Member at Large	Mrs. Janet Lenko, Sedgewick
2nd Member at Large	Mrs. Dorothy Sheppard, Woodward

a report for the year was read to the membership and Financial Statement, audited by Mr. John Lomax was approved. Funds at present date \$404,66.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA-VACATION TIME 1968

Kay McConnell

We were met at Brno airport by an exceptionally large welcoming committee consisting of hundreds of Russian MiG aircraft, tanks, artillery guns and thousands of Russian soldiers. These were the occupying forces that had been in Czechoslovakia since August 21st. When I told the Czechoslovaks that it was my first time in the Eastern European country, they would laugh and say "I bet it's the first time you have been in an occupied country too!"

After not being allowed to speak freely for 20 years, we found the people had a great propensity for conversation. Interviews scheduled for one hour often lasted for two or three hours because there was so much they wanted to say and they realized that time to speak freely might be too short. Everyone from factory worker to government officials spoke endlessly about what the country had been like, what they had planned, and what they hoped for the future.

The greatest frustration for the people was not knowing what was happening between their government and Moscow because press censorship was reinforced after August 21st. Until then the populace was well informed by the news media and everyone was interested. It impressed us that even people with a minimum of education understood the implications of the economic reform.

Everywhere was evidence of the country's complete unity. Every store window had pictures of Dubcek and Svoboda; many buildings were draped in black; daily conversation was entirely directed towards the invasion, and the overwhelming attitude was one of anger and confusion. St. Wenceslas is the patron saint of Czechoslovakia and September 28th is his saints day. St. Wenceslas Square that evening was covered with flowers in memory of those killed during the invasion. There were hundreds of people, old and young, who sang the national anthem over and over in a minor key. It was the most moving experience of our stay.

Where ever we went we were impressed by the Czech-
oslovakians as a nation of brave, proud, strong, hopeful
people who managed to keep their spirit by subtle humour and
fierce nationalism.

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DON'T FORGET - If you want relief from that lunchtime monotony sign
the notice outside the lunchroom! or talk to one of the Biblos staff
if you have any other suggestions.

Staff are for your information again.

Pat LaVac	Law
Shannon McJannet	Cataloguing
Joan Sandilands	Information & Orientation
Georgia Macrae	Cataloguing
Pam Piddington	Cataloguing
Diana Colquhoun	Circulation
Martina Cipolli	Systems Development
Lynda Moss	Woodward
Heather Hailey	Biblio. Searching
Donna Richards	Cataloguing
Bruce Stephenson	Acquisitions

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WITH HELEN (erstwhile of the Science Div.) IN MOSCOW

Well, here I am in Moscow and a whole month has gone by. I guess it's about time I let you know what's been happening. After spending 2 hectic days in Leningrad, we arrived in Moscow August 31st at 8 a.m. We were met at the station and driven to our temporary quarters. The first thing that really made me realize I was in Moscow was the sight of the Moscow State University. We arrived at the doms which are called "The Home of Students". These are temporary quarters for all the students (new ones), foreign and Soviet, before they are billeted out to permanent doms. We were shown our room, the washroom, shower, and given tickets for our meals because at this point we hadn't received our stipend as yet. We literally fell on our beds because we were so exhausted from our hectic experience in Leningrad where I managed to hurt or dislocate my back lifting the heavy suitcases on to the train in a mad rush to get in out of a torrential downpour.

We rested up a bit, washed our grimy paws and headed for breakfast. We had salad (tomatoes with sour cream), rice with a little meat and coffee. Somehow we stuck out like sore thumbs because in the dining area we were the only white girls there, the rest were from Africa, Algeria etc., and somehow everyone seemed to know we were from Canada! Having eaten somewhat, we went back to our room and sat there either staring at each other or out of the window. A few hours later we were told that two more girls were to join us (they were German) Our Room had 4 beds with no cupboard space, as it was temporary, so we lived out of suitcases until the 4th.

Finally, Sunday afternoon, after checking the German girls' Moscow map, we decided to venture forth into Moscow city to find my friend. This was rather frightening and a real test for our Russian. We got to the bus stop and after deliberating as to how we were going to ask and which one to pick on, we blurted out our questions. The girl was extremely nice and helpful, giving

to where to get off and make the proper transfer, what the fare was on the bus and Metro and how far we were to go by Metro. Knowing what we felt like even though we knew the language, I can imagine what it must be like for those who know not a word! We arrived at our destination, after checking with other people to make sure we were heading in the right direction, only to discover that they had gone to the summer house for the weekend. We were almost on the verge tears. Anyway, I left a note with our address and we headed for home neavy hearted. We even got home without getting lost. I forgot to mention that we had some money left from the 3 rubles each that we got in Leningrad. On our way home, we discovered a theatre right next door and so we took in a movie that night. Admission was only 40k each. It was a very good film. That same evening we were very venturesome and walked to the University. It was only a 10. min. walk. I must say the building itself is very impressive and the grounds around are very beautiful. The main path to the front is terraced like it is in front of UBC Library. The walk is made of red sand with circular plots of flowers every so often. There are also a great number of silver fir trees and linden trees with silver birch interspersed. I might say the grounds are comparable to UBC.

The following day brought news from my friend with explicit instructions as to how to get there. When we finally did arrive there, I was never so happy to see anyone as them. We had a real homecoming! I felt that I was able to face any problem that might arise.

After another 2 days wait, we were finally picked up and taken to our permanent quarters. We have a room for 3. My girl friend, myself and now another girl from Chile. The room has 3 single beds with 3 bedside cabinets, a large dining table with 4 chairs. We have 1 clothes closet for the three of us and a large bookcase-writing desk type, which serves as a food cupboard and bookshelf for our books. There is also a kitchen with 3 small 2 element gas stoves. This is invariably invaded by the Viet Nameese girls doing

their cooking. I have managed to do something in cooking but not very much. When one doesn't have all things one is used to having, it proves very difficult. I've also devised a new method of making toast without a toaster. I spear the bread with a fork and hold it over the element. How's that for improvisation!

Finally the two of us decided it was high time to report to the Canadian Embassy. We arrived there walked through the doors and felt as though we were back at home again. We signed the visitors' book and were ushered into a large drawing room. Lo and behold what did we see - Canadian newspapers, and magazines. We practically ate them up. So now we are up to date on news back home. We also had a nice chat with one of the receptionists who was very helpful in giving us some useful addresses and tips. The first Secretary came in later and invited us to dinner the following evening.

By the way, his name is Mr. Howard Morgan. I must tell you about the dinner. We had a scotch before dinner. For dinner we had chicken, peas and carrots, rice with a delicious sauce and tomatoes. This was followed by the most heavenly sour cream apple pie, followed by coffee and a liquer 'Irish Mist'. That meal was the first Canadian type meal we had since our arrival. We went away feeling that things weren't that bad.

However, there is one thing I can't get used to as yet - and that is the shopping system. I shall try to explain. First of all the various products are divided into different stores.



A store for bread and confectionary products; one for dairy products and sausages with a few pieces of meat. Another for fruits and vegetables. A separate one for potatoes; one for shoes; one for clothes; one for jewelry; one for household goods. However, there are some huge 'Universal Magazines' downtown almost equivalent to our dept. stores. Now to buy something. Everything is sold in grams or kilograms! If you want only 100 gr. of some food article you push through a line to find the price (if your arith. isn't too good), then you return to the cashier, pay the exact amount for your article, get your check, return to the counter line-up, eventually getting your article. So you see one has to have a great deal of patience, which I have not. However, if you get to the stores between 11-12 or 2-4, there aren't very many people. After 5 p.m. it is hectic, because people are off work. Not many people here do shopping to last a week like we do at home, they pick up things every day. But I must say, there are a few things here which I find very good e.g. milk, butter, cottage cheese, cheeses, sour cream, bread torts (cake) - no artificial creams for icings, champagne (red.)

There is also a Gastronom where one can buy food products with foreign currency - things are considerably cheaper, but I'm not about to spend my few dollars on trivialities like food! I've visited a dollar clothing store. The furs are gorgeous and very reasonable. The fur hats are also very nice; also very good trans. radios, stereo recorders, sewing machines, fridges, cameras, very nice Italian knits (reasonably priced).

Well now I'll give you a weather report. When we arrived it was very hot and dry but windy all the time! On the 7th we had a rainfall and overnight it turned cold. I had to drag out all my winter clothes and coat. To top it all off, the heating was being fixed so no heat. There were nights I was going to bed in 2 sweaters, socks, gloves and hot waterbottle.



One night it went down to - 20c. Two days later I had a beautiful cold which I think was also a result from a change of climate as well. It has been cold all along now, I don't think my winter coat will be enough for winter - I know that now!

Well, I have been attending Russian Classes for a month in the preparatory faculty, but because Claudia and myself already have a good working knowledge of Russian the teacher has given us a 3 page reading list of all the authors and their various works which we have to have read by next September. So in one year we are to be as well prepared for University as the Soviet students who have been taking these works all along their 10 years in school. Not much is it? So here I sit-dictionaries in one hand and novel in the other. Fun and games! As for my accent in Russian, would you believe it - it's Ukranian and not

Canadian. I was sure it would be Canadian. I have already met a few Russian boys, two of which are Ukranian and come from the same district as my parents, so we spend all our free time speaking Ukranian which of course is bad for me. I am also acting as unofficial interpreter as well as helping the Russian students with their English homework. Later I think I'll have to ask them to help me with my Russian.

We go to school 6 days a week - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 6 hrs., Wednesday, Saturday - 4 hrs.

It's really amazing and annoying at times, because I can understand everything that is said but when it comes to speaking, my vocabulary is limited and I get all tongue-twisted! Well, I guess it takes time.

As yet, I haven't been doing too much sight-seeing for 2 reasons. One - it's too cold now, two - no one to go with and I don't quite know my way around as yet! You've probably



read about Moscovites going around everywhere reading. This is very true; from the youngest to the oldest. For one - bookstand newspapers are cheap and for another, it's quite an achievement to have the lowest percentage of illiteracy and many of the older folks are thrilled to be able to read. Another thing I found quite embarrassing for me! Their students are very well versed in all aspects of education. They are able to quote figures, quotations and are up to date even with Canadian statistics. Whereas, speaking for myself, and probably a lot of Canadian students also, what we learned of history or English in high school, we have forgotten by now.

By now you are probably wondering if I'm home-sick. Well, I'll be very honest. Yes, more than you can imagine. My thoughts often wonder back home and I begin thinking of what I'd be doing right now at home, or what are the students like this year at U.B.C., what would I be doing at work right now. There are no 2 ways about it - believe it or not I really miss work!!!!

Well I think I shall end for now, because if I keep on I'll end up writing a book and you'll all have to wait until it's published. After all of you have read this letter, I shall expect tons and tons of letters from all of you. Here is my address:

U.S.S.R./CCCP. Moscow B-218
 Ul. Krzhizhanovskogo
 Dom 18, Kor. 1, Kom. 47
 Derevenko, Elena.

I am passing on my best regards to all of Science Division, Basil, Anna, Diana and Lydia in Woodward, all Div. heads and all the other staff members in the Library. Please write - you don't know what a joy it is to receive letters from home!!!!!!

Sincerely,
 Helen Derewenko.

