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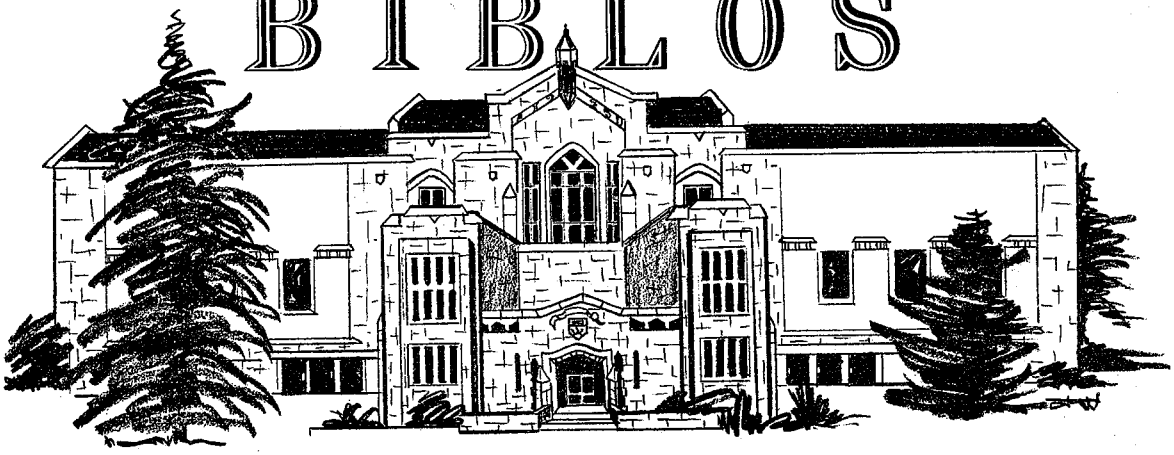

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THE YEAR OF PLENTY

NEWS 'N' NOTES

COMPJTER IN CIRC. TRANSLATED TO THE MASSES (ie. us): Bob Harris is putting the finishing touches on his article on the punch card system employed at the Library for circulation records. By describing the equipment and its operation, the input-output cards and their preparation and distribution, the input-output to the processing centre and library staff procedures, one can see how the system has evolved and operates today.

PRESENTING ... Dr. Robert B. Downs and his entourage January 30th and 31st at the start of their l-o-n-g trek across Canada. Spending approximately one week per province visiting the various academic libraries, Dr. Downs will slowly move east collecting the necessary info for THAT survey. The week of January 30th will be B.C.'s chance to show their wares ...

INSATIABLE WOODWARD STRIKES AGAIN! Woodward Library is now taking over the ordering+payment of its journals. Rod Cardin of the Serials Division is transfering to Woodward officially on February 1st to assist them in this latest acquisition.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE 016.370193091749 71+?

LOST AND FOUND: The Circulation Division no longer collects articles found in the Library (with the exception of library cards). A clearly labelled box is kept in the Mail Room for staff to deposit articles and the contents found therein are delivered daily to the Lost and Found under the Bookstore.

THE HUNTER LEWIS COLLECTION: The Library has acquired a collection of approximately 1200 volumes of modern English and American literature belonging to the late Hunter Lewis formerly on the faculty at U.B.C.

THE YEAR OF SIXTY-SIX - THE YEAR THAT WAS. The Front Office and Division Heads have been terrific in supplying us with all the summaries of their activities in the past year. ONWARD ...

+The Dewey classification for a bibliography on the sociology of Eskimo education - what else?

STAFF CHANGES

HELLO TO:

Nancy Konkin	Library Assistant I	Cataloguing
Deanna Charlton	Library Assistant I	Cataloguing
Irmgard Gorus	Library Assistant I	Circulation
Ruth Prime	Library Assistant I	Circulation
Elizabeth Knott	Library Assistant I	Circulation

PROMOTIONS:

Joan Cosar from Clerk I to Lib. Asst. II Serials
Margaret Belford from Clerk II to Lib. Asst. III Curric. Lab.
Jean Boulogne from Clerk II to Lib. Asst. III Curric. Lab.
Maureen Biden from Clerk I to Lib. Asst. II Gov't. Pubs.
Lynda Putnam from Clerk I to Lib. Asst. II Bibliography
Shirley Balon from Clerk I to Lib. Asst. II Law
Linda Kincade from Clerk I to Lib. Asst. II Fine Arts
Marilyn Potts from Lib. Asst. I to Lib. Asst. II Circ.

RESIGNATIONS:

Barbara Heuer Clerk I Cataloguing
Pat Odowes Clerk I Circulation
Barbara Ross Clerk I Cataloguing
Rosemary Alder Clerk II Circulation
Eleanor Arthur Clerk I Circulation
Marlene Myers Clerk I Serials
Vivi Coutlee (nee Jorgensen) Clerk II Serials
Robin Williams Library Assistant III Serials
Taga Bhaven Clerk II Acquisitions

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FOR OUR SKIERS ...

FOUND: HALF A HART

Had we never skied so madly,
Had we never skied so badly,
Sooner stopped, or never started,
We had ne'er been broken Harted.

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MEN! WITH WHOM WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE SHELVED? See page 36

1966 ...

Developments in the library system over 1966 can be viewed in terms of two general considerations. One of these concerns the kind of normal development that takes place in any dynamic institution - change in order to keep abreast of technological advances; change which is a function of growth in size; change to introduce new services, meet new demands; change through experience in making better use of available resources; change for betterment of staff welfare. The other, which is related to the first and cannot always be distinguished from it, involves the regular day-to-day coping with unusual circumstances - in our case the inundation of library materials into a system with limited funds for space, staff time, equipment and supplies.

And so, while considerable attention has been given to the design of a system of new library buildings to meet future needs, at the same time arrangements have had to be made for fitting the present operation into existing quarters. That it still fits at all is in the way of being a minor miracle. Systems analysis and design and what is usually referred to as "automation" has been applied to some of today's work and has looked towards the problems of the decade ahead. Projects already begun or under consideration hold promise of previously unavailable information for better management of library resources. New equipment, some of it newly developed and some only practical and economical in the UBC situation now that it has reached its present level of growth, has been bought or rented to handle more work, at less cost, and in less time.

A few of the developments in Technical Processing will illustrate the sort of thing that has been taking place. In both Cataloguing and Acquisitions, staff had to be relocated so as to accommodate new members and new procedures. A merger of the Bibliographic Searchers and L. C. Cataloguers took place, and professional cataloguers were reorganized into sections reflecting areas of specialization. A batching system for materials being processed was begun, with books and worksheets moving in separate but related streams. A decision was made to accept the L. C. depository catalog and base card production largely upon it. In Serials, a union listing was

produced by the computer in a matter of hours after months of staff time had gone into preparing for it.

Although no new systems were installed in the last year a number of significant changes have occurred that will influence systems development in the library: a new and larger computer system in tabulating opens the door for improving and adding library applications; a large grant from the Donner Foundation in support of new studies and systems that will affect all areas of the library; the introduction of a librarian to the systems area (Gerry Dobbin) and the addition of a second programmer for the Library (in January '67). The circulation system is now processed on the new computer, and two new applications are under development, for installation in the coming year; serials - to replace the Kardex file, and acquisitions - using paper tape equipment and replacing the alphabetical in process file with a computer listing.

Other activities which affect the library as a whole ...

The development of A Plan for Future Services enclosed proposals for a number of new libraries to serve the various faculties. In order of priority they were: Library Administration & Technical Services Building, Undergraduate Library, Applied Science Library, an extension to Woodward, remodelling of Main Library, Education Library. Also recommended but unranked in priority were: Physical Sciences Library, New Law Library, Map Library, New Social Work Library, an extension to BMB. Libraries established this year or under construction included the Social Work Library (in temporary quarters), the Forestry-Agriculture Library, the Fisheries Institute Library, the Mathematics Library and the Music Library. Reference service, collections and space in the Sedgewick Library were all increased.

The revision of appointments, classifications and salaries of librarians was made effective July 1st, 1966. Appointments, previously made by the Personnel Office, now come under jurisdiction of the Board of Governors. The old classification of Librarian I to IV was reduced to two categories, General Librarian (appointed by specific title) and Administrative/Specialist.

Revision of the classification and salaries of Clerks and Library Assistants: Clerks I and II, and Library Assistants and Senior Library Assistants became Library Assistants I to IV. Salaries of Library Assistants III and IV were increased considerably last July although they still are not at the level of some local libraries. Library Assistants I will feel a salary increase at the end of February.

A Student Library Committee has been appointed and has already had several productive meetings. One project of the Committee, a student survey of U.B.C. Libraries, is now being analysed.

The Library has also participated in the Downs Survey. The Downs Committee, supported by a $20,000 grant from the Council on Library Resources, has been appointed by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and Canadian Association of College and University Libraries to study resources, administration (yikes!), financial support and automation in Canadian academic libraries.

As a result of the Macmillan money, book buying trips have taken members of our staff to all parts of the globe - from Hong Kong to eastern Europe; blanket orders include scholarly material in all the major languages; and the bibliographers have been going (in)sane ...

SPEAKING OF BIBLIOGRAPHERS ...

The remarkable thing about the great bibliographers of the past is that most of them ended up by going mad. Robert Watt and William Lowndes, the two greatest British bibliographers, died deranged, and Thomas J. Wise, modern bibliographer and forger, surely had both a screw and a scruple loose somewhere.

In the U.B.C. Library the bibliographers are hard at work coping with mania, or bibliomania, of a different order. It is the administration and the faculty who are mad. Their rage for books is boundless and the wherewithal to acquire them unprecedented. Therefore the books have been flooding in, and those members of the staff principally engaged in determining the nature of the flood are the bibliographers.

U.B.C. has five bibliographers: Roland Lanning (formerly head of Serials) is in charge of acquiring the most-needed sets and runs of research periodicals in all subjects and all languages; Eleanor Mercer (formerly head of Acquisitions) looks after English-language books in humanities and social sciences - so far largely based on geography with English, American, Canadian, Australian and New Zealandian blanket orders, especially; Hans Burndorfer (formerly with Vancouver Public Library and our Humanities Division) is in charge of Western European library acquisitions in the humanities and social sciences in German, French, Italian and Spanish mainly, and also has a number of blankets to keep him warm; Helen Constable has shifted a few feet from one desk as a librarian in the Science Division to another in the same place and is our Science bibliographer, working closely with head librarians in science divisions to help keep them from going mad; and finally tovarich Isa Fiszhaut (formerly with Cataloguing and now a reference librarian in Social Sciences) who looks after Slavic bibliographic problems (than which there ain't none worse) on a part-time basis (twelve hours on the job and maybe thirty at home, evenings).

U.B.C. has a real good bibliographic sanity squad.

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CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF CLERKS AND LIBRARY ASSISTANTS EMPLOYED AT THE U. B. C. LIBRARY

At the formal meeting of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries at the Canadian Library Association Annual Conference in June, 1966, a standard classification scheme for non-professionals in Canadian university libraries was recommended. At that time, some libraries had already a classification similar to the one recommended. However, the U.B.C. Library appears to be the first to establish this single classification scheme with the intention of meeting the requirements of a standard classification for the country.

In the fall, some 191 positions were reviewed and evaluated. It was agreed that 163 fell in line with the proposed scheme of four grades of library assistants as these involved duties peculiar to the library, while 23 fell into the general university personnel classification. It was also agreed that the salary for Library Assistant I be increased by $12.00 per month effective February 1st, 1967. In an attempt to get this latter request into effect as quickly as possible, the Library agreed to pay the increase (which will total approximately $3000 as there are 50 Library Assistants involved) out of general library funds until July 1st, 1967, at which time it will come out of Personnel Funds.

So as it stands at the moment, the classification of the library staff is as follows:

Librarians	89
Library Assistants	163
Library Assistant IV ($378-458)	26
Library Assistant III ($320-295	55
Library Assistant II ($263-303)	32
Library Assistant I ($230-270)	50
Stack Supervisors	4
Others	23

Possible effects of this national scheme can only be partially envisioned. A long range result may be the creation of that library technician position which everyone is considering more and more seriously. Prior to this may be the establishment of library assistants as a group within the nation-wide and/or provincial library association in an effort to more firmly establish library assistants as a library technician group.

At the same time as this general reclassification of non-professionals was under way, six out of the nine requests for personal reclassifications were accepted. Those submitted for approval last July were made retroactive as of July 1st, 1966. Oh, lucky ones!

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ACQUISITIONS DIVISION

Acquisitions has been busy in 1966 surpassing the high level of production achieved the year before. The typing of orders, for example, increased by 18% and the number of books sent to Cataloguing increased by 25%. Cataloguing will remember March as the month that we sent them over 10,000 volumes and our typists will remember November as the banner month in which they typed 6478 orders. Naturally this means that we are also spending money faster than before. In fact, by the end of December $1,092,573 had been spent compared with $704,751 by December of the previous year.

The increase has been possible because of the addition to our staff of two new positions - one librarian and one clerk - and by a great deal of plain hard work all round.

To outsiders we are becoming known as the "division-which-moves-its-furniture-frequently". This activity is not entirely recreational, the fact of the matter being that the Order File is growing so rapidly it is crowding us into a corner. The shifting around occurs when someone decides that a few extra inches of aisle or chair space can be won by moving that desk over to here or shifting this table over to there, etc. Fortunately, when we automate this spring we expect to replace the Order File with a computer-typed list of orders. This will occupy far less space and eventually we may be able to move our desks apart and still have space enough for booktrucks, chairs and even visitors.

The space problem on Floor 7 is more than matched by a shortage of space on Floor 2 where unprocessed books are stored. Long before the Civil War collection could be processed, our travelling cohorts started buying more collections which soon filled all available shelves and overflowed onto the floor. By the time the philosophy collection from Leipzig arrived, there were no shelves left so it had to be left in the crates. One crate at a time is being opened as the books are processed (with the aid of a naive volunteer who will know enough to disappear the next time volunteers are sought). At Christmas time, with the help of student assistants, the Socialist Collection from Harvard was checked and is now being . . . . . .

moved into Cataloguing - just in time because two new collections have now arrived.

In the coming year, the most important event will be the conversion to an automated system. This will start soon and probably occupy much time and energy for some months. The revision of the Continuation File, which is well under way, will proceed steadily and we will probably contirue playing musical chairs with floor and shelf space and possibly we will top a few more production records.

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A youngster wrote to the Library of Congress: "I am no help to my teachers because I have no research information. I would appreciate it very much if you could send me anything about anything."
(From Antiquarian Bookman, November 18-21, 1966)

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ASIAN STUDIES DIVISION

1966 saw the addition of two more staff members, a Library Assistant (Chinese) and a Clerk II (Korean), and 17,500 volumes. The two private collections, the Ching-i Chai and the Sung Library, purchased during Miss Ng's Far East trip made such an unusual increase possible. While lecturing here in the Fine Arts Department, Mr. Y. Egami ordered for the library many Japanese art books, including full scale and miniature reproductions of picture scrolls of mediaeval Japan.

The appearance of List of Catalogued Books, no. 7 and no. 8 as well Supplement no. 1, Selected List of Materials in Chinese Philology in the University of British Columbia kept up our three-times-a-year publication schedule. Another reference publication, List of Periocicals in Asian Studies is now under preparation.

Thanks to Mr. Bell for the student assistant funds, our Chinese and Japanese periodicals record has been transferred to a Kardex file, and work on our new Subject Catalogue will soon be completed.

CATALOGUE DIVISION

This year's Catalogue Division is a new, improved model resulting from the joining together last summer of the Acquisitions Division Searching Section with the old-style Catalogue Division. The staff is largely a new model too - 35 of the 70 full-time members of the staff started to work here within the last year, and a further 19 were hired in 1966, but left again before the end of December.

Somehow, in spite of all this coming and going, we managed to add more new books to the collections than in any previous single year. We completed the cataloguing of 82,372 new books (59,627 monographic volumes, 22,745 serial) for a whopping increase of 34 per cent over 1965. However, on the other side of the picture, we lost ground at a phenomenal rate. The listed backlog doubled to 27,000 volumes. Even this looks small beside the additional estimated 48,000 volumes 'in process' within the division. Only the searching staff and the 'other editions' cataloguers are up to date with their work. We have too many books for the markers to mark, too many uncatalogued titles for the cataloguers to catalogue, too many catalogued books for the typists to type cards for, too many typed cards for the checkers to check, too many checked cards for the filers to file ... and so it goes.

Certain things have been accomplished. Regular accession lists and lists of uncatalogued books have been produced from punched cards. The Law Library card catalogue has been completed and work is under way on the Music Library catalogue. The Z collection has been added to the location file, thanks to the help provided by Circulation. The complete depository control file for August-December 1966 has been interfiled and put into use. This was one of our projects for the Christmas period. Begun by our own regular students, assisted by a cheerful contingent from the Sedgewick Library, and finished by the searching staff, this mammoth file contains about 700,000 cards.

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Overheard at the Christmas Party:

"Thank goodness that article in Fiblos about Basil quitting wasn't true - without him, this place would be like a library again!"

CIRCULATION '66

General Staff Changes

We've lost track - a variety of places claimed those who left over the year. Library School, Fine Arts Division, Lenkurt Electric, Serials Division, University of Mexico, University of Toronto Library, TORONTO, Chicago, Oliver, B.C. and Vancouver - Commercial Printing business, and others.

Statistics - for what they're worth.

A Great Leap Forward from 39% of circulated items on punched cards in January to 62% in November.

Main Stack Collection:-

January-December 1962	251,156
January-December 1965	268,242
January-December 1966	265,508

Not really a decrease in 1966, smaller Summer Session enrolment. QA1-799 moved to Math Library. (Second copies only of these items remain in the Stacks, Main Library). A month by month look shows 5000 to 7000 increases in circulation for January, February and March over the same 1965 period. Increase over 1962 - 14,356.

Library Delivery Service continues to increase. With some faculty call-ins included, Kathy Becker processed and searched over 1000 items in December.

Did you know that ... between 70% and 80% of the traces received by Dianne Lindsay and searched by her and her clerks are found. Honest!

Xerox - constantly busy from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The coin-operated machine in Sedgewick has made no appreciable difference to our requests. And besides, the Personal Touch of being able to tell the operator what a poor job he or she turned out has a pleasure all its own.

Book Moves - QA 1-799 went to Math Library - in one day. The usual spreading and distribution of the collection on all levels

at Christmas - moves on levels 1 and 4, the Z 1-1037's moved from 5 to 4 and the Humanities material spread out on 5. Also the Fine Arts Stacks were rearranged over Christmas. Cheers to the energetic student helpers and stack supervisors.

Merry Christmas - Student helpers put over 22,000 punched cards into the uncatalogued circulating backlog. These backlog items are listed in the Main Card Catalogue and paged from the Main Loan Desk by accession number. Circulation staff clerks searched again over 6000 items in the inventory missing file and found several hundred. At the same time, the missing cards were pulled from the Location File and placed on the Outstanding Loans list as missing. Re-ordering of these items is in progress.

1966 Heralded - Two new faster Xerox models to replace 914's. The Dennison on a trial basis has not proved as successful as was hoped.

Three marriages
Six raises (i.e. promotions)
Thousands of "missing" books (to which we reply "PLEASE CHECK THE LOCATION FILE!")
AND MOST N.B.: From 1 Stack Supervisor and 1 Stack Assistant to 3 Stack Supervisors and 4 Stack Attendants (the latter assisted by Steve Heinemann).

The combined efforts of all these people plus better supervision of sorting and shelving has resulted in the clearest sorting area in years and more consistent upkeep and shelf-reading in the stacks.

In R.B.C. - before the beginning of Fall '66 the Arts and Commerce upper year reserves were transferred to Sedgewick, along with Reserving Staff: Mary Lagies and Irene Norden - Sedgewick promptly became a madhouse of activity - just like R.B.C. used to be. Go ahead - just ask any Sedge. staff member - especially Janet Lenko or Ture Erickson. Go on! Ask - we dare ya!

We have 2 Commissionaires this year - Mr. Lenney 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Mr. Hutson 4 p.m. - midnight

In 1967 ...

The circulating backlog will contain as many books as Woodward Library.

More and better signs and directories will be made throughout the stacks now that we have a new sign-making machine.

More Fluorescent lighting in stacks.

Long Range Forecast: BOOM! The information explosion.

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CURRICULUM LABORATORY

(Still affectionately(?) known as Curric. Lab.)

General staff changes:
Tom Shorthouse moved to the Law Library; Larry Leaf came from Social Sciences Division; Pat O'Connor left us, answering the lure of more money and more adventure; Jean Boulogne joined us from Alberta.

Statistics:
109,967 individual items were circulated in 1966. Of these, 42,146 were visual aids from holdings of approximately 22,000 pictures, posters and art reproductions. Of 4000 pictures added, over 500 were posters and art reproductions. 125 art reproductions were given us by the Education Art Faculty.

Innovations in 1966:
Since the close of summer session, we have received from Main Library divisions a selection of approximately 2500 education methodology books, a great portion of them for reserve use. 35 education courses are represented in the RESERVE COURSE file added to the card catalogue. All reserves were dispersed into the general stacks. Colour-coding of book cards to denote loan period helps to distinguish reserves.

Our enquiry desk moved to a central concentrated reference area housing the card catalogue, encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc. Conveniently to the right is the picture area and to the left the bookstacks and pamphlet files.

Further streamlining of the picture collection permitted the creation of the new reference area. Expansion of the colour-coded picture index speeds service and simplifies student use. We are recording use of each picture as a guide to weeding.

To make room for the methodology books our multiple-copy regular loan collection of prescribed B.C. textbooks was moved to a separate room at the north end of the floor. It is supervised by Curric. Lab. staff, but almost wholly operated by student assistants.

By extending and improving our services these changes have met much favourable comment on the part of both faculty and students.

Immediate predictions for 1967:
Well underway is the typing and filing of title, subject, and series catalogue cards for those supplementary books in and added to the Curric. Lab. before U.B.C. Main Library Cataloguing Division began to catalogue our incoming titles late in 1962.

Also underway and hopeful of completion in 1967 is the addition of a gift of about 2000 books at the public school level. Many titles will bolster a collection growing for the use of students in English 311. These titles represent the accumulation of books submitted by publishers for consideration by the Department of Education's books selection committees, and recommended in the supplements to the B.C. Basic List of School Library Books.

We expect to index our map collection for inclusion in the card index of the pictures. It is the only collection not yet included.

We hear we will be receiving courses of study from across Canada, the U.S., major cities and other countries.

Immediate <u>or</u> long range preditions:
Talks are progressing about automated circulation in the Curric. Lab.

<u>Definitely</u> long range forecast:

EDUCATION BRANCH LIBRARY!

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FINE ARTS DIVISION 1966

1966 was "a mixture of the good and the bad, a pinch of contentment and a bit of the sad," for the Fine Arts Division. The chaos created by the buying trips was gradually cleared and by June, the staff breathed thankfully as they reclaimed their workroom.

A new seminar room was constructed in the reading area with a minimum of noise and confusion. Rearrangement of seating space followed.

Two of our staff decided to leave to conquer greener pastures: Jay Kincaid, Librarian, travelled off to Saskatchewan where she is now reputed to own a horse! Diane Rosebrugh, Library Assistant, decided that Squamish looked too good to miss.

New staff were hired and we welcomed Barbara Little from Denver Library School and Cathy Taylor from the Circulation Division. Glenn Allison spent the summer with us, since Barbara could not arrive until September.

Diana Cooper and Melva Dwyer decided that Europe would be ideal for holidays and found charter flights that proved to be just what was required.

Ahead, we see the establishment of a branch Music Library sometime in '67, when the Music building is completed. Another book move - we've just completed one!

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MATHEMATICS LIBRARY

Our red-carpeted library opened in August, 1966, with a staff of three and a collection of 5000 volumes, including 150 periodicals subscriptions. All the books in pure mathematics were moved over

and a listing made on our computerized catalogue. This author listing soon proved inadequate and a new catalogue is nearing completion including all entries as in the Main Library.

Our circulation statistics report a circulation of approximately 1000 books per month, a figure which should rise immediately upon the arrival of the catalogue.

Plans for the immediate future include the building up on the collection in fields closely related to mathematics and in the area of reference. Long range plans are to give real red-carpet treatment to all comers.

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FORESTRY-AGRICULTURE BRANCH LIBRARY. PROGRESS REPORT NO. 1

Latest rumours have it that M-Day* for Forestry-Agriculture will be around cherry blossom time, and when your favourite book on orchids is no longer in the main stacks, it will be nestled on olive-green shelves in a sky-lit room several thousand feet away.

The A/F Branch Library will be located on the third floor of the Forestry/Agriculture complex (Main Mall, next to B.C. Research Council). It will house approximately 20,000 volumes and will service faculty, and graduate and upper year students. At press time, the woodwork in the library is almost completed, the stacks are being installed, while on this end of operations (H.Q. in Science Division) we are busy selecting and ordering furniture, books, journals, and other vital items such as waste paper baskets. Much of the selection is done in consultation with specialists: an interior design consultant, many faculty members and - most expert of all - the UBC library staff.

Should you ever come to get that favourite book of yours, you can also have a look at the most exquisite ceiling on campus: a mosaic of choice B.C. woods!

*Moving Day

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GIFTS AND EXCHANGES

Again another call for an "official" Biblos report of activities of divisions. This, I believe, is a first for G. & E.

Staff changes? Only at the top of the organization - Walter for Eleanor. The staff (Mrs. Janet Yuan) carries on. In the way of production statistics for 1966, we processed for accession 3336 volumes and acquired by exchange some 2500 issues of journals. The Heryet and Shopland collections, totalling some 4000 books, are finally disappearing into the cataloguing machinery or have gone into the "traders" stock.

Janet says we now carry on an active exchange trade with 94 other libraries and have 298 libraries and institutions on our mailing list for our exchange lists. They, in return, are expected to send us their lists.

The most significant development was the opening of a number of exchanges with libraries in Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R. by Eleanor Mercer, which since June we have sought to foster and increase in number.

Immediate predictions - overwork, and no long-range forecasts today, if you please!

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GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

During 1966 the Government Publications Division saw a good many changes. We lost six staff members to places like Alert Bay and Ottawa and welcomed six staff members from places like Las Cruces and Assen. We had one engagement, one wedding and one baby. We now number eight permanent, five students.

We received and processed almost 70,000 items in 1966 (and it felt like it!). We circulated a great deal of our material and did a booming business with our microfilm sideline too. Our ordering has forged ahead and the amount we are over-spent is not for publication. Our reference work grows as the division is discovered, which means less time for processing and a bigger backlog.

In the Spring we became the proud possessors of the microfilm reader-printer and we have spent many happy hours playing with it. Our micro-form collection has increased at a thrilling (albeit somewhat terrifying) rate.

Like everyone else we need more staff, equipment and space. Given the money, our volume of orders will continue to increase with corresponding increase in reference and processing work. Governments being the pro-lific printers they are, our long-range forecast (barring enlarged accomodation) is the collapse of Floor Six. Ready to run, Floor Five?

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HUMANITIES

Statistics show that business has been booming in interlibrary loan. There has been a 95 per cent increase in all other material borrowed and lent. Further retrenchment is obviously necessary!

Over the year we have acquired one more library assistant; our Hutterite expert has been working hard on a mimeographed list of all books, articles and documents in UBC relating to the Doukhobours; Sue, as representative of the main library in the working group in student orientation, was active in producing the general information guides now going like hotcakes - several thousand have already been distri-buted; Eleanor Mercer moved into our "work room" where she now sits in one sane corner amid old displays that never materialized, empty pam boxes, periodical samples from the morgue, and one red cross box.

Our most striking innovation: moving the information desk into the middle of the concourse. Things are now almost sane ....
CAN WE STAND IT?

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"Herewith the informations you requested. It is hard to distill the events at Law into the few succinct statements you apparently have in mind, but I suspect I had best restrain my natural instinct to write in blank verse."

THE LAW LIBERRY, 1966

Staff changes

Doreen Ingram resigned as Head of the division at the end of April and became a proud mother to Neil Jonathon in August. She was replaced by Tom Shorthouse who had previously worked in the Curriculum Laboratory.

In August, Donna Shaw, the second librarian at Law, became the wife of Ken Mackenzie, a member of the Law Faculty. In December her status changed again when she was made Assistant Librarian at Law.

Other staff changes include the arrival of Joanne Brown (who replaced Val Roddick) and Monica James (who replaced Lorraine Image). Janet Cordes, in a newly-created position, brings the total complement to seven.

Statistics

Three-quarters of the collection at Law consists of reports, etc., which are restricted to use within the building, and no record is kept of their use. Circulation of the remainder totalled 48,912 for the twelve months.

The total number of volumes added in that time was 3700.

Innovations

Prior to 1964, Law had no card catalogue (other than a shelf-list) and was restricted to a visible file of titles under specified subjects. In the past year, the Main Library has provided us with card sets for about two-thirds of the titles added in that earlier period for which they had a record. This has been a big job and is almost complete now.

All the circulating volumes were moved in one hectic day (Black Tuesday) to their new home in Law South which was the last remaining classroom in the building. This has opened up the foyer area where they were formerly kept and provided better control of the material. It has also provided better working space for the library staff.

The result of our inventory last spring became a cause célèbre in the pages of the Ubyssey as it tended to make book thieves out of all future lawyers. This was a little more dramatic than true. Moral: do not publish the result of inventories.

The staff worked mightily during the week prior to Christmas to clean up and put in order one of the two morgues in which we keep duplicates. The long-term prospect for this is to bind what we need, complete what we can, and sell, exchange or burn the rest.

Forecasts

There is as yet no LC classification for Law. We hope it will come out sometime short of Armageddon. Until then we must satisfy ourselves that arranging books on the shelves in the order of main entry is the best procedure.

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MAP DIVISION

In 1966, several momentous things happened. The permanent staff grew from two to three; the Division Head took three months off to visit England; and we counted our maps. The result of the latter was about 50,000 maps by the end of the year. We also started filing maps vertically as well as horizontally and for this we acquired some interesting equipment. The immediate future holds more equipment and of course more maps (although not another three month trip to anywhere). The far distant future holds another move - if they ever build an Earth Science Building.

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PREBINDERY

Since January '66 issue of Biblos, the Prebindery has added two new members to the staff and lost two, which is about average for the library.

Good ole dependable Roby Nielsen is still the main pillar of the Prebindery (I'll hear about that "good ole" part). Roby has joined the Globe Trotter's Club, the necessary qualifications being that one has to be able to spit in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans with 2 months. Members of the Vancouver Chapter witnessed Roby do the deed at English Bay. Some difficulty was encountered by Roby as the wind was in her face. Roby stated at that time she didn't need the Go, Go, Go, which carried her through Europe last summer, but rather the Blow, Blow, Blow which she carries during her normal activities.

The mending section of Prebindery canoe, is paddled by Helen Goetz. Helen glued, patched and relettered approximately 3000 volumes during the year.

Helen has enjoyed her second year in the Library and spent an interesting Christmas holiday this year skiing on Mount Hood.

Poised like the mythical Kee Bird on the North Pole, Helen swished down from the very, very top to the bottom, bottom. It was cold up there and she had to get warm.

Why do they call it a Kee Bird? Well, it flies around the North Pole, skiis on its feet, scarf wrapped warmly around its neck, ear muffs firmly secured, crying Kee! Kee! Kracky, it's cold up here.

Next year 4000 volumes.

A new member from south of the Border was added to Prebindery staff in lieu of Mr. Bronson, who went South with the birds last fall.

Mr. Charles Hill was excited, thrilled and broke when he arrived in the North Country. Never having seen snow fall, Christmas was to mean a lot to Charlie and his wife Bonnie. Real Christmas trees, laden with real snow!

About the 22nd of December (remember the staff party - Charlie's white tag day), he started singing "Be kind to our webb-footed friends; a duck may be somebody's mother". Since the rains, Charlie is all kindness to birds, especially ducks. You never know. And I say, for the thought, "Bonnie Charles for a Thaat".

Walter Harrington was transferred from Prebindery to Gifts and Exchanges and was replaced by a chap, who was either circulated, came from circulation or even percolated. However, what happened is that shortly after his arrival it was noticed, hooked on a wall, a Chinese Calendar showing 13 Moon Months and a Proposed Fixed Calendar with 13 Months. The idea, as it was explained to me, is that the 13th Moon Month, or the month called Sol, between June and July, is the alloted time during which all the newly-bound volumes in Prebindery will be returned to their original source. Of course if your division uses the new Gregorian Calendar of 12 months instead of the Chinese or fixed Calendar of 13 months, there will be some difficulty in fitting your delivery date into the new schedule.

Large numbers of books, like large sums of money, mean little to Library people. The main difference between the two is the former are too common, the latter scarce. However, money and the fiscal year go hand in hand. Prebindery will have processed approximately 30,000 journals, rebinds, prebinds and plastic binds, costing the library about 100,000 smackeroos (transliteration: "that's a lot of $ in any language"). Catalogue Division can attest that it's also a lot of books.

Prebindery hopes to better our spending next fiscal year. We also hope to have everyone on the 13 Month Calendar by that time. If you get a chance to join the Globe Trotter's Club, watch for the wind.

If you ski from great heights, remember to call out loudly while in rapid descent, "Kee! Kee! Kracky". This will assist in a mythical way to fill your lungs with air, instead of holding your breath while praying you get to the bottom all in one piece.

Don't forget to check your mother's feet, you can never tell, you might just be a duck.

Innovations in 1967: THE Calendar and Duck Song.

Immediate prediction and long range forecast: We are going to run out of money before the end of the fiscal year and be bigger spenders in the future.

Happy Sol to all of you.

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NOTES FROM THE GROUND UNDER

The Record Collection had a circulation of around 45,000 for the year ended August 31, 1966. This may not seem much to all you bookish people but the collection is still less than 10,000 records. We estimate about 10% greater circulation for the current year.

To keep abreast of increasing demands, we are acquiring new recordings as fast as the invoices can be paid, perhaps faster. With last year's crop now in the bins, we are short of space, so much so that we are going to sacrifice about half the current working area for new storage bins.

It is a pleasure to report that student behavior in the listening room has been much better in the past session. The incidence of smoking, eating, necking and a-go-going has been greatly reduced. This poses the question of whether they're getting softer or we're getting tougher.

Should summer ever come, and the sod dry out, we will again be playing your all-time classical hit favourites across the library lawn.

Mrs. P. A. Yandle

Ulster born where every place is Bally-this or Bally-that. Invaded the south of Ireland and graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, with a B.A., B. Comm. Boredom forced a decision to emigrate to Canada, where numerous dead-end occupations in Vancouver, including a stint in the Kitsilano Branch of the Public Library brought on Library School at McGill. Never intended to return to Vancouver, but was offered a place at the U.B.C. Library and has remained ever since.

As Head of Special Collections, Anne is expected to answer all questions on Canadiana and in particular British Columbia. Has the care of all rare books and likes all hands to be clean when handling them. Resides on the top floor in an air-conditioned vault.

Packs a hefty 'touche' on the end of a foil and is a representative for B. C. on the National Fencing Committee. Although Irish, her favourite food is not potatoes, but has an affection for donkeys.

MISS MAUREEN WILSON

Born sometime before World War II (but after World War I), Maureen Wilson was educated all over England (and even Scotland) and ended by taking her degree and library training at University College, London. For some years she ran a Branch Library at Camberley, which is possibly the only place in England where military borrowers outnumber the civilian.

Getting tired of this military atmosphere, she decided to visit Canada for two years. Two years later saw her still in North Bay, Ontario, but soon after this, came to Vancouver, where she swears it rained solidly from November to May the first winter she was here.

After a year in General Reference, 2 weeks in Science and some time in Social Science, she was made head of the Map Division two years ago. Here she is responsible for the acquisition of maps, both selecting and ordering, and cataloguing, processing and storing them once they have arrived. The Map Division also of course does reference work with maps and atlases. It has about 50,000 maps and 700 atlases.

Outside work, she reads travel, theology and detective stories (by the hundred), tries her hand at pottery and collects books, records and pottery-luckily her apartment is large or there wouldn't be room for people.

MISS TUNG KING NG

The lack of facilities for training librarians in Hong Kong created an unusual situation in which library staff with little training were allowed to carry on duties meant for professionals. Tung King Ng, for instance, had been head of the Chinese section, University of Hong Kong Library, for a number of years, and had acquired and catalogued thousands of books before she was awarded a scholarship by her alma mater and employer to receive formal training in the School of Librarianship, Northwestern Polytechnic, London.

With library science theories still fresh in her mind, she was ready to put them into practice on her return from England, when she was sent abroad once more in 1958-59 on an American tour sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation. As the main purpose of her tour was to study newly standardized rules and methods for cataloguing Far Eastern materials included in her itinerary were visits to all major Far Eastern libraries in Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, etc., and practical work in LC and U.C., Berkeley. A report on that opened to her the way to yet another country--Canada, where she is still trying to adapt herself to a quiet life without the activities which she enjoyed so much in Hong Kong.

Especially she misses her friends and fellow members of the Church and the Y., with whom she used to join in most of the activities, from enjoyable badminton playing, choir singing, play producing, right down to serious vestry meetings.

Miss Melva Dwyer

A native British Columbian, having been born in Kamloops, Melva Dwyer decided fairly early in life that Music would probably be her career. With this in mind, she received her A.T.C.M. in piano at almost the same time as she matriculated.

University began to look more interesting, however, so that with a B.A. from U.B.C. and a year of Teacher's Training, she began to teach at the Kamloops high school. For eight years, this life proved stimulating, especially one year spent teaching in Scotland.

An interest in books and libraries beckoned to a slightly different career and the University of Toronto provided the necessary B.L.S. The University of British Columbia offered the perfect job, Reference Librarian in charge of the Fine Arts and Music Collection.

Since joining the staff of U.B.C., an interest in B.C. and Canadian history has led her to acquire an M.A. She has also served as an executive member of both the Canadian Music Library Association and Council of Planning Librarians and has had work published by the Canadian Library Association.

SCIENCE DIVISION

Staff changes (or, Where did all the flowers go?). It was a year for quitting: Shiela Rankine preferred disturbed children to us; Annmaree Lunney left for England where she had a baby girl; Helen Constable became resident science bibliographer; Christianne Bartel rose to Floor 7; Jill (Buttery) Grant left to stir her instant family; and two clericals decamped without notice for parts unknown. The gaps were filled by Anne Nelson, librarian, Linda Crocker, library assistant and Judy Crape, secretary, with technical assistance from Helen Constable and temporarily from Lore Brongers and Sharon Stanwell of Ag./For. Library. Present situation is thus 2 librarians, 2 library assistants and 1 clerical, plus 3 symbolic hangers-on (read parasites).

Statistics for 1966: Fantastic. The paper output of the Telex was sufficient to wrap the entire collection for mailing to SFU. ILL requests continue to rise in direct proportion to the increase in size of the library. And our friendly reference staff have answered more questions than they care to remember (or mark down, so no statistics available). Searching for LLs* remains a favourite occupation; the cry "It must be somewhere in the system" would make strong men weep.

Innovations: Helen Derewenko disinterred the Morgue. Circulation Division took over the operation of the S.D. turnstile.

Predictions for 1967: Lore and Sharon will leave for the Agriculture/Forestry Library, accompanied by a goodly chunk of the library's collection. Remaining S.D. staff will become distraught in the process and agoraphobic at the end. Staff training will continue to be the chief occupation.

Long range forecast: Reference questions and (shudder) Telex messages will increase.

*Lost in Library

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MEN! WITH WHOM WOULD YOU PREFER TO TRUCK THROUGH THE STACKS? ...
See page 36.

BETTER READ THAN DEAD

Oh, young Ture Erickson's Sedgewick is great,
Its books are going out at a fantastic rate,
Its people are happy - each one works so fast,
Here now is the tale of the year that has passed.

For Sedge-ites, 1966 marked the beginning of the "New Look in College Libraries" program. The staff was increased from three librarians, five clerks and two IBM machines to five librarians, eleven clerks and three IBM machines. With the addition of a second level of stacks, the space problem was momentarily (for about ten minutes) settled and the addition of the 7000 third and fourth year Arts and Commerce reserve books brought exciting new problems to complement the unsolved but faithful old ones. Circulation for November, 1966, was 49,800, an increase of 16,000 over that of November, 1965. As well as the installation of a coin-operated Xerox machine, other innovations include the classification of all the materials formerly kept in the reprint file, the establishment of the pamphlet file, a paperback collection of modern fiction and new methods of ordering books. Seasonal displays were also a highlight of the year. Reference work expanded - the elimination of the reference desk in favour of the "reference counter" added many more questions as well as numerous new fans to the librarians' working day.

And 1967? Our departmental astrologer, Pan-ic, predicts that the staff will receive the paper guillotine that has been on order for the last two years. As for long-range forecasts, Sedgewick will eventually be in its own building with enough books, space and staff and a soundproof go-go lounge in the basement ... and a resident live band.

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TEN, NINE, EIGHT . . . BOOM!

And seventy new librarians and library assistants are off on their annual library orientation tours. If everything goes according to Hoyle, the tourees will be back to normal April 17th. In the meantime, over $12,000 of staff time is being spent on this "familiarization with the library" project ...

NOT A CENTENNIAL YEAR FOR SERIALS

Eleven new people joined Serials Division in 1966, 3 lucky people got promotions and 3 lucky (?!) people were married. While we are on statistics for 1966 the following enlightening facts were discovered:

Pieces of mail received: 62,500
Phone calls received: 3,250 (intercom not counted)
Time spent licking stamps: 1,650 minutes
Invoices received: 7,428
Visits to other divisions (by mail clerk): 1,320

AND, from the Order Section, who processed 1,976 new subscription orders, 3,039 backfile orders and 1,366 claims.

An office was built for Mr. B. Watson at the back of the division. Floor 5 changed its name to Periodicals Reading Room and joined Social Science Division. Some of us took turns to see S.F.U.'s Serials Division with the hope of discouraging them from automation! A few lines about the computer list from Graham:

> "The greatest visible product for 1966 was the computer produced list of serials, more correctly called SERIALS HOLDINGS IN THE UBC LIBRARY SYSTEM. Everyone associated with the production of this list will agree that the computer certainly didn't automate anyone out of work; we are hoping for better luck in 1967."

PREDICTIONS FOR 1967:

'Hopes that the computer controlled recording system that will replace Kardex will be operational ... 'That work will start on the automation in the order-invoicing section in the wake of the Acquisitions automation project.'
Que sera, sera, What will be, will be ...

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SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LIBRARY SERVICES FOR '67:
topless Stack Level Attendants ... ?

SOCIAL WORK LIBRARY

A change in status from Reading Room to Branch, the addition of a library assistant and a clerk to the staff and the extension of hours of opening from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. are the most important improvements in the Graham House Division of the Library System in the year 1966. Mrs. Joyce Cummings retired as librarian and was replaced by George Freeman who, while not to be considered an improvement, will not retire for the same reason.

Circulation increased by approximately 20% the fall term of 1966 over the same period in 1965 and the book collection by approximately 33%. The size of the library did not increase.

The prospect for 1967 is that the library will be cramped for space but the long range forecast is that we will be even more cramped and the swimming pool will remain empty.

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BATGIRL IS A ... LIBRARIAN?

According to the Library Journal, "National Periodical Publications, owners of Batman, plan to introduce a new character, Batgirl, in forthcoming issues of Batman comics. Like Batman, she will play a dual role. When not fighting crime, she is a librarian at Gotham City Library. It is hoped that the lady attended an accredited library school."

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION

... From somewhere behind the student lines on level 5 ...

The natives in the divisional headquarters appear no longer restless since they have managed to initiate and whip into shape the several persons who joined the SSD ranks this year, including a new head, and a new secretary.

Operation Current Periodicals (level 5) and its troops were brought under the jurisdiction of SSD, under the command of a rookie reference librarian. A seasoned recruit from cataloguing headquarters was commandeered to the reference staff, though still engaged part time in slavic studies manoeuvres. The division's 21C added to an already full schedule by assuming command of a collection at a remote post for graduate students in the social sciences.

A mobilization of forces resulted in a major transfer of ammunition (camouflaged as "books" in the Z1-Z1039 classification) to behind the lines of level 4. This defensive action freed several ranges in the stacks so the division's open reading room reference collection could thus be transferred to the more strategic location.

Operation Housecleaning, mentioned in Biblos of last January, was completed finally (no more K.P.) and the headquarters office was recently transformed by a paint job and new drapes from barracks beige to password peach.

Defensive tactics in the form of revised or new subject bibliographies and accompanying lectures are being contemplated.

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DIVISION

1966 saw an almost complete turn-over of staff in this Division, and we gained one added clerical position, bringing our numbers up to four. Statistically everything has risen. Our book circulation went to 4200 from 3600 the previous year; we lent 650 theses compared to 185 the previous year, probably reflecting the increasing problems of shelving in the main stacks.

Our added floor space gave rise to plans for a revision of storage to take place in 1966, but hardly had we got beyond the planning stage when it seemed as if everyone else wanted the space. The arrival of the Sinclair Collection on medical history accounted for over one-third of our new space. We had already moved into the area all the bound volumes of the Sun and Province and thus we were back again to limited space. The Sinclair Collection is now well on its way to being moved to its final resting place in the Woodward Library. With the arrival of the Sun and Province on microfilm we moved the bound volumes to the attic, leaving us back where we started eighteen months ago, and ready for action.

In the summer the Library acquired a valuable collection of manuscripts of Pre-Raphaelites, including the works of such writers as the Rossettis, William Bell Scott, Ruskin, etc. We are presently acquiring on microfilm, from Ottawa, a large amount of material on British Columbian fisheries from the files of the Dominion Department of Fisheries.

With the arrival of Frances Woodward from the Provincial Archives in Victoria we have now an experienced map librarian and our collection of rare maps is being rapidly catalogued.

The Doukhobor collection, much of it rare material borrowed from prominent Doukhobors and xeroxed, is now listed if not fully catalogued. It is receiving considerable interest, both from Faculty and students.

Our predictions are always the same, i.e. to keep adding to our collections.

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WOODWARD LIBRARY

Since last January the number of permanent staff at Woodward has increased from 18 to 21. In addition, most of our student hours were converted to provide 3 hourly clerical positions in Circulation. The Biomedical Branch Library has a staff of five, with a sixth position ready to be filled, we hope, with a Library Assistant in the Spring.

Further decentralization is in part responsible for the additional staff. Last July, when we began to order books and continuations directly from Woodward, a Clerk II, Suzanne Fazekas, was transferred from Acquisitions. This change has worked out extremely well, allowing us to obtain material more quickly and to know at all times what has been ordered. The second position, added last September, gives us a Stack Supervisor, Harvey Christensen, who also looks after our mail room.

Woodward is also in process of assuming greater responsibility for the handling of serial publications. Periodicals ordered for the Reading Rooms in our area are now being routed through Woodward rather than through the Main Serials Division. At the end of this month, we will begin to place orders for serial publications as well as for books and continuations. A Library Assistant will be transferred from the Serials Division to take charge of the ordering and payment of biomedical subscriptions.

So far this year circulation and the use of the building have increased over 1965-66, but show some signs of leveling off. Attempts to reduce the number of volumes on Reserve by placing additional copies in the stacks seem to be meeting with some success.

The Biomedical Branch Library at the Vancouver General Hospital underwent some fairly extensive renovations last summer. These included the building of a partition between the reading and work areas. According to the latest reports both the staff and the public are happier with the change.

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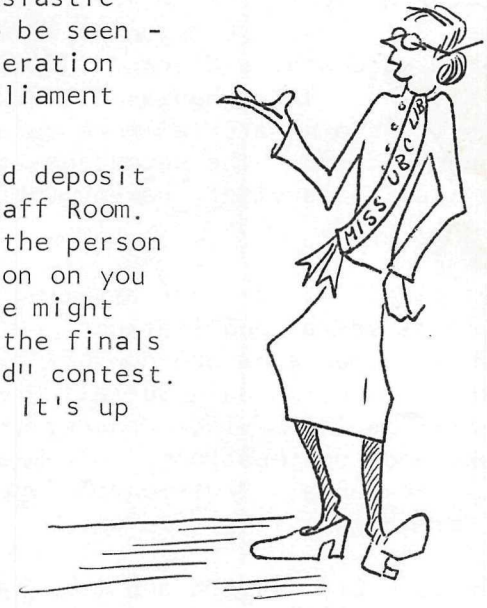
The Library has not yet decided on its centennial project. It has been suggested, therefore, that we adapt the "Miss Library World" contest (displayed on the staff room notice board) and select U. B. C.'s own "brighter image of librarianship". Candidates must be beautiful, talented, clever, witty, cheerful, enthusiastic or rich. The prize remains to be seen - it may be a ride on the Confereration train, a fairy trip to the Parliament Buildings, or ...

Please fill out your ballot and deposit it in the Biblos box in the Staff Room. This is YOUR chance to select the person who has made the most impression on you and give her Lasting Fame. She might even win a trip to London for the finals of the real "Miss Library World" contest. And then again she might not. It's up to YOU.



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MY CHOICE FOR "MISS U.B.C. LIBRARY 1967"

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