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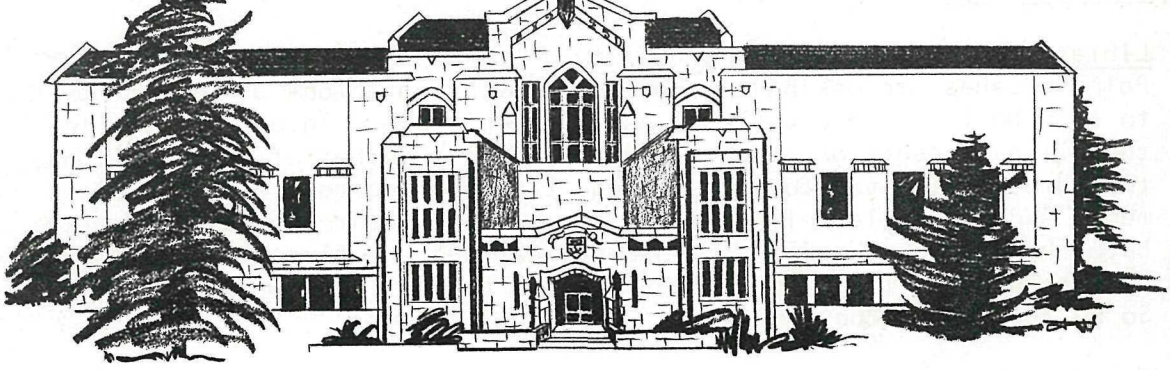

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HEIGH-HO! HEIGH-HO! IT'S OFF TO WORK WE GO!

The first half of the month was spent in rigorous preparation for two workshops held in Vancouver the week of April 10th. One we hosted - the CACUL Workshop on Automation; the other we attended in full battle dress - the Workshop on the Anglo-American Cataloging Code.

The rest of the month we spent recuperating, settling into M*Y*S*T*E*R*I*A, watching students stew over final papers and exams, convincing suspecting applicants that the Cataloging crew really isn't all that difficult to lord and master, and dreaming of those wonderful summer hols! So .....

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NEWS 'N NOTES

Library for Blind Students a Reality

Paint brushes are making time at Brock as preparations are under way to turn half of the old Alumni Association's space into a library for the blind students on campus. Supported by a number of organizations, this area will have student seating, tape and record playback equipment, and a braille collection. This latter feature has been contributed by Mr. John H. Crane, whose brother was the first blind student to attend UBC. It is hoped that the library will be named after him. So by the end of the summer...

Forestry/Agriculture on the Move

On May 29th to 31st, almost the entire "S" classification will leave the Main Library for its new quarters in the Agriculture/Forestry Branch Library. Also participating in the mass evacuation will be a sizable collection of uncatalogued government publication relating to forestry and agriculture presently housed in Government Publications. G.P. will be pleased ... anything to be able to breathe! So all the books will be there by the time the official opening ceremony takes place in mid-June. Now all we need is the furniture ...

Change of Address in Effect

The Backlog is pleased to announce that it has completed its move to Mysteria none the worse for wear and is enjoying its new digs. Such honoured guests as Beverly, Claudia and Circ. staff sing loud praises of the mobile shelving and of the confessions of a "common Frenchman" in 641219 !

Publication of Faculty and Staff

The list of publications of graduate students, faculty and staff in 1965/66, compiled by H.U.M., will appear at the end of the Report of the President. Approximately 1800-2000 titles have been arranged alphabetically by faculty and/or department. Rather voluminous, these UBC authors ...

Tip-Toe Through the Library ... Over and Out

Appears as if all the orientation tours are over - the jet set are now the most knowledgeable staff members of library mechanics. For those still on tour, understand there is a really neat library down by the gunning placements at Spanish Banks ...

Den of Iniquity Praised

Despite all the gripes re the seeming endless confusion in Cataloguing the statistics for 1966/67 show the largest increase in Cataloguing out-put in its history : 33.87%. In 1965/66, 79,984 volumes were processed; in 1966/67, 103,640 volumes. This is attributed not only to the increase in staff and improvements and in operating efficiency, but also to "the determination and hard work of staff members. Our out-put per staff member exceeds that of any library I know of". A big hug from Baz !

What is a Seven-Figure Number for B.U.D.G.E.T. ?

The tentative budget for 1967/68 has been divided up as follows :

Salaries	$ 1,611,043	(or 50.8%)
Supplies & Expenses	234,582	(or 7.397%)
Books	1,261,009	(or 39.766%)
Binding	57,752	(or 1.821%)
Total	$ 3,164,386	

As everyone is only too well aware, the MacMillan money is quickly coming to an end, so this coming year we will be back to sticking to the budget and the allocation of funds. Trends in book selection will tend to cater to under-graduate demands - i.e. multiple copies of more popular titles will be preferred over the obscure foreign language material needed for individual research.

How do we compare with other North American libraries? In the past two years, we have spent $3 million on books alone. Last year, this ranked us as having the second largest book budget in North America. This year :

we stand	5th when we discuss	book budgets
	53rd	size of collections
	15th	size of staff

Rather interesting.

Auf Deutsch, Bitte !

A collection of German language and literature consisting of some 3,776 "pieces" is being shipped shortly from the Zentral-antiquariat in Leipzig to UBC. This will serve to fill in the gaps in our present collection - fairly well, we take it! Backlog is waiting for it with bated breath.

To Have or Not to Have ... A Divided Catalogue

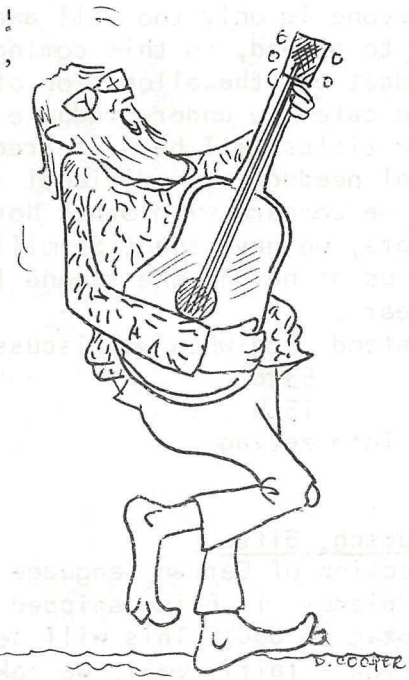
With the increasing number of cards in the card catalogue on Floor Five, the students, faculty, etc. are having more and more trouble finding the information they require. In an attempt to eradicate this problem, the Library is entertaining thoughts of splitting the catalogue into two sections - one giving an alphabetical listing of subjects; the other, of authors and titles. For decisions and details, see the MAY (?) issue of Biblos. (How's that for a bit of advertising on the side?)

On Your Knees ...

We might have a new Head of Cataloguing. A little man, presently Head of Cataloguing at Ohio Wesleyan College in Delaware, Ohio, was wandering around here two weeks ago and fits the fill perfectly. For five years, he was Associate Librarian of Yonsei University at Seoul, Korea, after which he was Librarian at Central Methodist College, Fayette, Missouri, from 1960 to 1963. His name : Mr. Jefferson M. Elrod known to his friends as Mac. Sure hope he took a fancy to us !

Maestro, Maestro, Lend Me Your Comb !

Armed with guitar, fall, and bicycle, Baz is wandering around the countryside singing tales of his experience with LSD*. April brought him and members of his troupe to the Friends of the University of Washington Library, the Oregon Library Association and the CACUL Workshop on Automation; May takes him to Prince George to speak on Collection Building in Universities and Colleges at BCLA, and to Halifax to be a member on a panel debating the ill-fated subject "Libraries of the Future" (will they survive television?). Ah, the demands on a good wandering minstrel...



* Libraries, Systems and Dollars

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COLLECTION

At the moment, and for the next several days, there is in the foyer of the Woodward Library, a display of "Nightingaliana". It represents only a small sample of the remarkable collection which this library has been able to acquire in the recent past.

The collection of rare and important books in the history of science and medicine, purchased from Dr. Hugh Sinclair of Oxford (he of Aston-Martin fame) yielded a fine selection of the works of Florence Nightingale. These include her best-known work : Notes on nursing; what it is and what it is not. Of this alone we have 13 issues of the first edition, all varying slightly from each other, if only in the advertising matter on the end-papers. There are other works which are less well known to most people, but which represent Miss Nightingale's labours during her very long life for causes other than nursing. Her Notes on hospitals [for its time a truly revolutionary document] is based on scientific principles concerning the proper specifications for hospital buildings. Her ideas were incorporated in the beautiful and famous St. Thomas' Hospital on the banks of the Thames in London, later bombed during the 1939-1945 War. Many hospitals the world over, including the original part of the present Vancouver General Hospital now lost amid so many additions and changes, were built according to her ideas of the ideal hospital. Statistics of illness and mortality in the British Army, proposals for the reform of housing, increase in pay and the provision of recreational facilities for the British soldier, plans for the improvement of sanitary facilities for villagers in India and citizens in East End London all occupied Florence, and all are represented in her books.

Miss Nightingale used letters and messages more than the printed word, however, to convey her ideas and opinions to friends, relatives and to people of influence who were in a position to help her to see her plans for reforms accomplished.

This woman occupied a unique position in her time. She became famous and highly respected at a relatively early age, and from her position of eminence following her return from the Crimea, she worked through a number of people to achieve the aims which as a "proper" Victorian lady she could not do as a public personage.

Cabinet ministers, statesmen, even prime ministers were the instruments she used, and she was untiring in her exploitation of their talents, influence and convictions to bring about the reforms which she could see as essential for the health and well-being of mankind.

The letters which we have been able to acquire can inspire a reader as none of Miss Nightingale's books, however fine, can do. A gift to honour the memory of Miss Jean M. F. Moore, former instructor in our School of Nursing, enabled us to buy the first of a fine collection of letters which we now own. These are mainly by Florence Nightingale but include also some from friends and others with whom she carried on what must have been a truly staggering amount of correspondence. These are the most revealing items one can have, because the many facets of the writer's personality and interests are displayed as no book could ever show. Before our eyes, we see the fond aunt and confidant of statesmen; the affectionate friend of Mme. and M. Mohl, the cat lover, the daughter whose loyalty and affection were so sorely tried by her parents' refusal to let her nurse the sick as a professional person, and many other Florence Nightingales.

Her handwriting changes as the years pass. The troublesome pen is abandoned by the woman who chose to become an invalid, in favour of a soft lead pencil. We see that her enthusiasms never faltered, nor did her perseverance in trying to bring about change. Her opinions were never less than forthright, even when she was writing personal letters to close friends, signed "Yours affectionately, Flo." Unexpected pieces of information and new insights are there for us to see as we experience the intimacy of private correspondence.

We hope to arrange and to mount these letters so that they may be examined by all who wish to read them, and someday, to publish them in order to share our fine acquisition with others.

In the meantime, walk over to the Woodward Library - it's good for you - and worth it.

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The P'u-pan Collection in the Asian Studies Division

The P'u-pan collection owes its existence to one man - the owner and collector, Mr. Yao Chun-shih. The name "P'u-pan" was chosen for his library because it was believed to be the famous ancient capital of the legendary Emperor Shun to whom Mr. Yao's surname was traditionally traced. Through his feverish zeal, in just a matter of years he managed to amalgamate the larger portion of the even more famous Nan-chou Collection of Mr. Hsu Shao-ch'i (1879-1948), one of the most renowned bibliophiles in South China, and brought his collection up to the staggering size of some 45,000 volumes (ts'e).

To protect the books from the approaching Japanese Army, he moved the best portion of the collection to Macao (for this reason the collection is occasionally called the Macao Collection). Those that were left in Canton were subsequently destroyed by the Japanese Army in 1939 as he anticipated. With undaunted courage, almost immediately Mr. Yao proceeded to rebuild his collection and soon succeeded to bring it up to its pre-war size. Cautioned by the painful experience he had with his first collection, this time he was anxious to transfer the books to a place of greater safety.

When the collection was first put out for sale, he almost concluded an arrangement with the Nanyand University in Singapore, but the negotiations were abruptly ended as a result of the sudden resignation of the President of the University, Dr. Lin Yutang. Many established institutions, including the University of Hong Kong, had tried but failed to acquire the books because Mr. Yao refused to sell them on a selective basis. This put U.B.C. in an advantageous position since the problem of duplication would be non-existent as far as the Far Eastern materials were concerned. Encouraged by the generous financial support of the Friends of the Library group, the University Librarian, Mr. Neal Harlow, and the President of the University, Dr. Norman A. M. McKenzie, seized the opportunity and sent Dr. P. T. Ho, professor of Chinese history, to negotiate for the purchase. After months of negotiation, the deal was successfully concluded.

The whole collection reached the library in February 1959 in 112 crates. For nearly three months, the books were examined and carefully checked against the original catalogue by Dr. Y. T. Wang,

Professor of Chinese literature. According to Dr. Wang, besides its 320 rare editions and manuscripts, issued between the Sung and Early Ch'ing Dynasties (960 - 1795), the most important part of the collection would be the local gazetteers of different editions for almost all the 86 districts in the Kwangtung Province. The Library of Congress and East Asiatic Library of Columbia University have long been the two major centres for the collection of Chinese local gazetteers; for the province of Kwangtung, however, both institutions are now less well-endowed than the U. B. C. The collection is also rich in works dealing with Chinese classics as well as individual literary works by scholars of the Ch'ing Dynasty.

In the following year, the Asian Studies Division of the University Library was officially established with the arrival of its librarian, Miss T. K. Ng, who took on the tremendous job of organizing the collection. Besides the classified catalogue which accompanied the collection on its arrival, two other catalogues have since been compiled. One is entitled "P'u-pan Shu Lou ts'ang shu mu lu" by the Asian Studies Division, the other "A descriptive catalogue of valuable manuscripts and rare books from China ..." by Dr. Y. T. Wang. Dr. Wang is also responsible for the article "The P'u-pan Chinese Library at the University of British Columbia" which appeared in the Pacific Affairs, Vol. XXXIV, No. 1, Spring, 1961.

It is unfortunate that the library cannot afford to provide more protection for a collection of such value. Since its arrival, it has been shelved in the same room with the rest of the Asian Studies Collection, where no proper temperature or humidity control is provided.

Minimum measure such as the provision of folders for the books has been proceeding at a pitiful rate due to the shortage of funds. Neither does it enjoy the special safely precautions against damage and theft as found in Special Collections. A sad fate for such a unique collection.

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JOHN M. CUMMINGS

After obtaining a B. A. in Psychology (having in fact read Philosophy and History) and discovering the study of Law was best left to others, a thinly disguised but strong urge toward books and library work finally emerged. Having arrived in Canada's Paradise during the lovely spring of 1960, a chance remark by Sam Rothstein resulted in a position as library assistant in the Biomedical Library. Fifteen months of circulation and reference work were followed by a B.L.S. at McGill University. Returning in the fall of 1962, I was installed as reference librarian at the Medical Branch Library, after a short stint as Assistant Librarian at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal.

After engaging in a variety of occupations, (some rather dubious), an interesting one that of a summer CPR policeman, the work of a Medical Librarian provides great satisfaction and an opportunity to practise that most useful of professions - librarianship. To boot, it has made possible more than an acquaintance with the workings of the wondrous human body.

HUIBERT VERWEY

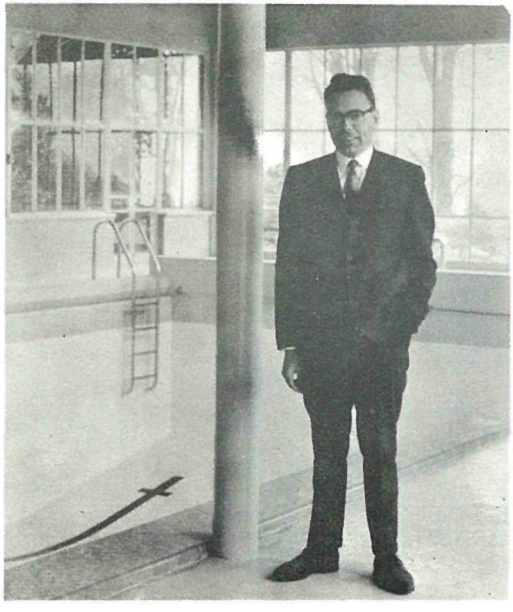
Born in the land of tulips, dykes and brave little boys, Huibert started his career as a Naval Officer. The voyage from the coastwise lights of Holland round earth's human shores to the far Pacific coast was a long, uncertain and exciting one, with many a foreign port of call -- the first one being a German concentration camp where he learned the art of survival and cunning planning, both sound prerequisites for the degree of librarianship. His voyage brought him to Australia where he collected a B.Sc. as a petroleum geologist. Having dropped anchor in such delightful areas as Borneo, Papua and the Philippines in search of this precious fluid, he returned to England where he was commissioned an officer in the Royal Air Force which enabled him to search for lighter substances, such as pale ale and Yorkshire pudding.

But the unfathomable depth of his oceanic mind brought him once more back to the glistening Pacific Ocean shore line, where he was caught in the cobweb of the brain, otherwise known as learning. In a thirst for knowledge he swallowed German and Russian language and literature, Russian geomorphology and Library Science, for which he was awarded a B.A., M.A. and M.L.S. degree as well as active membership in various professional associations including the American Association of University Professors and Fellow of the Geological Society. But his tired heart, numbed by the excess of wisdom, was badly in need of psychological help; being a practical man, he married a professional headshrinker and sociologist, Dr. Norma Ellen Verwey of the Anthropology and Sociology Department.

Now, as Head of the Institute of Fisheries Library, his responsibilities go far beyond dyke-saving and oil-hunting. Apart from building an efficient Fisheries Research Library, his ultimate aim is to establish an International Translation and Exchange Centre.

But to achieve this final goal of fame, Huibert is convinced that he needs one more qualification in patience and tolerance, the D.G. degree -- Disciple of God.

GEORGE FREEMAN



The Marjorie Smith Library will soon be moving to new quarters within Graham House, This move will involve abandoning the shower in the present library but we will be gaining a swimming pool. In either case, if someone turns on the wrong tap all our troubles will be washed away.

However, being "all wet" would not be new to this native son of B. C. I was born in Fort Simpson, B. C.; in due course was graduated from U. B. C. with a B. A. and then received an education on various fishing boats from Seattle to the Bering Sea. Thus suitably prepared, I enrolled in Library School and received the B. L. S. from McGill in 1958.

Library experience includes two years at Mount Allison University, more years at the Vancouver Public Library in the Social Sciences Division and Branch Libraries and a year (September 1965 - August 1966) in the Serials Division of this Library. The interval between the Public Library and U. B. C., a period of seven months, was spent seeing Europe by car. Somewhere in the foregoing chronology, I did get married, but it doesn't seem very important since I am, of course, still a FREEMAN.

I arrived at the School of Social Work in October of 1966. The Marjorie Smith Library, ably operated by Patricia Meagher and Kathy Botta, with occasional assistance from myself serves the Library needs of the U. B. C. School of Social Work.

DOUG MCINNES

Born in Melita, fall '33,
Wasted two years till we came to B. C.,
My parents, four children, a trailer and me.

Fourteen years later I hadn't become
Much more than before though I guess I grew some;
Enrolled in first year, tiddle-dum, tiddle-dum**.

Rolled milk cans in summer to pay my way through,
And might have resorted to rolling drunks too,
But a local newspaper helped out with some jack,
(And on graduation offered my paper route back).

Majored in languages, learned some assorted
Expressions which managed to get me deported
To France for a year - to the land of De Gaulers,
Where I learned to step quick to stay dry in "one holers".

** A device, legitimate, though seldom used by amateurs,
to denote the passage of time (or lack of rhyme).

Then five years of teaching (to stiffen the spine)
And Library School (for the official line);
All of which left me, like most BLS's,
A product of fate and erroneous guesses.

Thirty years after it all had begun,
I found Special Collections and felt I had won.
An accident, maybe, but still worth full measure,
To work in a vault, filled with rare books and treasure.

It lasted six months, then in Spring '64,
I found out that "Woodward" means more than a store,
I'm thankful right now that my age isn't greater -
'Cause my verse gets much worse as my life it gets later.

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STAFF CHANGES

Welcoming:

Mary Paterson	Library Assistant II	Social Sciences
Susan Clifford	" " I	B.M.B.
Wayne Taylor	" " III	Serials
David Yip	" " III	Circulation
Ellen Gregg	" " I	Circulation
Anita Van Ginkel	" " I	Circulation

Congratulations!

Tannis Havelock from Library Assistant I to Library Assistant II in Circulation

Resigning:

Daniela Korinek, Circulation
Ruell Smith, Circulation
Eveline Warbey, Circulation
Marilyn Potts, Circulation
Dawne Joel, Cataloguing
Judith Crape, Science
Kay Bassford, Woodward
Marilyn McMeans, Cataloguing
Ann Rowley, Cataloguing

NEW RULES FOR AN OLD GAME:

A workshop on the 1967 Anglo-American cataloguing code :

For those of us addicted to change and positive progress, prospects loomed bright as we trudged toward the Vancouver Hotel on April 13 for the opening of the two day conference, even though the weather refused to reflect our general optimism. Delegates had gathered from Canada and the Pacific Northwestern states to sound out each other's reactions to, and plans for, adjusting to the new code.

Professor Seymour Lubetzky of the University of California, Los Angeles, outlined the general history of cataloguing codes, and gave a brief resume of activity leading to the creation of the new rules. We were then subjected to a detailed analysis of the changes in the old and new rules by Miss Bernice Field of the Yale University Library Technical Services.

Then, Mrs. Margaret Beckman, Systems Librarian at the University of Guelph spoke on the administrative implications of the new code. This was indeed the crucial point, and yet it became increasingly obvious (actually we had had suspicions to this effect all along) that there was no mystery at all as to the inevitable outcome, especially for sizeable libraries depending heavily on Library of Congress cards and bibliographic tools. Mrs. Beckman was quite optimistic, and urged us not to be discouraged by L.C.'s decision to accept only partially the new rules, but rather to make our decisions on the basis of long range advantages to be gained.

On that optimistic note, the conference adjourned to Cecil Green Park for a sunset wine and cheese tasting party, for which event even the weather consented to stop frowning a bit, offering out-of-town visitors a glimpse of the spectacular view from the park.

But all in all, the second day failed to turn up anything beyond what we already knew -- the larger libraries would continue to follow the great god of L. C., while the smaller ones would be left to struggle with the consciences. All very discouraging.

We would, however, like to give a special vote of congratulations to Dr. Ronald Hagler and the students of the School of Librarianship for doing such a fine and efficient job of organizing the conference.

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O.K. So how should we enter :

GRAF ALBERT CONRAD FINK VON FINKENSTEIN ?

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CACUL Committee on Automation

Every year, as winter is elbowed aside by the onset of spring, librarians begin their descent upon a variety of locations across the continent in a kind of floating Fort Lauderdale for bibliomaniacs. In other words, conference activity begins to intensify as members of the profession set forth to solve their problems through the medium of verbal communication (and all too frequently manage to accomplish little more than to lend support to Ovid's observation that the talkative man inflicts punishment).

The University of British Columbia was host to a workshop on library automation sponsored by the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL) and held at Cecil Green Park on April 10-12. The seminar was attended by a mixed bag of approximately 110 librarians, systems analysts, programmers and booksellers from over 50 institutions in Canada, the United States and even England. The programme covered five areas of library management - acquisitions, serials, circulation, cataloguing and administration. Each subject was dealt with by three speakers. The quality of the papers ranged from dismal to brilliant, with the distribution skewed toward the former category.

Ralph Shoffner of California (Berkeley) was unquestionably the star of the show as he described the circumstances under which the Cali-

fornia State Library decided to adopt a computer-produced book catalogue. This superbly-articulated presentation differed from most of the others in that, while it dealt with the requirements of a particular institution, it also elaborated contexts in which automation was and was not desirable and outlined logically and thoroughly the type of research that is necessary before any decision to automate should be entertained. While others asserted, Shoffner demonstrated, and in so doing created a model which speakers at future conferences of this ilk would do well to emulate.

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We are all familiar with the Library of Congress subject heading:

PLANTS, EFFECT OF PRAYER ON

Could we adapt this to fit our needs :

AUTOMATION, EFFECT OF PRAYER ON ... ?

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SERIALS AUTOMATION AT UBC

The following remarks are concerned specifically with the work and future plans of the serials divisions in the Main and Woodward Libraries; what is being done here will, we hope, provide a pattern and experience from which other divisions concerned with similar materials might profit, but for now the immediate goal is to replace the present Kardex system in these two divisions with an automated one using punch cards and magnetic tape.

Why are we expending so much time and energy to change a manual system which seems to work reasonably well? To answer this, let us take a brief look at the Kardex itself and then outline the system which will take its place. The Kardex is a visible file consisting of cabinets, flat trays and over-lapping leaves or flaps each of which contains a separate entry; it is easy and quick to use if a person wants to check in a particular issue of

a journal or discover whether or not a certain title or number has been received. In a physically compact library system a centrally located Kardex can serve very well to satisfy the needs of library staff and users alike, but when the system is large and the locations to which the periodicals are sent lie far from each other and from the central check-in point the problems of communication with that record become so great that the servicing divisions are forced to create and maintain additional records of their own : small-scale duplicates of the main kardex. Also, as the number of subscriptions increases the difficulty of scanning the Kardex for missing issues, lapsed subscriptions counts of particular groupings of titles, etc. (not to mention the answering of questions relative to the current Downs Committee survey) becomes one which cannot be solved efficiently by simply adding new staff.

The solution to which we have turned is the one promised by automation. The word is no longer a magic one to the many people who have slogged through the brute work of the past year or more converting thousands of records from their various manuscript formats to punch cards and finally magnetic tape, but it is still a motivating force. What we expect to gain from this conversion to the machine can best be illustrated by giving an outline of the future system as we see it shimmering, mirage-like before us.

The work which we have done up to this point has been almost entirely concerned with establishing a representative listing of serials titles in the U.B.C. library system, with special emphasis on those being checked in by the serials divisions in the Main and Woodward libraries. Once all the entries which are presently in the Serials Division Kardex have been recorded in machine-readable form (i.e. punch card images stored on magnetic tape) two distinct files of cards will be produced for us by the Honeywell-200 computer : first, a master file consisting of all the entries in Kardex complete with history notes and information relating to frequency, publisher, agent, etc. (essentially replacing and expanding the present Kardex top cards) and second, a file of "arrival cards" for all current subscriptions, one card for each issue expected during a pre-determined period of time (replacing the present Kardex check-in cards). These files will be housed in open trays (called "tubs" in the antiseptic jargon of the automation trade) from which the checkers will pull the appropriate arrival card for each title being recorded. To check in the Journal of Technical Processing, vol. 2 no. 4 (April 1967), for example, the library assistant will select an arrival card bearing

this title, transfer to it in pencil the volume and issue number, date and year of issue and route the journal to its proper location. The written information will then be key-punched into the arrival card which will be used to update the magnetic tape record and produce daily a series of cumulating printouts for library use; through the use of various codes these listings can be made to reflect the specific interests of the different divisions in the library system. Together with the complete annual listing these daily printouts will provide library users and staff with an comprehensive a picture of the serials holdings as we could provide now if everyone were able at any time to scan at once both the Kardex and the Card Catalogue. Volumes from the Bindery and backfiles will be tied into the records in a similar way to the current subscriptions the reader should easily see the application so there is no need to go into details here. Thus, the first disadvantage of the Kardex will have been overcome : the information it contains will have become generally accessible to all users of the library. But there are other benefits, the most obvious of which will be the systematic production of specialized lists to indicate issues not received, subscriptions due for renewal, gaps in the collection, subject or language coverage, vendors or agents used and much more information which we at present collect only with great effort or not at all.

The availability of these listings will help to make the work of the Serials Division more rational, consistent and satisfying than it has been heretofore by putting into the hands of the librarians and library assistants all the information which they need to make firm decisions regarding claims, orders, renewals, collection building and all the other aspects of control which, under the present manual system, are so difficult to ascertain; the bibliographers and reference librarians will also be quick to recognize the ways in which their work will become more effective and enjoyable with the addition of this new reference tool; and, of course, the people in the Bindery will take great pride in putting the annual listing into the jewel-encrusted morocco binding which Mr. Fryer is no doubt designing for it right now.

The horizons will be broader than ever before once the fully automated system starts working for us; we do not intend to predict exactly when that day will dawn, except to say that September seems like a logical time in the cycle of university life - yes, let's fix the month at September ... we can haggle over the year later.

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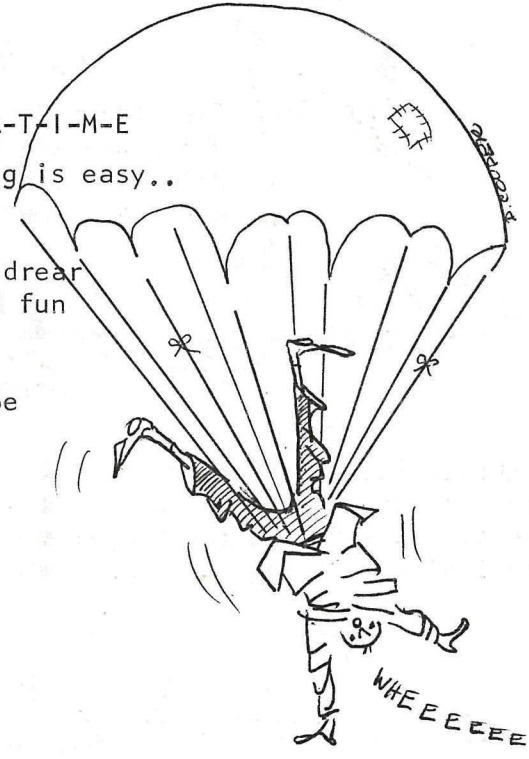
S-U-M-M-E-R-T-I-M-E

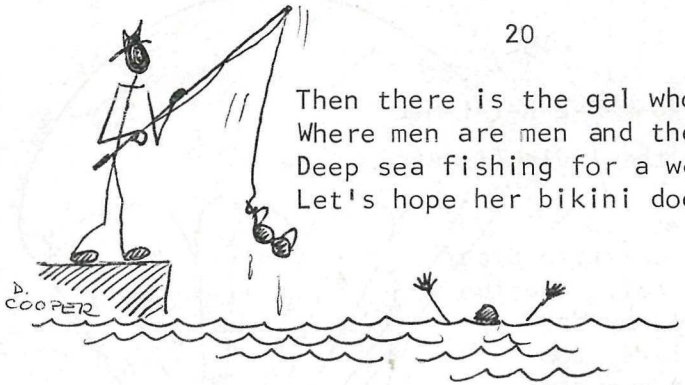
And the living is easy..

Tis the Summer of the year
Though somewhat cold and a little drear
And out in the land for frolic and fun
Go the Library Toilers one by one
There's scuba divers, fliers, too
Anda gal that paddles her own canoe
Campers, hikers, skiers, yachters,
Even potential glacier squatters.



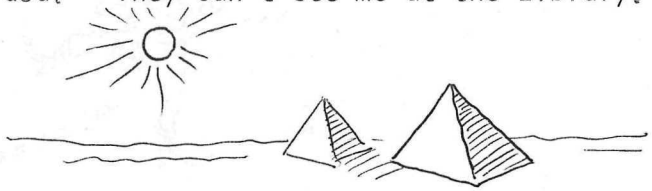
Expo trekkers by the score
But where is spirit of l'aventure
No way out travellers of any kind
Even dear Baz leaves his cycle behind.

Some fashion their travels on Provincial lines
Complete with Gaglardi's colourful signs
And a couple whose planning a Summer Paint-In
House that is -- complete with the gin.



Then there is the gal who's off on the briny
Where men are men and the water - winey
Deep sea fishing for a week or two
Let's hope her bikini doesn't bother the crew.

And the curious tourists to far distant lands
Where the sun beats down on exotic sands
Where sin is rife and the prayer could be
Thank God! - They can't see me at the Library.



And what of the ones who've had their vacation
They can watch the departures with secret elation
For then, lovely weeks when the students have gone
And the Campus is bathed with a heavenly calm
And the sun is warm and trees are green
And Doug's "Music for Eating" drifts over the scene.

And too soon will come fall when vacations are done
And each will return from his "day in the sun"
With many a raptuous tale to relate
And all will agree "the summer was great".

P. LaVac