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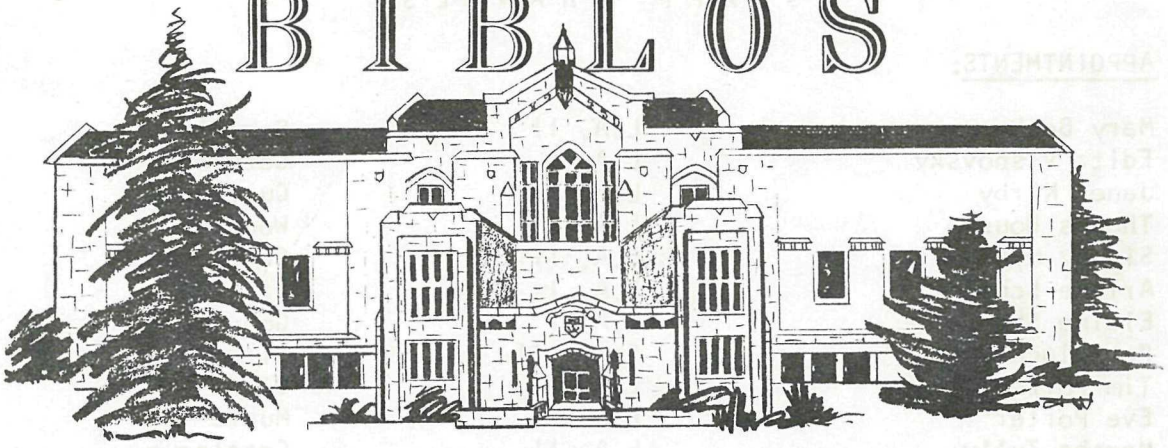

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So the fifth year of Biblos runs into its final issue. It has been a good year from your editor's point of view and I feel that the policy for the year has been more than adequately supported by the editorial staff.

As the Library staff expands and the lines of protocol are formed communication between departments, groups, and classifications seem to grow more remote and impersonal. We have attempted through the year to bridge these gaps, if only in a small way, by varying means. Possibly at times these means have seemed rather mundane and suburban but never the less necessary to overcome some of the pseudo-intelligentsia of the times.

The in-depth probes and sophisticated writings have been left to others more able, ours has been the more personal approach and I hope Biblos has succeeded, if only partially, in stemming the encroachment of total impersonality.

So to Shannon, Georgie, Joan, Pam, Martina, Heather, Donna, Bruce, and the two Dianas, also to the typists Lynne, Pat and Judy in the Front Office who have managed to cope with numerous scraps of paper, hurridly typed notes and undisciplined spelling, and to the staff on the seventh floor who have succeeded in getting the whole thing off to the printers and back in a reasonable amount of time. THANKS...I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL.

Pat LaVac

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APPOINTMENTS:

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Janet Kirby	L.A. II	Curr. Lab.
Thomas House	L.A. II	Woodward
Sidney Myers	L.A. III	Catalogue
Arlene Schmidt	L.A. I	Catalogue
Elaine Sharpe	L.A. I	Gov. Pubs.
Pat Blacklock	Sec. III	Circ.
Tim Porter	L.A. I	Circ.
Eve Porter	L.A. II	Music
Martha Tully	L.A. II	Catalogue
Carol Challoner	L.A. I	Curr. Lab.
Deron Bacon	L.A. II	Woodward
Margaret McCann	L.A. I	I.L.L.
Claire Gagne	L.A. I	Reading Rooms
Jeanette Findlay	L.A. II	Catalogue
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Jeanne Elworthy	L.A. I	Catalogue
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Joanne Bannerman	L.A. III	I.L.L.
Janet Taggart	L.A. I	Maps
Susan Chen	L.A. II	Systems
Craig Jones	L.A. I	Catalogue
Richard Martin	L.A. I	Catalogue
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Maria Ramponi	L.A. II	Catalogue
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Linda Cartlidge	L.A. III	Serials
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Grace Roberts	L.A. II	Circulation
Meredith Liard	L.A. I	Circulation
Jean Pounder	L.A. I	Catalogue

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Marion Krause	L.A. I	Catalogue	L.A. II	Catalogue
Brian Varty	St. Att.	Woodward	St. Super	Woodward
Jane Shinn	L.A. II	Sedgewick	L.A. III	Fine Arts
Paul Rodgers	L.A. I	Cat.	L.A. II	Catalogue
Paddy Denroche	L.A. I	Sedgewick	L.A. II	Sedgewick
Judy Lee	L.A. I	Sedgewick	L.A. II	Sedgewick
Wendy McKim	L.A. I	Circulation	Clerk II	Circulation
Vera Niessen	L.A. II	Circulation	L.A. III	Reading Rms.

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Keiko Linde	L.A. I	Circulation
Terre O'Brennan	Clerk I	Circulation
Dorothy Frigon	L.A. II	Catalogue
Susan Slabotsky	Clerk II	Acquisitions
Evelyn Roth	L.A. IV	Fine Arts
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Bob Rippon	L.A. III	Catalogue
Judy Mitchell	L.A. III	Catalogue
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Kathy Watt	L.A. I	Circulation
Lynne Bexrud	K.P.O.	Systems
Luba Kalmakov	L.A. III	Serials
Nancie Pink	L.A. I	Catalogue
Yen Yen Na	L.A. II	Catalogue
Shelley Cuddle	L.A. II	Sedgewick
Rhonda Hanson	Clerk II	Circulation
Dale Meir	L.A. I	Circulation

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Brian Ferris	St. Attendant	Sedgewick
Moraig Fulton	Clerk I	Acquisitions
Margaret Fukuyama	L.A. IV	Asian St.
Sandra Sawatzky	L.A. I	Sedgewick
Bruce Stephenson	Clerk II	Acquisitions

APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES OF THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF (ANNUAL LISTING)

Mrs. Judy Cardin, Circulation Division
Mrs. Wendy Chambers, Social Sciences Division
Mr. Erik de Bruijn, Catalogue Division
Mr. John Field, Social Sciences Division
Mr. Richard Hopkins, Sedgewick Library
Mr. Leszek Karpinski, Catalogue Division
Mrs. Claudia Kaye, Catalogue Division
Mrs. Deanna Norris, Information & Orientation Division
Miss Joan Sandilands transferred to Humanities Division
Miss Linda Kwong transferred to Gifts & Exchange Division
Mrs. Mary Magrega, Catalogue Division
Mrs. Margaret Price, Catalogue Librarian, to Catalogue Specialist
Mrs. Margaret Chambers, Sedgewick Library, resigned
Mrs. Susan Port, Humanities Division, resigned

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COLLECTS

Osbert Sitwell (76)
N.Y.P.D. (Stricken)
D.D.T. (Banned)
Judy Garland (Last bow 45)
Frank King (Gasoline Alley-86)
Westbrook Pegler (74)
Benny (Astromonk)
Mary Jo Kopechne (28)
Gladys Swarthout (65)
Tom Mboya (38)
Walter Gropius (86)
Wilhelm Backhaus (85)
The Moon
Frank Loesser
Martians (Eliminated)
Victoria Pub. Library (book budget

Declaration of Independence (copy sold for $404,000)
Richard Hoe Co. (Mfgrs of printing presses, failed)
John Howard Sissons (N.W. Terr. Judge, 77)

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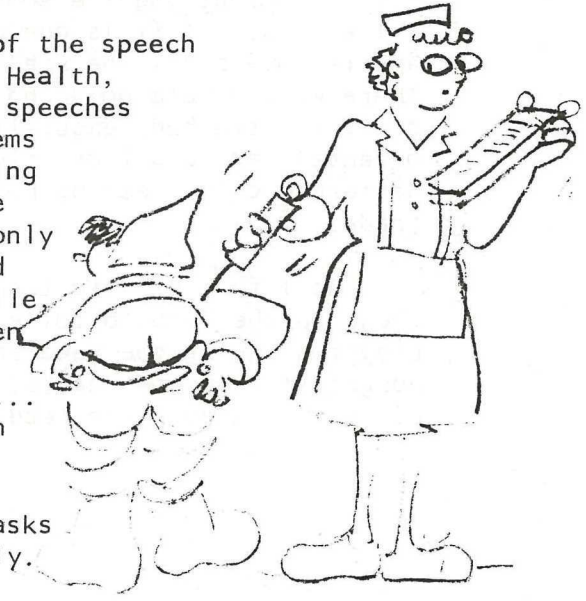
A UBC LIBRARIAN GOES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES

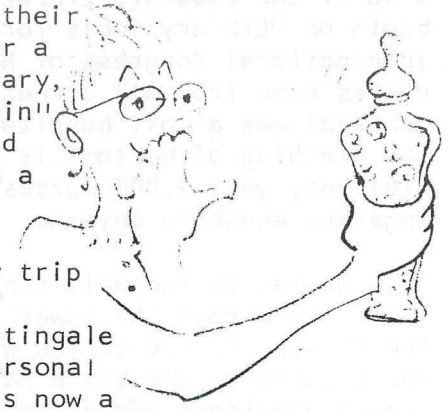
As a librarian an ex-nurse now working with the nursing side of the Woodward Library I was invited to assist at the booth on "Library Tools for Nursing Libraries" at the International Congress of Nurses in Montreal in June. 9,000 nurses came from all corners of the world and found that Montreal was a most hospitable city, and let me tell you that the pinching of bottoms is not restricted to Italy and Italians; yet, 9,000 nurses is too many nurses to put together anywhere anytime.

We met in the Hall Concordia, the great showmart area which stretches across the lower regions of the Place Bonaventure. The "Place" is one of the group of Places including, the Canada, the Champlain, the Ville Marie, all linked together by underground corridors and all designed in 'modern brutal" i.e. unfinished cement, plush carpets and dim lighting. We could eat elegantly in many different cafes in this complex of buildings, shop for groceries or shoes for our swollen feet or retire to bed without ever drawing a breath of fresh air or leaving the raw cement environment. Ugh. Though I should say that one friend had an elegant room in the "Bonaventure" on the 13th floor, which looked out onto a steep hill of green grass topped by small trees which edged a stream with rapids, a waterfall and several small pools hidden among the plants!

Canadian nurses were proud of the speech given by the Federal Minister of Health, the Hon. John Munro. Of all the speeches his hit the hardest at the problems arising for nurses in the supplying of health care to all people. He said we "had escaped the bedpan only to graduate into a mindless round of ... administrative detail" while in Canada's northland he had "seen young girls carry a health load that would stagger many doctors ... I think that a nurse in the south of our country can be fully trusted, with proper training, to handle at least half of the tasks her northern sister does routinely. In this process, I think she can take a good deal of the volume load off our doctors..."



I took a day away from the congress and visited the McGill Medical Faculty building to look at the collection in the Osler Library on the history of medicine. My hostess gave me a most complete tour and I saw many of their treasures. From there I went for a brief visit to the McLennan Library, McGill University's very new "main" library. The vibrant colors used in both these new buildings were a joy to me.



An unsuccessful phase of my trip was my attempt to see a piece of furniture given by Florence Nightingale to the daughter of one of her personal physicians. The daughter, who is now a very elderly woman, was charming, but the present owner of the furniture was not so cordial.

This disappointment was alleviated by an unexpectedly good visit to the Academy of Medicine in Toronto. I wanted to see the Academy's collection of antique infant feeding devices and in particular the nineteenth century patterned china feeding bottles. We have no samples of this type of bottle in the Woodward Library collection and we hoped that somehow, sometime, we might acquire some. I was thrilled with the Academy's collection. It fills one whole room of some 8 large cabinets and it covers all the small things that a child might need. There were ornate gold and silver rattles with teething sticks of ivory attached, exquisite tiny 17th century drinking cups, oriental jade and ivory pieces and 168 nineteenth century patterned china feeding bottles! And nothing was for sale or trade.

So I felt very fortunate to have seen a feeder just like those in the Toronto collection while in an antique shop in Kingston during the vacation part of my eastern trip. So I bought it. An now the UBC collection has <u>one</u> nineteenth century printed china feeding bottle!

Peg Leighton

News Flashes From Amidst The Division of Construction.

The Woodward Biomedical Library is rejoicing in its latest acquisition! In this case it is not a new book but a person. Dr. Frances Valadez, a very attractive young woman, has a brand new Ph.D. degree in the History of Medicine received under the aegis of the famous medical historian Dr. Charles Donald O'Malley of the University of California at Los Angeles. Even more "mirabile dictu" is the fact that she received a master's degree in Library Science at U.C.L.A. following her bachelor's degree in Zoology, before her Ph.D. We feel very fortunate indeed to have managed to lure such a well-trained, knowledgeable and delightful person to our Memorial Room staff.

Since she is a stranger not only to our campus but to our country as well, we feel certain that everyone will be most anxious to be of assistance in making her feel welcome in Vancouver.

Oh yes! She likes to be called Frances.

Here is Peg Leighton of Woodward, her former muse Flo Nightingale and a gift of flowers from Stuart Keate in appreciation of Peg's present career as a reference librarian. "Best damn thing on 2 legs outside of myself" he is supposed to have said.

THE THOUGHTS BEYOND.

"It's her last wish upon retiring after twenty-five years!"

Biblos thought it would be fun to find out what would be in store for our library if the librarians were to carry cut their last wishes. Lois Carrier would return on "the day after" her retirement, approach the Information Desk and ask to borrow the card catalogue overnight! According to Lois "it really has happened". We asked Mc Elrod what his last wishes would be, but he kept us guessing by replying: "Mine are all illegal, sinfull, or fattening". In Circulation, Judy Cardin would defy the command not to staple, fold or mutilate by dancing on a pile of IBM cards wearing golf shoes.

Other staff were approached for their last wishes but they were either reluctant to divulge or said they needed time to choose just one! Biblos would like to hear your last wishes, whether or not you want them published. Send to ed.

C.L.A. Report - from 3 of the many that were there.

The Canadian Library Association, this year and last, held its conference in a striking area geographically. The Atlantic replaced mountains, and St. John's old buildings replaced Jasper's glaciers as the foci of interest. Newfoundland's people are even more distinctive than their locale - being friendly, helpful, and witty. How long their delightful personality can survive the onslaught of carping convention attenders is another problem.

Comparison with other institutions was for me the most rewarding aspect of the trip. (Toronto using fifty (50) searchers to cope with just twice the volume our ten (10) searchers handle; McGill adding a third of our volume in spacious, high ceilinged, carpeted quarters).

The CACUL workshops varied from superb to abysmal depending upon the quality of the individual leader, judging from coffee break corridor comment.

General meetings meekly rubber stamped that which had been prepared for them, with the exception of a CACUL meeting which by running late into the night hammered out a statement on academic status for Librarians (we should have it).

Each night saw publishers' motel and hotel rooms filled with boozing Librarians and generally deserted displays. Publishers would create more good will in my heart by spending the booze money on letting me select a book or two from the display - and I would spend more time looking at books if there were a joint, subject arranged, display of books rather, than individual publishers' exhibits.

UBC Library has one of Canada's most liberal convention policies. Perhaps this explains in part why its staff is the least provincially minded of Canada's major libraries. The major reaction I bring back to UBC is increased appreciation for the quality of our staff, services, and administration.

J. McRee Elrod

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C.L.A. Report cont'd ....

CLA meetings and functions were, as usual, a mixed bag. Among the better ones, though not necessarily attended by us were: Research and Special Libraries Section (chaired by Anne Brearley), which concentrated on SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information), and ran a training session on editing SDI profiles; the Province of Newfoundland banquet, at which Joey's spellbinding oratory worked for the first 30 of his 65 minutes; the marathon CACUL meeting, which after many years of struggle finally adopted detailed reports on position classifications and on academic status for librarians; Technical Services (chaired by Rita Butterfield), where we heard from the fountain head at LC about shared cataloguing; Bibliographical Society (chaired by Bill Bell), at which Dr. Herbert Halpert was the hit of the conference - a thoughtful yet amusing account of the importance of Newfoundland folklore, complete with demonstration by masked mummers; the Council Advisory Group's presentation of plans for the reorganization of CLA.

Side benefits: Signal Hill, with its exquisite little historical museum (federal government); Nonia shop, which did a land-office business in handknit sweaters and other local crafts; sumptuous off-campus meals of cod tongues, flipper pie, lobster, Newfie Bullets (a concoction of ice cream and lashings of screech - a raw local rum). We do not include the lobster boil at Quidi Vidi Lake; it was memorable in the wrong sense. And finally, touring by car across the province, through the Maritimes to the Gaspe and Quebec City.

Dorothy Shields
Eleanor Mercer

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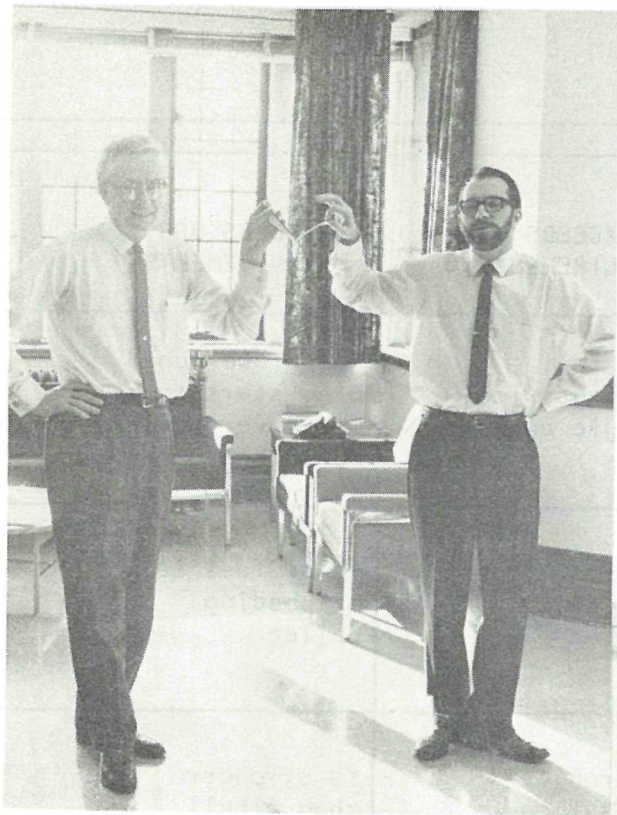
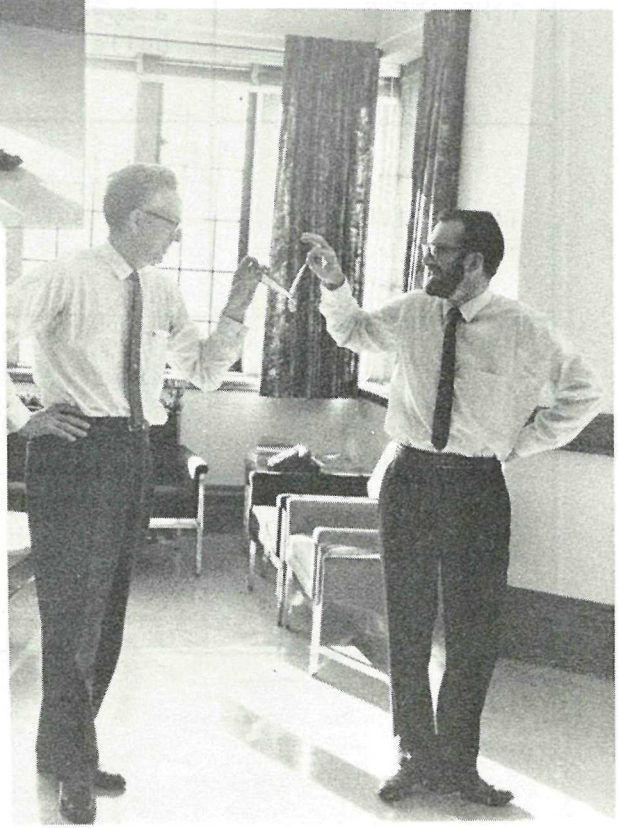
PICTURE OF THE MONTH



A new Biblos Cultural Program may commence any day now - herewith two possible nominees for the Modern Dance section presenting their classic rendition, The Centennial Minuet.



Biblos extends many thanks to the nonymous donor who submitted these historical shots.

APROPOS OF THOSE PERFORMANCE

GUIDE TO PER-

PERFORMANCE FACTORS	FAR EXCEEDS JOB REQUIREMENTS	EXCEEDS JOB REQUIREMENTS
QUALITY	Leaps tall buildings with a single bound	Must take running start to leap over tall buildings
TIMELINESS	Is faster than a speeding bullet	Is as fast as a speeding bullet
INITIATIVE	Is stronger than a locomotive	Is stronger than a bull elephant
ADAPTABILITY	Walks on water consistently	Walks on water in emergencies
COMMUNICATION	Talks with God	Talks with the Angels

RATING SHEETS HEREWITH AN ILLUMINATING

FORMANCE APPRAISAL

PERFORMANCE DEGREES		
MEETS JOB REQUIREMENTS	NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT	DOES NOT MEET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Can only leap over a short building or medium with no spires	Crashes into buildings when attempting to jump over them	Cannot recognize buildings at all, much less jump over them
Not quite as fast as a speeding bullet	Would you believe a slow bullet?	Wounds self with bullets when attempting to shoot gun
Is stronger than a bull	Shoots the bull	Smells like a bull
Washes with water	Drinks water	Passes water in emergencies
Talks to himself	Argues with himself	Loses those Arguments

TO BRITAIN VIA HANG-OVER.

When you travel the City Hall's chartered Air Canada's D.C. 8, expect the bar to be open at 10 o'clock in the morning! That's what I found flying back from London recently. With chartered flights, of course, practically every seat has to be filled in the plan to make it pay - so you can't put your feet up over three seats which is generally possible on regular flights. When you are flying for 9-10 hours, comfort is a great consideration. Service by four attractive hostesses and one steward keeps everyone happy and the bar practically dry by the end of the flight! (all liquor is free and you can have as much as you want and there is a reasonable selection to cater to most people's tastes). Food was fine going but coming back hardly edible (due, no doubt, to English catering services). I was told by a veteran air traveller that this is generally the case all the time on all airlines. If you like a nice party atmosphere (sleep is a little difficult) and the price is right, try one of City Hall's several flights this and next year.

Robin Williams

N.B. These charter flights are open to members of staff via the Library Assistant Association.

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Fort Lauderdale. Fla. Oct. 31 (AP)

The city commissioner's new ordinance to ban obscenity in books, magazines and records, for those under 17, is so specific in describing anatomical features and acts, which may not be portrayed, that the Miami Herald reported the definition unprintable.

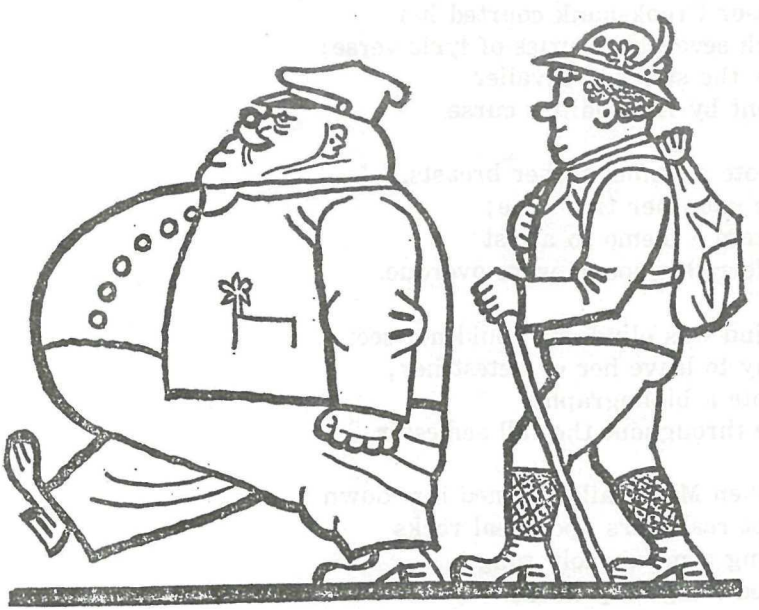
AB Bookman's Weekly Nov. 18 1968.....

BOHEMIAN HOLIDAY

Czechoslovakia the second time around was even more exciting than during my first brief glimpse in 1967. In some ways nothing has changed yet everything seems different. Prague is still its charming golden self, the countryside is still rich and blooming, the beer is still the best in the world. But the people are a little less gay, a little more watchful. Politics is the only topic of conversation. The jokes are cynical, satirical, and, of course, political.

There are no Russian soldiers in Prague, fortunately. But they can't be avoided in the provincial towns, on the highways, and most of all buying up everything in sight in the department stores.

However, I didn't go all that way to see Russian soldiers. A number of Czech friends here at the library and in town had asked me to visit their friends and relations, give them news, gifts, etc. All these people fell over themselves to offer a most elaborate hospitality including impromptu guided tours of their district. Consequently, I was shown around Prague several times (but you can never see enough of that city), saw lots of castles and châteaux, went to fabulous concerts, mime shows, etc., inspected innumerable cathedrals, cloisters, frescoes, gardens, galleries, and finally went camping in Hansel-and-Gretel type woods complete with cuckoos, hedgehogs, and green-caped, mustachioed, beer-bellied forest wardens. Many local pubs were visited and many endless conversations launched. Politics, hockey, Indians, gipsies, French-English Canadian relations vs. Czech-Slovak relations, more politics, etc.,



What did I bring back? A few colour slides, a book, a bottle of wine. But the dozen new friends I found had to stay behind.

Pam Piddington

It could happen here ??? !!!.....

Peter Meinke

THE PROFESSOR AND THE LIBRARIAN

Here in the college, collecting dust,
books and professors huddle together;
Professor Crookshank, studying lust,
talks with Miss Bailey about the weather.

Is that a cirrus cloud, you think?
— Clouds is clouds, Miss Bailey said.
Look at that one, tinged with pink!
— Balls on pink, she gaily said.

Your eyes, quoth he, are nothing like
the sun. — Some think they're bright enough,
the nymph replied. He said, Your thighs
are marbled pillars. She said, Can that stuff.

Professor Crookshank courted her
through several centuries of lyric verse;
he was the stricken cavalier
besprent by Aphrodite's curse.

He wrote a sonnet to her breasts,
an ode upon her tiny shoe;
she wrote a memo to attest
that Herrick's poems were overdue.

His mind was blind and could not see
the way to leave her or detest her;
he wrote a bibliography
of love throughout the fall semester.

And when Miss Bailey turned him down
he wept real tears upon real rocks
and sang a melancholy song
to bored imaginary flocks.

St. WIBBY REPORTS .....

OUR talented cartoonist DIANA CALQUHOUN of "Library Capers" fame has turned up in the Candian Library Journal this month with a two page spread - subject- The Librarian.

WOODWARD SHOW CASES.
Displays on the U.B.C. Research Station at Port Renfrew and an interesting look at the Curtis Botanical Journal 1787 - 1969.

VACATIONERS ABROAD at the moment or very recently returned.
MARIA HAAS, searching - Germany - where she found time to have a short visit with GILLIAN STONEMAN also of searching who is currently on an extended tour of many points.
PAT O'ROURKE, Circulation - sporting a beautiful tan from Hawaii.
REIN BRONGERS, Science - off to conference at Delft Holland.
Also bound for a home visit to the Netherland TRIXIE KORVER of Social Science.
NANCY CLARKE, Sedge. - Mexico.
LINDA PUTNAM, Cataloguing - off to Tahitti for three weeks after a busy summer with her girl guide troupe.
ROSINA KOO & FRANCIS WOODWARD both of Special Collection, GLENIS BROWN Systems, & BEV. RICHARDS, Social Science - all destined for England.
And a special Bon Voyage to EVELYN ROTH, Fine Arts who has delighted and at times astounded many through the past several years with her original ensembles and designs.

Evelyn is leaving for a 6 months stint in Venice with the School of Architectures tour. Evelyn is presently pre-showing her Venitian wardrobe to an appreciative staff.
Hope to see you back Evelyn.

WHO can deny what an improvement has been wrought in front of the Library. Wonder how long those lovely flower beds will survive the engineers - Here's hoping anyway and I believe the thanks for the improvement should again go to MR. LADNER. Who knows in ten years the tower might even be a revered monument - stranger thing things have happened.

MARRIAGES.
Best wishes to GEORGIE DETWILLER of Sedge. who takes the step Saturday to become Mrs. WIN HENDERSON.
Congrats to CHANG CHOE of Asian Studies who has already pledged his troth. His delightful wife arrived from Korea a few days prior to the wedding . We understand Chang was a might worried whilst the Airways strike was in progress, but all turned out well.

Every happiness to
Mrs. KEITH TURNER of Cataloguing formerly known as Ann Craig and to Mrs. DENNIS MAGREGA, also of Cataloguing the former Mary White.
Many friends will also want to congratulate BILL JOHNSON who used to work with JULIUS in the Mail Room for many moons and who is now with the Post Office on Campus (he still pops in with the mail delivery). Bill was married August 1st to BARBARA KELLY also well known to many as a student assistant in Circ. for the past two years.

ONWARD AND UPWARD. (to the 8th fl.) Several members of staff will be attending Library School in the new session.
SHELLEY CRIDDLE - Sedgewick
MARGARET FUKUYAMA - Asian Studies
BOB RIPPON - Cataloguing
MARGARET STEVENS - Serials
SANDRA TANIGAMI - Cataloguing.

ASIAN STUDES. Miss ING has lately returned from presenting a series of lectures in Wisconsin at the Institutes to Train Far Eastern Librarians. These institutes were in Wisconsin and Chicago and were the first of such institutes ever to be held. Many distinguished educators attended from all over the world including the head Librarian from the National Diet Library Japan. Mr. N. Yoshida.

SUZANNE DODSON of Gov. Pubs in again being recognized for her delicate, and perfectly detailed Botanical studies. Suzanne was invited to show her paintings at the Henry Gallery. The Univ. of Washington for the occassion of the 11th International Botanical Congress held Aug. 25 - Sept. 3rd.
Also 14 other of her studies are currently on show at the Science Centre in Seattle under the division of Botanical Technical illustrations.
Susanne's artistry will also be featured at the Hunt Botanical Library in Pittsburg.

JOHN FIELD. Social Science who is currently organizing the Commerce section has returned from a week of research at Stanford all ready to go go go!.

OUR LAWN BOWLING whizz ANN GARDNER of serials has just become a rosebowl winner (1st place) in the club's Triples division at the Dunbar Lawn Bowling Championship Competition. GOOD SHOW Ann.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest "swinging" grandmother, JOAN SELBY of Humanities who is proudly boasting these days of a grandson named Stephan.
Many staff members will remember Joan's daughter Lynn, who was a secretary in the School of Librarianship.
We also hear ROBEY NIELSON late of Periodicals has welcomed a son. and MARGARET CHAMBERS friends will be happy to know that she is

also enjoying the birth of a son John Eric.

DAVID MILLER of Acquisitions reports that he is busy restoring the Old Marr House at Fort Langley of which he recently became the proud owner. The house is said to be 70 years old and features the gingerbread architecture and post and beam construction of that era.
DAVID extends a welcome to any staff member who might be in the vicinity of 9090 Glover Road. Langley.

BERNIE OLSON of Woodward starting rehearsals for the next North Vancouver Operatic Companies production of Brigandoon.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION to MARTINA CIPPOLI of Systems who has been busy producing many numbers for the Woodward Department Store's Touring fashion show (Simplicity fashions) This show will be touring across Canada and we understand that whilst the show is in Vancouver MARTINA and MARIA HAAS of searching may be doing some of the modelling. Let us know the date Martinal.

THAT'S all for this month can't think of a suitable fade out except - be prepared and what DID happen at the Lobster boil,?.

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"Good morning. This is account number 624-598-32465. Could you please connect me with a human being?"

INCOMING MAIL...

The Hazards of the computer age.

A note to subscribers to ....

Last December, in an effort to improve service to our subscribers, we installed a computer. Unfortunately (but, we are told, not unprecendentedly), this technological wonder has since repeatedly broken down or malfunctioned. As a result, issues have been mailed late, payments have not been processed promptly, and complaints have not always been acknowledge.

The benighted instrument is now showing signs of life, and we devoutly hope that by the end of June we will have caught up on the work that has been accumulating.

Meanwhile, we can only beg your continued indulgence and apologize for the inconvenience you have been caused.

Faithfully yours,

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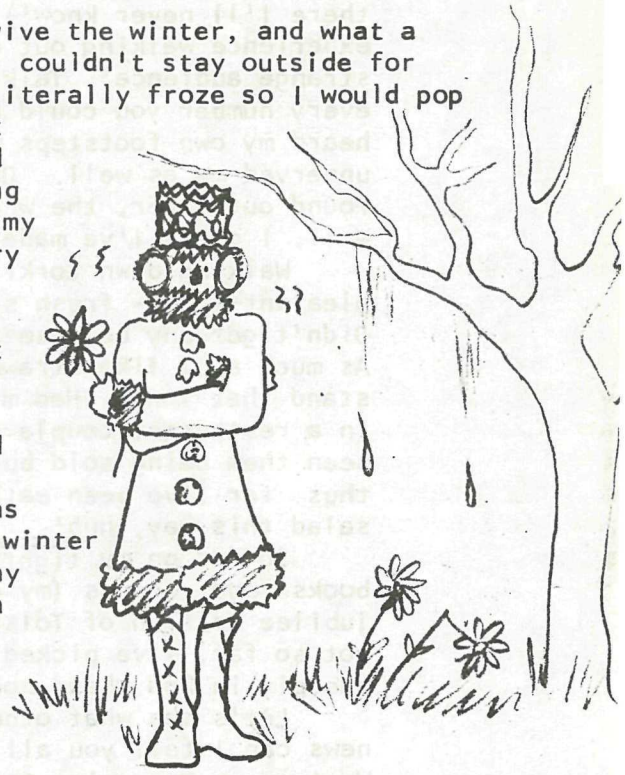
Up to the minute with Helen in Moscow....

Dear Science,

I guess by this time you've given me up for lost. No, I'm still alive! First of all, I'd like to thank you for sending me the two issues of Biblos. I really enjoyed reading them. Secondly, thank you for the letters and I must apologize for not writing sooner!

Well, I did manage to survive the winter, and what a winter! There were days when I couldn't stay outside for more than 5 minutes because I literally froze so I would pop into a store, warm up, then out again and so on until I reached my distination. Anyway, at long last Spring is here. Never in my life have I appreciated greenery as I do now. What a pleasant sight, green trees and flowers, green grass! But Spring forgot to bring warm weather! All of May was cold, at nites it hit 0°C, during the day it averaged between 7° to 15°C. About two days it hit 25° to 27°C. So, as a result, I'm still wearing my winter clothes! All the Moscovites say if a cool Spring - that means a hot, hot summer.



What have I been doing? Nothing all that much exciting. I've seen "Swan Lake" at the Palace of Congresses. The performance was very good. The Palace is really something to see. I must say it is extremely big and also beautiful. It holds 6,000. The 'buffet' alone can hold up to 2,000 sitting at tables. The inside is mostly done in different types of wood, red plush carpets, escalators. It really is impossible to describe it, one has to see it!

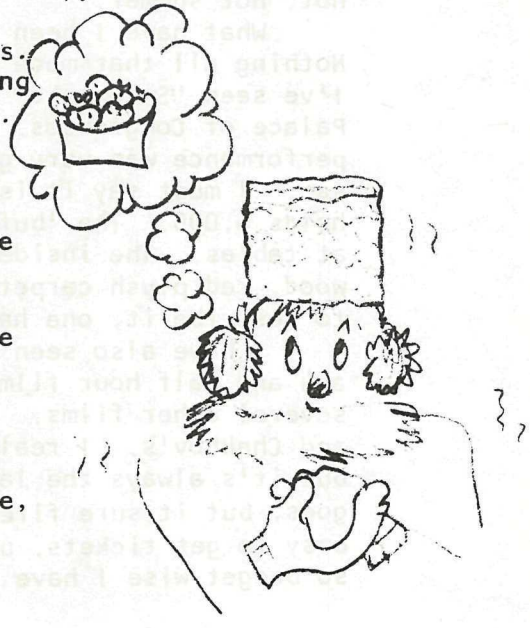
I have also seen the Sov. production of Brothers Karamazov, a 4 and half hour film. It is very good. Have also seen several other films. Have also seen several plays, Gogol's and Chekhov's. I really would have liked to have seen more, but it's always the lack of time. I don't know where the day goes, but it sure flies by! And of course it's not always that easy to get tickets, usually all the expensive one are left, so budget wise I have to watch it.

In April there was an inter-faculty concert competition. Our prep. fac. gave an evening performance. It was judged by a panel of specialists. From each faculty, several members were chosen for the grande finale. Three were chosen from ours (I was one of the 3). What a performance the finale was! When they do things here, they really go all out. A majority of the numbers were of pro. calibre. (How I got in there I'll never know!) Let me tell you, it was a frightening experience walking out on the hugestage, facing a completely strange audience! Talk about feeling alone -- Whew! Before every number you could have heard a pin drop, as a result I heard my own footsteps walking behind me. This rather unnerved me as well. Oh well, I did manage to pull thru. Found out later, the whole thing had been televised as well. Well, I guess I've made my formal debut in Moscow! (ho! ho!)

Walking down Gorki the other day, I ran into a very pleasantsight - fresh strawberries. What a welcome sight! Didn't get any because the line-up was almost a mile long. As much as I like strawberries. I really wasn't prepared to stand that long! Had my first taste of cukes and tomatoes in a restaurant couple of weeks ago, once or twice I've seen them being sold but the line-up is just too much. Anyway thus far I've been eating canned fruit. How about tossed salad this way, huh!

So far on my tight budget I've managed to acquire some books and records (my downfall). Oh, how I'd love to have jubilee edition of Tolstoy (100 vols!) All the books I've got so far, I've picked up very cheaply in 2nd. hand books stores.

Let's see what other exciting news can I tell you all. Oh yes. Went on an excursion to Yasnaya Polyana - Tolstoy's residence. It was a 5 hr. bus ride. The estate is really beautiful. The house itself is quite a museum now. Everything is as the night Tolstoy left it. After seeing the house and surroundings, one gets a better understanding of some of his scenery descriptions in War and Peace for example. We also saw his grave (on his estate, and very, very simple). I must



say he had a fabulous library of his own. Oh, how I'd like to own some of those 1st. editions!

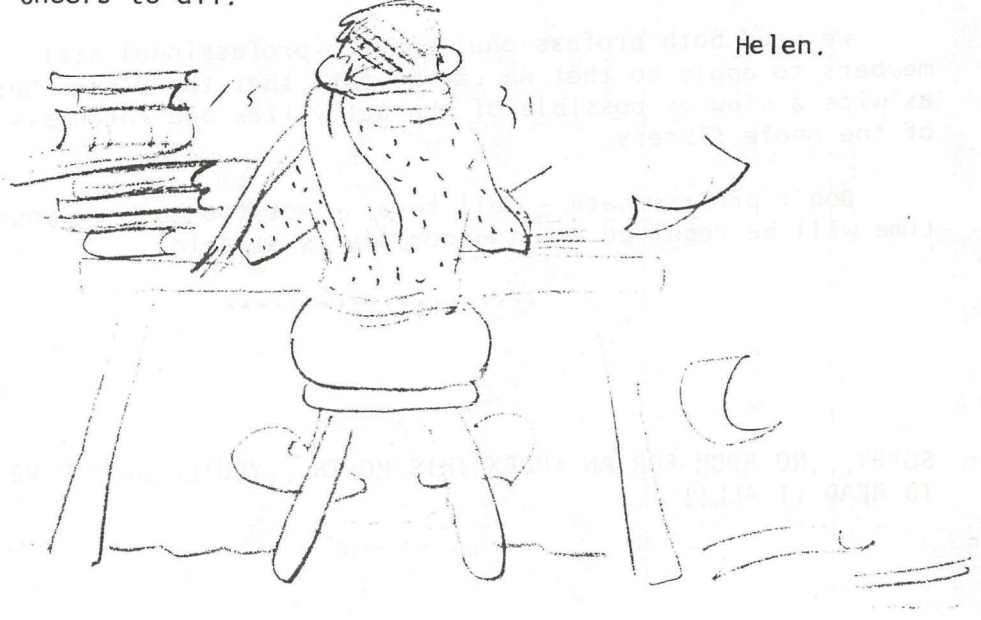
Our second excursion was to Leninskye Gorki. (i.e. where Lenin rested from time to time and where he died.) What a beautiful, beautiful estate -- sheer heaven. Of course now it is a museum. The paths where he strolled, the benches he used to sit on are all cordoned off. The mansion inside is lovely (belonged to a former police inspector of Moscow.) Everything remains as it was. Well, one of these days I shall have to make it to the Lenin Mausoleum on Red Square.

That's about all the exciting things I've done up to now, Now we're coming into the final stretch. Exams start on the 16th., end about 26th. So its to the books for me. After that I guess I sall be in Moscow till the 1st. approx, then if I get my visa. I shall go visit my relatives for a month, then onto the Black Sea for some sun and rest! After that it's a great big question mark.

So with this cheery little note I shall end for now. I would also like to thank Anne Brearley for her letter. Am sending a great big HELLO to all staff that I knew, to the Front Office, and to the Library School Staff. Also thanks to Bertha for the letter and picture. Gosh. I'd better stop or I'll write another letter just saying hello to everyone!

Cheers to all!

Helen.



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