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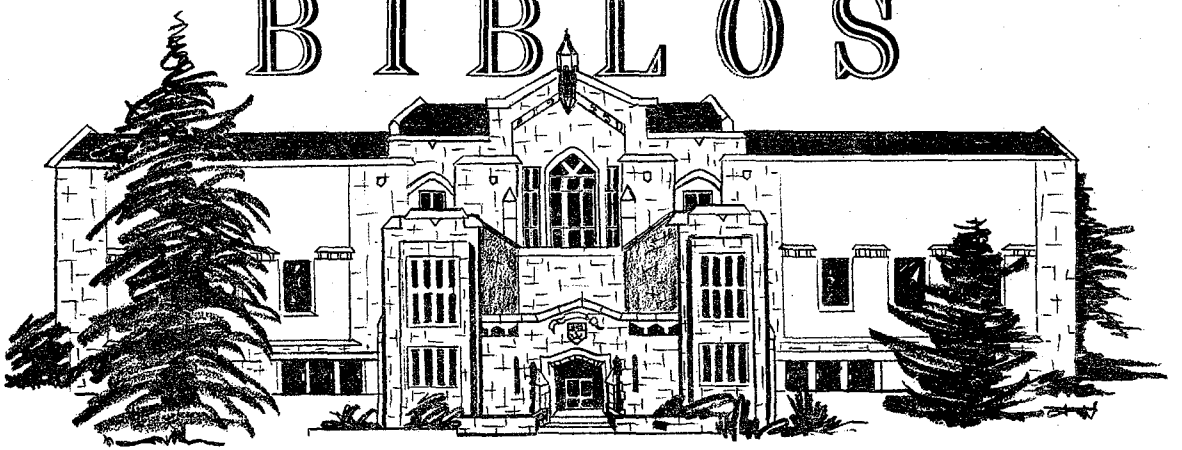

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... AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fiblos conveyed all the essential vital information this month - HOPE YOU ARE HAVING A FABULOUS [Yes!] TERRIFIC [Yes!] JOYOUS [Yes!] GROOVY [?] DULL [No!] RESTIVE [?] FESTIVE [Better] SEASON !

BUT ... thought you may like to get the dregs as well - this is to be read the morning after ... So here's hoping you are well armed with a VERY strong cup of coffee and your ever alert mind r-o-u-g-h-l-y focusing on library matters !

As we are a bit under the weather ourselves this month, we rather feared for a while that this month's newsletter may have to take the form of an empty, broken glass! But thanks to many of Santa's little helpers, we have been able to come forth with another...

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NEWS 'N NOTES:

The University of British Columbia : The Report of the University Librarian to the Senate. The annual report for the fifty-first year of the U.B.C. Library, covering the period from September, 1965 to August 1966, can be most appropriately compared to a dozen red thorny roses. The great increases in the book collection, staff and public use of library services can only be commended but increasing effectiveness is and will continue to be thwarted by insufficient processing means, space and that great problem-solver, money. These latter factors are becoming crucial and demand immediate attention. The report manages to show all the various library activities simply and concisely in their true perspective. Anyone wanting a quick bird's eye view of this past year should consult a division head's copy.

Systems and Information Science Librarian. On December 12th, 1966, the announcement was made that Miss Geraldine Dobbin has been promoted to the newly created position of Systems and Information Science Librarian. In this capacity, Gerry will be involved in the accelerated plans further to automate library routines as a consequence of the Donner Canadian Foundation grant. She will move to the new position as soon as a new Head of the Cataloging Division has been appointed. Rumour has it that Bill Bell is swamped with applications...

Committee to be established to review requirements and possibilities of relocation or of extending duplication in the Main Library. With the increasing amount of inevitable duplication of material, a committee is being formed within the Reference Group to reconcile this with our present library policy.

Downs' Survey continues despite Fiblos. Questionnaires on research collections and periodicals were filled in, reviewed and returned. On a list of approximately 205 periodicals in the Social Sciences and Humanities, we lack one title; of the 132 supplementary periodicals noted, we lack 20 French language titles due to their more popular or religious nature.

U.B.C. Provincial Centennial Project. The Union Proclamation of 1866 uniting the colony of British Columbia and the colony of Vancouver Island has been printed in facsimile by U.B.C. with a

historical note by Margaret Ormsby, Head of our History Department. A facsimile copy of this scarce document was included with each copy of the U.B.C. Library annual report. However, a few copies remain, so historically minded souls may claim at the Front Office!

Funny there were no specific questions on reference service in the Student Survey on the U.B.C. Library. Reference divisions wondered whether this showed no pain or no interest... Understand though, the pencilled comments at the bottom of the questionnaire more than covered the subject. For the latest word on the Survey, read on...

Sun-Lovers Head South. Baz and Bill Watson are making plans to attend the American Library Association Mid-Winter Conference in New Orleans, La., in January. Anyone seen Baz in his new swim suit? As for those leopard skin bermuda shorts of Bill's.....

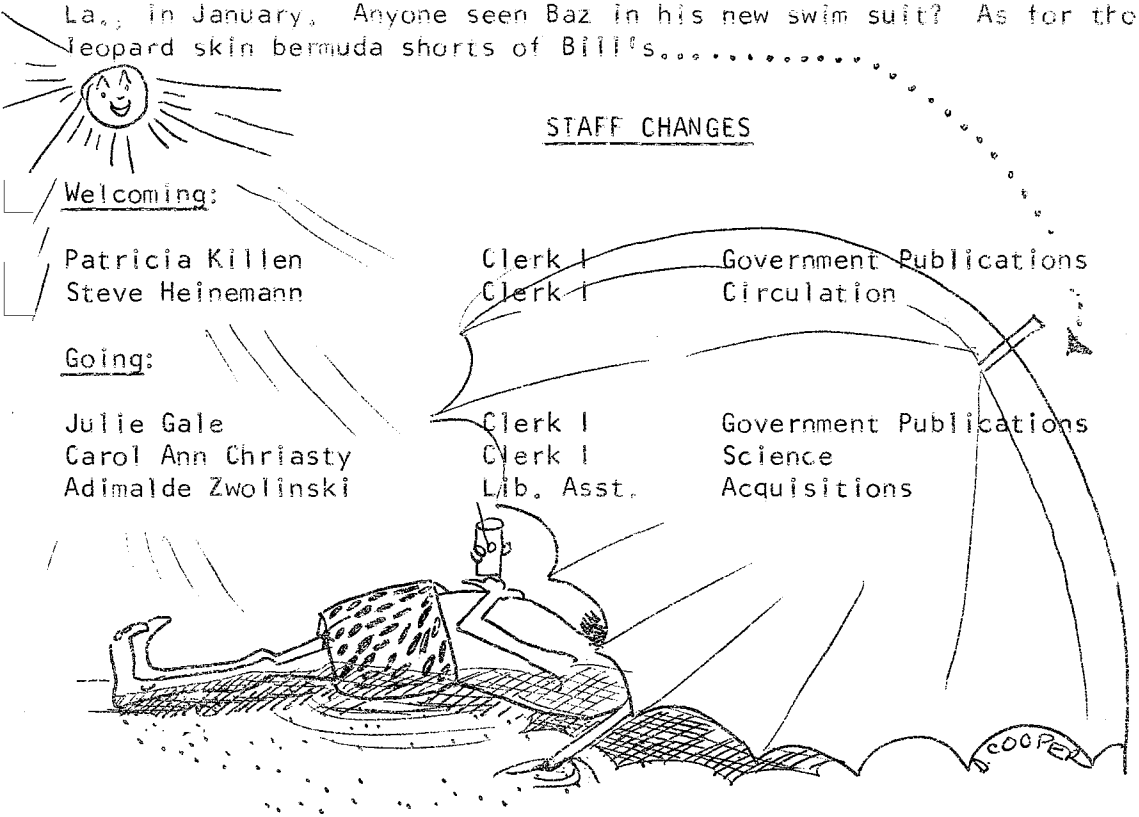
STAFF CHANGES

Welcoming:

Patricia Killen	Clerk I	Government Publications
Steve Heinemann	Clerk I	Circulation

Going:

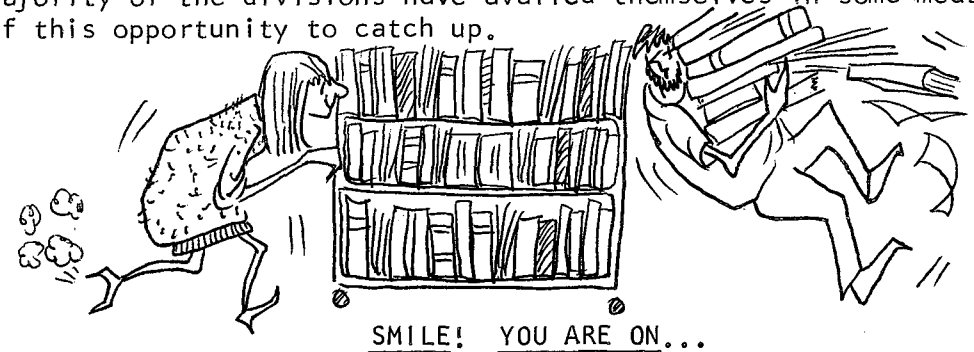
Julie Gale	Clerk I	Government Publications
Carol Ann Chrlasty	Clerk I	Science
Adimalde Zwolinski	Lib. Asst.	Acquisitions



STUDENT HELP OVER CHRISTMAS

A request to the President for funds wherewith to employ students over the Christmas vacation in an effort to overcome clerical work backlogs in the Library was favourably received. Student assistants have accordingly been hired to work a tital of 4,244 hours. Huge sighs of relief have been heard from divisional heads and others at the prospect of really wading into the massive accumulation of routine work which is bogging us down.

The chief beneficiaries are Circulation (1,100 hours), Sedgewick and Serials (750 hours each) and Cataloguing (500 hours). But the majority of the divisions have availed themselves in some measure of this opportunity to catch up.



SMILE! YOU ARE ON...

Anyone who's been towards the back of Room 766 (ex-Map Room) and wondered about the large camera-like machine assembled there can stop wondering. It is a camera! Specifically it is a 1015-D Itek Project-A-Lith Platemaster intended to assist the Catalog Division in producing catalog cards more effectively. The Itek will be put into operation at the first of January, leased for a trial period of three months. What the machine does is produce a high quality offset plate 10 inches wide and up to 15 inches long, capable of being run at once or stored for later running on any conventional duplicator. A rapid automatic exposure through a lens and internal developing allow for the production of a finished plate in less than a minute. Combined with a system of duplicating the cards eight-up on pre-drilled stock and cutting them apart after printing, the new method should speed up production at less cost and with some saving of typing time.

LIBRARY REGULATION

No. 1,500,399

Standard Procedure

Instruction on the Death of an Employee.

It has recently been brought to the attention of this office that many employees have been dying while on duty, for apparently no good reason. Furthermore, these same employees are refusing to fall over after they are dead.

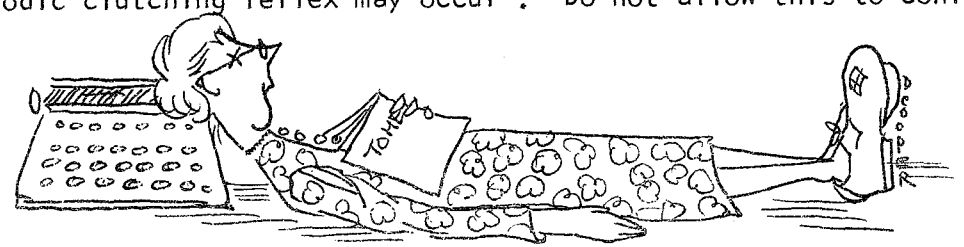
This Practice must stop at once.

On and after June 1, 1959, under Regulation No. 1,500,399, Section 8, Page 102, any employee found sitting up after he or she dies will be dropped from the payroll immediately, without an investigation. However, where it can be proved that said employee is being supported by a desk, typewriter, or any other means belonging to the Company, a ninety-day period of grace will be granted.

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO AND OBSERVED:

1. If after several hours, it is noticed that an employee has not moved or changed positions, the department head will then investigate. (Due to the highly-sensitive nature of our employees and the close resemblance between death and their natural working attitude, all investigations will be made quietly so as to prevent waking an employee should he or she prove to be asleep.)

2. If some doubt exists as to the true condition, extending to him a paycheck will be the final test. If said employee does not reach for it instantaneously, it may be correctly assumed that death has occurred. (Note: in some cases this instinct has been so highly developed that a spasmodic clutching reflex may occur . Do not allow this to confuse you.)



"WHY DON'T YOU GET RID OF THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM?"

Report No. 1

This comment, together with "How in Heaven's name do you find a book when you only know the title?", illustrates the major problem in student use of the library as indicated by a recent questionnaire on library facilities. Unfamiliarity with the basic concepts of library service forces students, many of whom are too shy or reluctant to admit their ignorance, to tackle their assignments without any help from librarians; as a result they become quickly disillusioned and stay away in droves.

All is not gloomy, however - such comments as "We love you", "I'm all right, Jack", "The librarians are all courteous and helpful, "I'm happy!", prove that some students are using the library successfully. "I'm in love with the petite blonde in Sedgewick who looks like the girl in the lipstick ad" caused quite a commotion (we have not yet figured out which lipstick ad but naturally, the girl has been fired.) Noisy staff members are mentioned several times, but there are many suggestions for the general improvement of library services, ranging from "Why don't you move all the Commerce reserves back to the Reserve Book Room as it is too far to walk from the main stacks where all the books are", to "I have had my lunch swiped too many times. There should be some facilities for this". Perhaps we could set up a special rack, similar to the briefcase racks - Lunches To Be Swiped!

"23 PER CENT SAID YES, 18 PER CENT SAID NO, AND 59 PER CENT TOOK PERSONAL OFFENSE AT THE QUESTION!"

WORKSHOPS IN STORE FOR SPRING

The U.B.C. Library and the U.B.C. School of Librarianship are preparing for two workshops due to take place here this spring.

One which has been in the wind for some time is being tentatively planned for mid-April on the new Anglo-American Catalog Code. (This is acting on the assumption that the publication date for this Code is early February, 1967) A two-day workshop for catalogers and other librarians on the background, use and implications of the Code, will be held under the direction of the U.B.C. School of Librarianship. Speakers will include Miss F. Bernice Field of the Yale University Library, Professor Seymour Lubetzky of U.C.L.A. and Mrs. Margaret Beckman of the University of Guelph. Workshops of a similar nature are being planned at the major library schools across Canada but as this one here is to be the earliest, so far as is known, one may expect participants from all across the country and from the northwest U.S.A.

The other in the throes of being organized for late March or early April is a Workshop on Automation in Libraries, under the direction of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries Committee on Automation and hosted jointly by the U.B.C. Library and Simon Fraser. Assuming this to be one of the centers of library automation in Canada, CACUL anticipates members from all parts of Canada to attend this two-three day workshop.

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THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH LIBRARIES

In July 1966, the U.B.C. Library became a full member of the Center for Research Libraries, the most ambitious and successful cooperative venture yet undertaken by American research libraries.

The Center was incorporated in 1949 by ten universities as The Mid-West Inter-Library Center, a non-profit corporation with the primary purpose of increasing the library research resources available to cooperating institutions in the Midwest. With the aid of grants from the Carnegie Corporation and the Rockefeller Foundation, and a gift of land from the University of Chicago, the Center began operation in a library building with maximum storage capacity for three million volumes.

Its principal activities, as outlined in the original report which led to the creation of the Center are two-fold:

The deposit into a common pool of the infrequently used library materials held by participating institutions in order to reduce their local space needs, and also to make more available when needed more complete collections than any one of the participating libraries itself can reasonably maintain for its exclusive use.

The cooperative and centralized purchasing, cataloging and housing of infrequently used library research materials that are not adequately available to the participants.

The Center's operating costs have been met by payment of annual dues, graded for each institution according to a set formula.

The membership in the Center has been tripled in the past fifteen years; and its collection now amounts to more than two million volumes, which include such valuable material as foreign doctoral disseratations, U.S. state documents, foreign government publications, periodicals and newspapers (U.S. and foreign). Although it was begun as a regional interlibrary center, it lends any of its material freely to any library, whether it be a supporting member or not. It is now in fact serving as a national, rather than regional, agency through some of its programs. This new role led to the changing of its name in January 1965, to the more accurately descriptive title, The Center for Research Libraries.

In spite of the free nature of its lending policy, the Center allows its participating members certain privileges. It has established a policy by which an author card for every title cataloged by the Center is automatically provided to every member library. These cards when filed into the member's own catalog make the Center's collection an integral part of the member's personal collection. The Center also tries its best to supply full and detailed information to its members on all aspects of its collections and operations.

At present, while waiting for the Center's cards to arrive, our library is unable to utilize to the fullest extent the substantial and valuable collection of the Center. However, once we are able to do so, there could be significant changes in the dispensation of our library budget, acquisition policy and in fact, our entire program in library service.

MRS. MEG LITTLE

Born (she's not saying when) and raised in the far north (Prince George) she fled from the northern winters and never wants to return. After a B.A. at U.B.C. and B.L.S. at Toronto, her first library experience was in the Victoria Public Library doing a variety of things - cataloging, circulation, reference, and catching measles from a small borrower. Then Vancouver beckoned and she came to U.B.C. where most of her working days have been spent - two years in Circulation and too many years in Cataloging.

There were two sojourns away from U.B.C. One was a very pleasant two years at Washington State University in Pullman, as cataloger in the Science Division. Here she very nearly became an American citizen, but the death of her husband resulted in a return to Vancouver. The other was a very brief period at Vancouver Public Library.

As chief cataloger, she is expected to know the answers to all cataloging problems (which she doesn't) and she can usually be found surrounded by mountains of catalog cards for checking.

Hobbies: Collecting cook books and clothes.

MISS DOROTHY SHIELDS

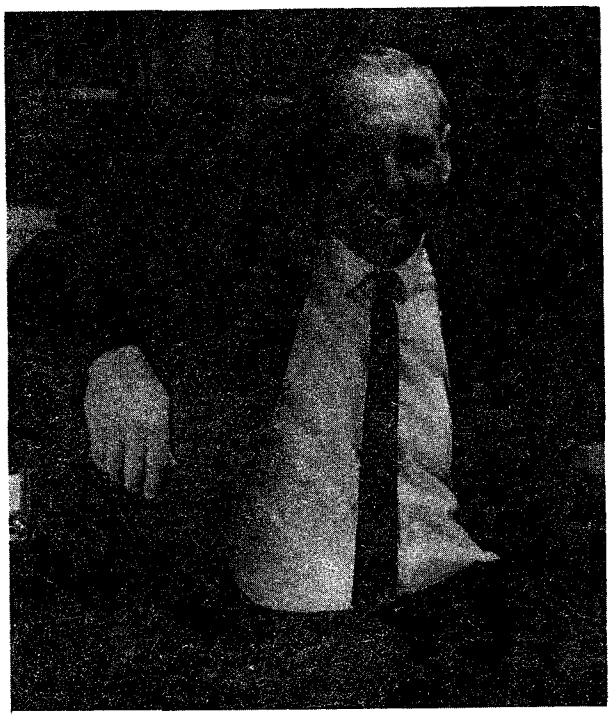
Born in Ottawa, Dorothy escaped to Kingston and ultimately graduated from Queen's University. Soon after, propelled by itchy feet, she embarked on a 3-day trip in a plane of uncertain vintage with a keg of rum in its nose to Chile, where in the course of $2\frac{1}{2}$ years she learned to Samba, Siesta, and drink cocktails, picked up Spanish and lost her appendix.

A leisurely sea voyage during which the bar ran out of everything but champagne, brought her back briefly to puzzled parents who thought she must be ill to want to sleep in the afternoon, and thence to the wilds of Northern Ontario and the mysteries of Atomic Energy, radiation and geiger counters.

Civilization and Europe beckoned - itchy feet again - and she soaked up varying degrees of culture in London and on lengthy forays to the "Continent". Broke - salaries in London weren't meant to be lived on - she returned once again to Canada- this time to Canada's soggy gateway to the Pacific. Soon, the desire for sun, good skiing and, incidentally, library school, took her to Denver, Colorado. The skiing was wonderful! A green, not-so-young librarian, she came to U.B.C. $5\frac{1}{2}$ years ago and now heads up a group of the library's finest with the impressive title - Bibliographic Searching and L.C. Cataloging - a section on the 7th floor up for grabs between Acquisitions, Cataloging and Bibliography.

P.S. She doesn't have a cat.

WALTER E. HARRINGTON



Although engaged by Bill Bell's labour office from Toronto Library School as recent as 1965, the charms of U.B.C. were not new to me. I had stood on guard (and K.P.) with the 15th (Vancouver) Coast Brigade at Fort Point Grey (now Fort Camp) in 1940.

This auspicious beginning launched an Army career which after eighteen years found me in Ottawa, involuntarily involved with the Board of a fledging Township Library.

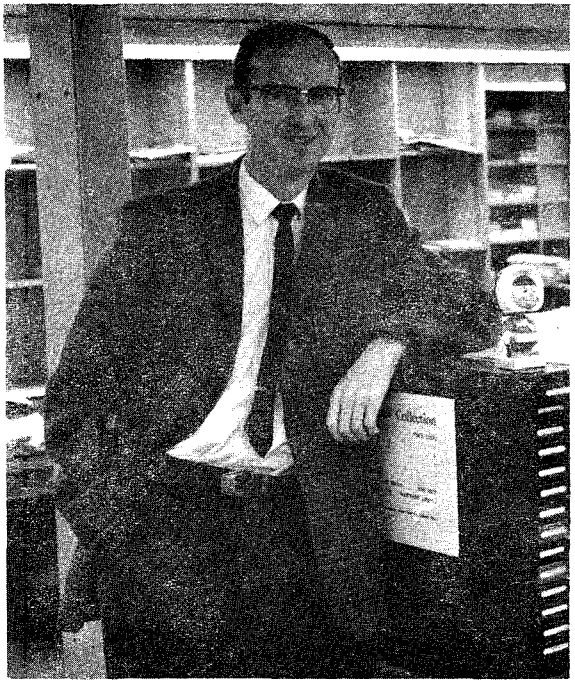
Partially conditioned by twenty-five years service in the Canadian Army for the vicissitudinary life of a librarian, long of tooth, but short of experience and after a year of O I/C # of Prebindery, I was detailed to head the large and complex organization of Gifts and Exchange, with the added distinction of Extension Librarian

If Room 750 and part of Floor 2 look at times like ye olde book mart, do not be misled. The books and "magazines" are all part of G & E stock in trade.

Ably assisted by Girl Friday, Janet Yuan and Sheila Neville in Extension, we trade with over 300 other libraries, process generous gifts of books, and give book service to correspondence students. And oh yes, some day we will be finished with the Heryet, and then can start on the Shopland and Lewis, much to Cataloguing's glee!

O I/C - Officer in Charge.

GRAHAM ELLISTON



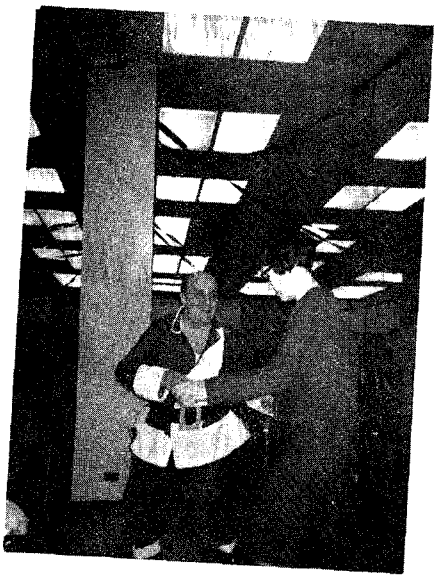
Background consists of a B.A. (Psychology & Criminology) from U.B.C. (1959), a Master of Librarianship from the University of Washington (1961), three years as serials cataloguer at U.B.C. (1961-1964) and one year of drifting about Europe (1964-1965).

Since returning to U.B.C. in November 1965 he has been supervising the checking in of periodicals in the Serials Division and working in cooperation with Bob MacDonald to devise ways of replacing the present Kardex recording system with an automated one. Is finding it more difficult to answer questions as each day passes.

ROCK AROUND THE LIBRARY
or
STAFF PARTIES I HAVE ENJOYED

by S. Claus

The first annual Sedgewick Happening evolved on Friday afternoon, December 23rd. Given by the Department Heads for their staff(s), the party was attended by numerous kegs of spirits, many pounds of cheese, a rock 'n roll band and a whole library-worth of people. Enthusiasm was high (and it was not alone) as the afternoon progressed, and many and versatile talents were displayed on the dance floor. Santa was seen agilely rocking it up with many of the belles of the building, and his undershirt had a good time too. Nobody fell down and only fourteen glasses, an extension cord and a tambourine were dislocated at five o'clock.



SEASON'S
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BIBLIOGRAPHIES COMPILED BY THE U.B.C. STAFF

SINCE 1960

The scarcely audible mutterings of reference divisions, "I'm working on that ... bibliography" have been heard since time began ... But never have we heard of the actual subjects of these bibliographies, nor any word of their completion. Rather suspecting that this was an excuse to justify daydreaming over blank pieces of paper and thousands of little cards, we began to poke around and unveiled the following list of completed and 'in progress' bibliographies. Hats off to you! Snoozes like this accomplish wonders...

General:

Reference books, a basic list. By Carmen L. Sprovieri and Maurice G. Lepper. Editor: R. M. Hamilton. 2d ed. 1964.

Newspapers; a checklist of major holdings. 1964.

In the Realm of the Humanities:

Reference books in English literature; an annotated list of basic books for undergraduates. By Inglis F. Bell and Joan Selby. Rev. 1961.

The English Novel, 1578-1958; a checklist of twentieth century criticism. By Inglis F. Bell. 1962.

Seventeenth century English literature; a checklist of criticism. By Inglis F. Bell. 1963.

The Frank de Bruyn memorial books, a bibliography. 1964.

A Milton Bibliography, by Inglis F. Bell. 1964.

Reference Guide to French language and literature. Rev. and enl. by Susan Hand (wonder who that is?...) Humanities Division, 1964. (Reference Publications, no. 18b)

Reference guide to Bibliographies in History, American and Europe (W.). Prepared by Susan Port, Humanities Division. 1965. (Reference Publication, no. 20)

Canadian Literature, Litterature canadienne, 1959-1963. By Inglis F. Bell and Susan Port. 1966.

On Canadian literature, 1806-1960. By R.E.Watters and Inglis F. Bell. 1966.

Annual bibliography of English language and literature. Contributing editor for Canada: formerly, Inglis F. Bell, presently, Hans Burndorfer.

Social Sciences:

Reference Guide to Economics Literature. Compiled by the Social Science Division. 1961. (Reference Publication, no. 16)

Reference Guide to Educational Literature; a brief annotated list of reference material of interest to education students to be found in the Library of the University of British Columbia. Rev. by Joan O'Rourke. 1964. (Reference publication, no. 8)

Reference Guide to Literature on Industrial Relations. Prepared by Joan O'Rourke. 1964. (Reference publication, no. 19)

Books on the teaching of reading and associated subjects in the Library of the University of British Columbia. By Geoffrey Buckley. 1965.

Reference Guide to Commerce Literature; a brief list of reference material of interest to commerce students to be found in the Library of the University of British Columbia. Compiled by Anne M. Smith. Rev. 1965. (Reference publication, no. 5)

Sciences:

Translations available in the University Library by Anne Brearley, Head, Science Division, 1961. (Reference Publication, no. 15)

List of forestry journals [in the U.B.C. Library] 1961.

Guide to reference works in Forestry; a brief list of reference material of interest to forestry students to be found in the Library of the University of British Columbia. Prepared by Anne M. Smith. 1962. (Reference Publication, no. 18a).

Reference guide to home economics literature; a brief list of material of interest to Home Economics students to be found in the Library of University of British Columbia. Prepared by Anne M. Smith; rev. by Anna R. Leith, 1963. (Reference Publication, no.9)

Reference guide to students in Agriculture 100; a brief list of reference material of interest to students in Agriculture 100 to be found in the Library of the University of British Columbia. Compiled by Anne M. Smith; rev. by J. Buttery. 1964. (Reference Publication, no. 4)

Scientific and technical translations and translation bibliographies available in the University Library. Rev. and expanded by Ena Gaensbauer, 1964. (Reference Publication, no. 15a)

Serials in the University of British Columbia Library; Section I: Check-list of currently received scientific and technical serials. By J. Buttery. 1964.

Geology journals and government publications held by the U.B.C. Library. 1965.

Mathematical journals in the University of British Columbia Library. 1965.

Reference Guide to Chemical Engineering Literature; a brief list of reference material of interest to chemical engineering students to be found in the Library of the University of British Columbia. Compiled by Anne M. Smith. Rev. by J. Buttery, 1966. (Reference publication, no. 6)

Reference guide to plant science literature; a brief annotated guide for students. [Prepared by] Anne M. Smith; rev. by Anna R. Leith. 1962. Partially revised 1966. (Reference Publication, no. 11)

Bio-Medicine:

Selected list of recent acquisitions in biological science and medicine. New ser., no. 1- 1958-

Medical bibliography manual and library guide. Prelim. ed. by Anna R. Leith and Doreen E. Fraser. 1960.

List of current serial files in the fields of the biological sciences and medicine. 1961-

Guide to reference works in Aquatic Sciences. Prepared by Anne M. Smith. 1962. (Reference Publication, no. 17)

Guide to reference works in Botany; a brief annotated guide for students. Prepared by Anne M. Smith. 1962.

Asian Studies:

Holdings of bibliographies on Contemporary Economic Development in China in the University of British Columbia Library. Prepared by the Asian Studies Division. 1966.

Gazetteers of Kwangtung and Fukien. [Prepared by Asian Studies Division]. 1966.

Selected list of materials on Dr. Sun Yat-sen in the University of British Columbia Library. By Asian Studies. 1966.

Selected list of materials in Chinese Philology in the University of British Columbia Library. Prepared by Asian Studies Division. 1966. (Reference Publication, no. 21)

Fine Arts:

Fine Arts in Asia: a selected list of books on art and architecture for the UNESCO seminar on Asia and the West. By Melva J. Dwyer. 1960.
A Bio-Bibliographical finding list of Canadian musicians and those who have contributed to music in Canada. By Melva J. Dwyer. 1960-1961.
Master's Theses relating to Planning. Rev. 1966.
Union list of music periodicals in Canadian libraries. Chairman: Melva J. Dwyer. By the Canadian Library Association. 1964.
A guide to the literature of Planning. By Melva J. Dwyer. Rev. 1966.

Map Division:

List of maps added to the Library. August 1, 1965-

Special Collections:

Checklist of books and pamphlets relating to the Pacific Northwest published in 1960 (part 2). Books and pamphlets about British Columbia. 1960. By Basil Stuart-Stubbs. 1961.

Bibliographies in Progress:

Addenda to the Union list of Music Periodicals.
Annual Canadian Checklist in Canadian Literature.
Canadian Book-in-Print. Joint Sponsorship: Canadian Booksellers Association; Canadian Book Publishers Council, C.L.A.
Compilation of lists of theses in the fields of science and technology.
Doukhobor bibliography (including both U.B.C. holdings and a desiderata list).
List of source information on expeditions.
Music reference books.
Periodicals on Asia in Western languages - cataloged and uncataloged. The Japanese and Korean sections are still to be done, the Chinese is complete.
Reference guide to book reviews; a checklist of sources for book reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences.
Reference guide to Dissertations in the Humanities.
Revision of Reference books in English literature, by Inglis F. Bell, Joan Selby and Elizabeth Vogel.

FILMS

Among the current run of films are several titles which appear to have been inspired directly by the Library. A selection follows:-

THE PROFESSIONALS - That worthy body of Librarians?

FANTASTIC VOYAGE - From Fine Arts to Special Collections in only 2 days?

BORN FREE - You don't have to work in a Library.

THE TRAP - Don't trust those turnstiles!!

HOW TO STEAL A MILLION - So that's what happens to our pencils?

DEAR JOHN - We don't forget the Branch Libraries.

FORTUNE COOKIE - Not all lunchroom delicacies are fatal.

FAHRENHEIT 451 - Floor seven any day in August?

WRONG BOX - Theme song from Campus Delivery.

SOUND OF MUSIC - Daily performances from the Xerox Room.

ALPHAVILLE - Special seasonal rates for Filing Clerks.

TORN CURTAIN - Or, a peep into Asian Studies.

SHOP ON MAIN STREET - The bookstore really is appreciated.

HOTEL PARADISO - The Front Office is not like this.

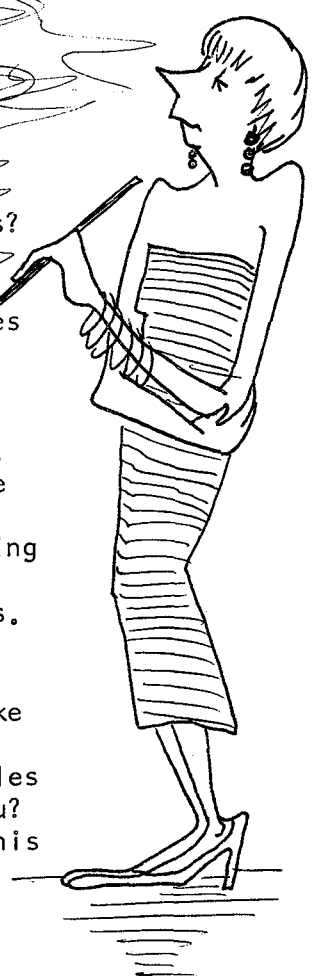
ROTTEN TO THE CORE - You've found those apples in stacks, haven't you?

EARLY BIRD - B & G men do not qualify for this title.

SPINOUT - The first coffee break.

VISIT TO A SMALL PLANET - There's life on Curriculum too?

YOU MUST BE JOKING - No one minds working holiday weekends.



HAPPY HOLIDAY VIEWING FROM FILMAC

MORE COLBECK

As is now well known, the Library has undertaken to acquire a collection of Nineteenth and Twentieth Century English literature from Norman Colbeck of Bournemouth, England. These books constitute Mr. Colbeck's personal collection and are to be distinguished from his stock-in-trade of some 150,000 volumes.

Mr. Colbeck is a paragon bookman who has devoted his life to the trade. Beginning at Foyle's in London as a young man, he subsequently opened his own shop near the British Museum and has more recently been located in Bournemouth. He will come to U.B.C. as a bibliographer with the primary task of compiling a catalogue of his own collection, which will eventually become the property of this Library. This catalogue, it should be noted, will be a bibliographic listing as distinguished from cataloguing as a library technical process. Once this book has been produced, it will be possible to distribute the collection to those parts of the library where its components would be most appropriately located.

Mr. Colbeck's collection is described below in his own words:

> A collection of nearly 500 authors, displayed in four rooms - say some 1,000 yards of shelving - but many double rows and many drawers for pamphlets. No estimate of number of volumes, but may be well over 50,000 as so many are slender volumes.
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> Almost entirely author-collections, and, with the single exception of Sir Thomas Browne, may be said to commence with the Romantic Revival - or, at least, with William Cowper, who did just survive into the nineteenth century.
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> Though it may fairly be said to be a nineteenth century collection, it does in fact contain 116 authors the whole (or almost whole) of whose work was <u>published</u> in the twentieth century.
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> All the authors collected may be considered to be British (though there are in fact five Americans), and there is a great emphasis on Anglo-Irish writers - some 66 of them.

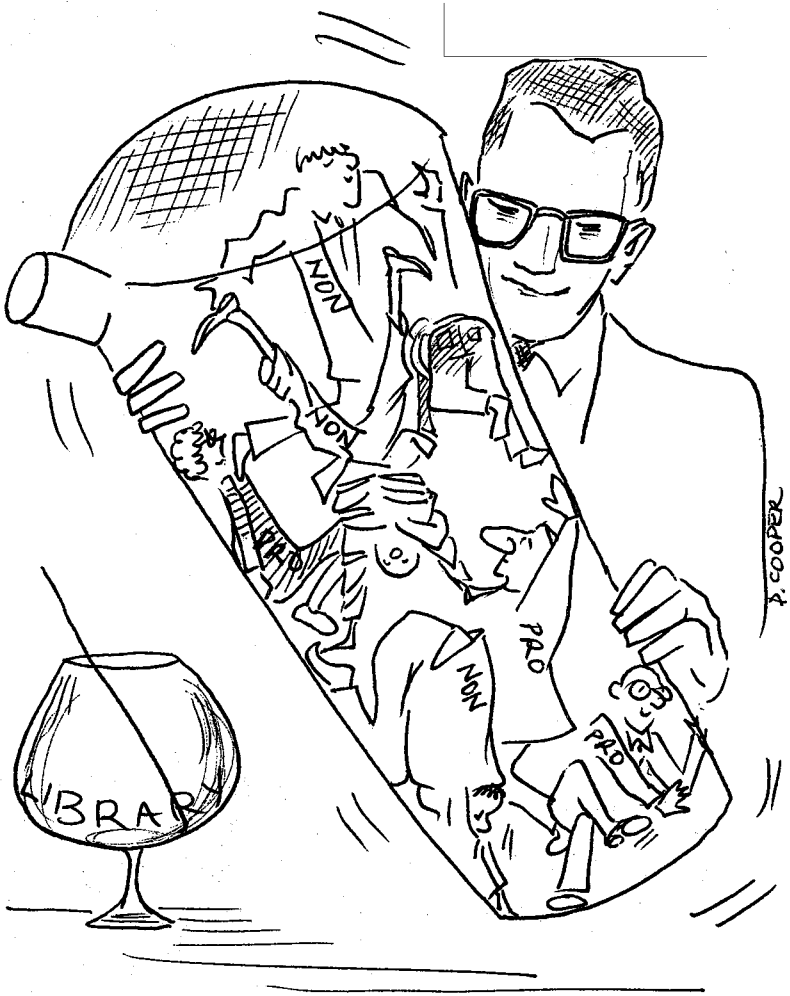
Though names such as Thomas Hardy and George Meredith appear, it might almost be considered as a collection to the virtual exclusion of the novel - some authors I collect did write almost hundreds of them - Hamilton Aide, Robert Buchanan, Hain Friswell, Jean Ingelow, James Payne, Katharine Tynan, to mention a few : and many are still missing from the collection. It is mainly a collection of poets and essayists - miscellaneous writers.

Some of the collections are of considerable monetary value - W. B. Yeats, Edward Thomas, W. S. Blunt are examples : others are virtually complete or are rendered important by the inclusion of much MS material - Philip Guedalla, Edward Carpenter, George Bourne, W. E. Hanley, Mark Rutherford are examples. It must also be considered that many of the collections are of very small monetary value : the reasons for this are that sometimes the total output of authors was so inconsiderable - W. N. P. Barbellion, Michael Fairless; or that the authors were only selected for reasons very personal to myself - George Matheson, R. F. Horton, Edwin Hatch, W. E. Orchard are examples.

It must not be imagined that anything like the whole of the authors are well advanced towards completion; some are not more than half-way.

It might roughly be said that I have not collected any writer who was not born before the twentieth century and do not collect any author who is still living - though there are exceptions to this - John Masefield, Sir Shane Leslie, Ruth Pitter, Noel Coward, Robert Graves.

In a more recent development, U.B.C., Simon Fraser and the University of Victoria have taken an option to purchase jointly Mr. Colbeck's stock-in-trade. The chief librarians of these three institutions will go to England early in the new year to appraise the collection. No agreement has yet been reached on the distribution of the stock or on the burden of payment to be faced by the individual universities. The operation is of such magnitude, however, that it may require a decade to complete the transaction.



It was a very good year, this year sixty-six
When the pros and the nons were a very good mix.
And here's to a wish that could make it all heaven
May your gripes all be small ones in the year
sixty-seven.