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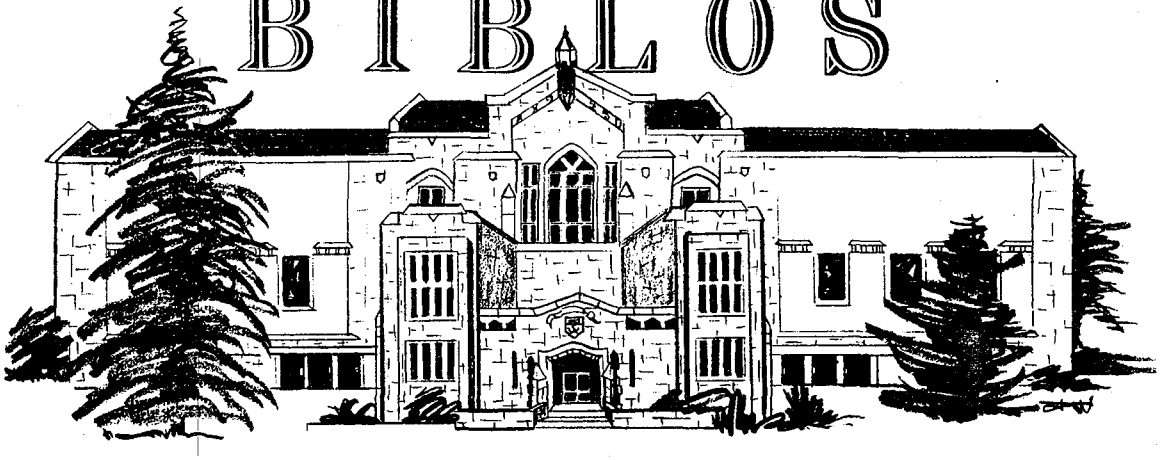

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At the end of an almost perfect Winter it would seem as if we can look forward to an almost perfect Summer, if the present weather is any indication.

The sun is shining, exams are almost over and there are several weeks to go until Summer School starts.

New innovations are about to burst upon the Library scene, the coffee room is automated and Woodward Library celebrates its new premises with a pre-official opening function to which we are all invited.

Sedgewick is off the drawing boards and the trees are already being potted.

So happy vacation to all you travellers abroad, you holidayers at home and you baskers in the sun - it promises to be an interesting Summer.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

STAFF CHANGES

A Hearty Welcome to:

Hetty Gomez	Woodward	L.A. I
Marianne Krayenhoff	BMB	L.A. I
Rosemary Zwinge	Sedgewick	L.A. III
Michael Gale	Catalogue	L.A. I
Kathy Brakwill	Curric. Lab.	L.A. I
Heather Brayshaw	Catalogue	L.A. III
Jane Ainsworth	Sedgewick	L.A. I
Deirdre Phillips	Catalogue	L.A. II
Catharine Neill	MacMillan Library	L.A. II
Leslie Huddart	Systems	L.A. II
Laurie Dunbar	Woodward	L.A. II
Maria Maros	Catalogue	L.A. I
Ann Krajeck	Gov. Pubs.	L.A. I
Sheila Scott	Catalogue	L.A. II
Shirley Flack	Woodward	L.A. I
Pat Bearss	Catalogue	L.A. II
Chris Jones	Circulation	L.A. II
Cinda Marie Hendrel	Catalogue	L.A. I
Judy Clifton	Serials	L.A. II
Cherie Millard	Circulation	L.A. I
Young-Ju Ahn	Catalogue	L.A. III

Congratulations to you on your Promotions:

Gudrun Hiemstra	L.A. III	Cat.	to	L.A. IV	Cat.
Maureen Sutherland	L.A. II	Cat.	to	L.A. III	Cat.
Janice Roy	L.A. II	Cat.	to	L.A. III	Cat.
Rosemary Zwinge	L.A. III	Sedge.	to	L.A. IV	Sedge.

We Regretfully wish Farewell to:

Trixie Korver	SSD	L.A. II
Rhiannon Williams	Catalogue	L.A. III
Ingrid Sterner	Catalogue	L.A. I
Joan Baker	Catalogue	L.A. IV
Erika Wlachow	Catalogue	L.A. III
Craig Jones	Catalogue	L.A. I
Susan Belman	Catalogue	L.A. I

Farewells cont'd.

Michael Howe	Sedgewick	Stack Attendant
Errol Kalpatoo	Sedgewick	L.A. I
Fred Wong	Sedgewick	Stack Supervisor
Sharon Brown	Woodward	L.A. II
Lynne Malecot	Mathematics	L.A. II
Pat Heaslip	MacMillan Library	L.A. II
Sally Krieger	Fine Arts	L.A. I
Sandra Johnson	Systems	K.P.O.
Magdolan Keto	Catalogue	Flexo. Op.
Pauline Lambert	Gov. Pubs.	L.A. I
Jonathan Cohen	Serials	L.A. II
Alena Schultz	Catalogue	L.A. III
Gwen Telling	Catalogue	L.A. III
Jancis O'Mara	Circulation	L.A. I
Penny Pillatt	Acquisitions	L.A. II
Vera Niessen	Reading Rooms	L.A. III
L. Van Den Wyngaart	Woodward	L.A. I
Jeanette Wall	Woodward	L.A. III
Sally Blyth	Sedgewick	L.A. IV
Carol Kurylko	Catalogue	L.A. I
Susan Shillitto	Catalogue	L.A. II
Tom Howe	Sedgewick	Stack Attendant
Duane Lunden	Acquisitions	Assist. Mail Cl.
Elaine McIntyre	Circulation	L.A. I
Cathy Carlin	Catalogue	L.A. I
Shui-H. Kwong	Asian Studies	L.A. III

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Thought for the month - the editor - PAL.

from the Administrators Vocabulary;-

RELIABLE SOURCE - The guy you just met.
UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCE - The guy who started the rumor originally.

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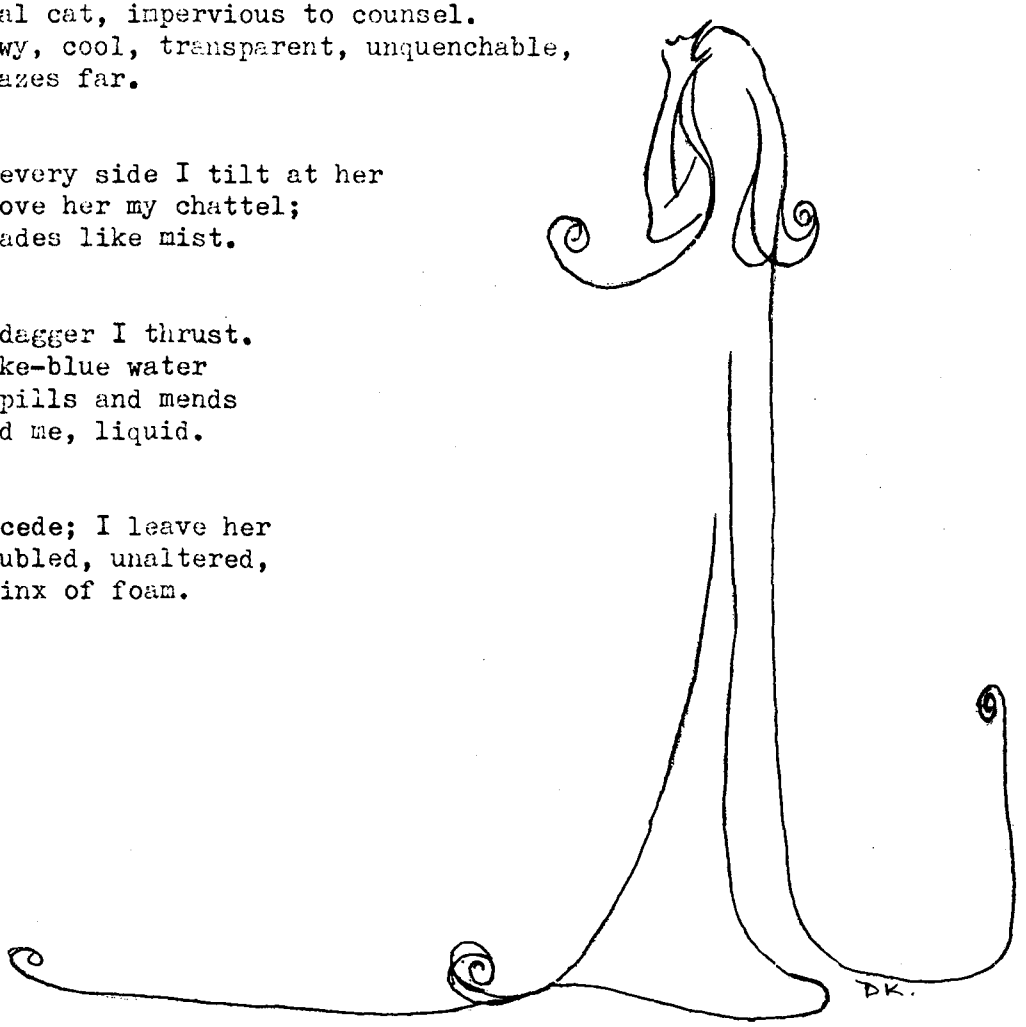
THOUGH I AM SPIRIT

My mind is a woman, aloof and dreaming;
A royal cat, impervious to counsel.
Willowy, cool, transparent, unquenchable,
She gazes far.

From every side I tilt at her
To prove her my chattel;
She fades like mist.

As a dagger I thrust.
As lake-blue water
She spills and mends
Beyond me, liquid.

I concede; I leave her
Untroubled, unaltered,
A sphinx of foam.



COLLECTION OF THE MONTH - COINS

There are a number of Canadian and foreign coins and tokens in Special Collections which have reached us in the form of donations or bequests to the University. The bulk of these pieces were the residue of Dr. Robie Reid's collection, the main elements of which had been disposed of privately. Among them was a fair strength in Canadian tokens (of very variable condition), though the decimal coinage was largely represented only by the large cents. These latter are mostly uncirculated, but had been taped to cardboard with resultant disfigurement. The foreign coins were a hodge-podge rather than a collection.

The material has now been classified and graded and housed in 2" x 2" vinyl-windowed holders - with a few exceptions (Indian dubs, Chinese cash, religious tokens).

The Canadian material together with the few Greek and Roman coins is being retained. But the rest of the coins, being an agglomeration rather than a collection, are being disposed of as and when favorable opportunities occur. The only really good coin was an English 1869 penny in VF condition (the rarest date of the series) which fetched $75 at auction in London. Groups of coins have also been sold in Washington, Montreal and Sweden.

Last December we took possession of a bequest from Mr. E.N. Peterson, of Vancouver, of Canadian coins, which included a nice set of silver dollars, some mint sets and a few nice minors, as well as a lot of modern bulk speculative material, most of which latter went for face value.

Out of the coins mentioned above and the proceeds of those sold elsewhere we are building a complete Canadian decimal type set (i.e. emphasis on designs rather than on dates) in Extra Fine or better condition. EF is a beautiful grade showing extremely little wear. The one exception is the 1911 ("godless") half dollar of which we are contenting ourselves with a V[ery] F[ine] specimen on account of the high cost involved. This and a number of other 'key' coins were recently acquired at auction in Toronto.

The type set of about 100 specimens should be completed in the next few months, whereupon it will be put on display. Special

Collections crave your indulgence until such time, unless anyone would care to see things as they now are any lunch time by arrangement with the under-signed.

John Gray

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The Library Assistants Association held their Annual General Meeting February 19, Room 854a in the School of Librarianship. Financial Report was given by Tannis Mulcahy. Yearly Report on the Affairs of the Association was given by Pat LaVac. Membership Report was given by Janet Lenko.

Elections were held and the 1970/71 slate of officers were elected as follows:

Chairman	Pat LaVac	Law
Vice Chairman	Gwen Gregor	Map Division
Sec/Treasurer	Tannis Mulcahy	Circulation
1st member at large	Janet Lenko	Sedgewick
2nd member at large	Bernie Olson	Woodward

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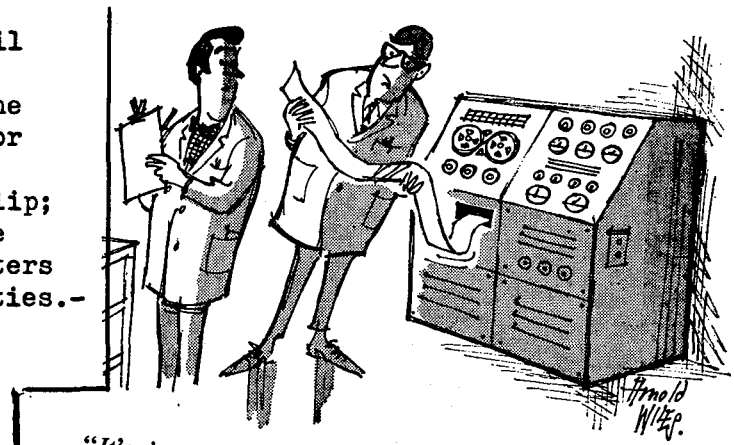
Is "HAL" taking over?

Social Science Research Council Data Bank. no 2. Nov/67
"Several readers have noted the misprint of "magnetic rape" for "magnetic tape". This was a typing error not a Freudian slip; the staff of the Data Bank are not of the opinion that computers can displace all human activities.- not yet!



"It's just put itself at the top of the holiday roster!"

ST WIBBY REPORTS...

SOMETHING new in Cataloguing a print-out by title as well as by author-title entry.

HAPPY TOURING to Joan Cosar of Serials who is once again off to Duncan, Prince George and points north with the B.C. Tel. choir. Joan is appearing as soloist on this occasion.

FRONT OFFICE. Enviable sight - Lynne MacIver sorting over passport, immunization cards, tickets etc. prior to a May visit to Expo Japan, Hawaii and other points East.

LAW'S Allan Soroka seems to be finding Ottawa an interesting place to commute to and Melva Dwyer of Fine Arts just returned from attending the Conference of the Council of Planning Librarians in New York.

CONGRATULATIONS to Janet Yuan of Acquisitions and Sui Cheong Siu of the Math Library who became Canadian Citizens at the Citizen's Court in the new MacMillan Bloedel building Georgia Street on Friday March 20, 1970.

HAPPY HUNTING to Penny Pillatt of Acquisitions who tells us she is off to Mexico to set up residence for awhile in that sunny clime.

TALKING about Mexico reminds us that Graham Elliston of Bibliography should be back any day from his travels to that country.

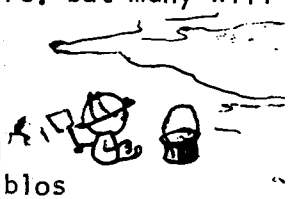
CONGRATULATIONS to Claudia Kaye of Cat. who placed second in those New York Metro. auditions in Seattle. We were happy to hear that Claudia has received a Canada Council Bursary to further her musical studies.

CONGRATS also to Duane Lunden of Acquisitions, another recipient of a Canada Council Arts Bursary. This will enable Duane to continue his studies. Duane will be travelling for a while in England and then back to Halifax for further studies in his chosen field.

POPULATION INCREASES.
Baby Brongers, Carina, weighed in at 3560 grams. on Feb. 24. Happy parents Rein Brongers of Science, and Laurie, ex For/Ag. Irene Everest also ex of For/Ag., welcomed a daughter, Terri-Jo on the 13th Feb. Incidentally we understand that the brother of Rosina Koo Spec. Coll., found himself unexpectedly physician in charge at this happy event. Small world.

From Science Div. an 'old girl' Karin Casasempere produced the reason for her departure Alfonso Casasempere III.

Diana and Robin Colquhoun tells us that their first child was born Feb. 28 5 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 9 ounces and named Tobin Kent. Diana was in Circ. but many will remember her better for those delightful little people who used to appear in Biblos Cartoons.



Doug. McInnes of the 'Front Office' is also wearing that special 'look' this month. Wife Emily presented Doug with Scott Gordon Douglas on the 4th April.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE AND ALL!!

SERIALS reports that the first working session of the task force assigned to the completion of the transfer of titles from Acquisitions Kardex to Serials has been held. The Task Force composed of Cataloguing, Systems and hourly temp., staff will try to complete the project by the end of 1970.

HOPE you all got a glimpse of those rare and fascinating items in maps, books and atlases that were in the main entrance hall and outside Social Science. These included some items from the George H. Bean collection of Japanese maps of the Tokugawa era and other interesting items from the Rogers-Tucker Map Collection. If you missed the display go up to Spec. Coll. where the collection is housed.

On which happy note I leave you all for this month: 'Go fly a kite - it's Summer'.

SOCIAL SCIENCES reports John Field and Iza Fiszhaut are sporting California tans and Liz Fussell is the envy of everyone having recently bought a sail boat. Happy sailing Liz!

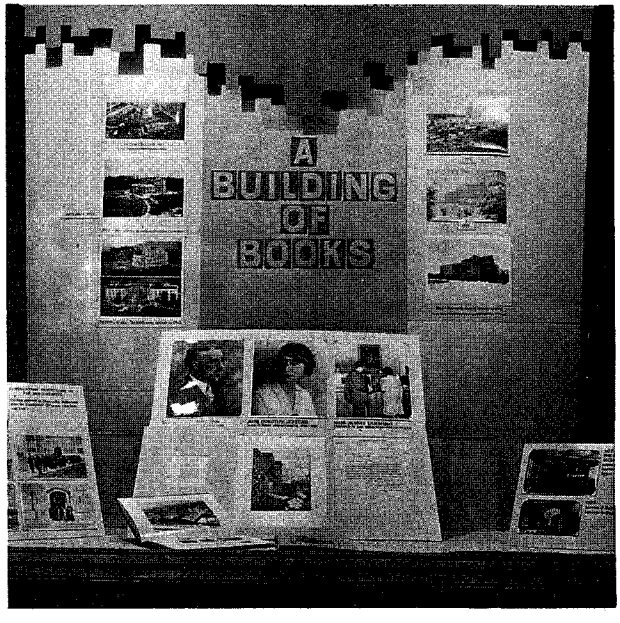
BIG WELCOME to the City College students who are in the process of taking the Library Assistants Course at C.C. and are doing their Field Work at the Library. Hope to see some of you soon as permanent staffers.

FROM Sedgewick Janet Lenko and Rosemary McAndless, who recently returned from Los Angeles called to say Disneyland is still the place to go and the new Haunted House is real scary.

OTHER TRAVELLERS ABROAD include Pat Heaslip of For/Ag. off to Europe and a cruise on the Mediterranean. Mollie Buckingham of Law to England and a trip up the Rhine & Italy.

AND talking about Law reminds us that one of the interesting items on Reserve over there is a KITE 'Go fly your kite' at Law means just that and the students sign out the 'flying bat' at the Circ. desk.

OPEN HOUSE MARCH 1970



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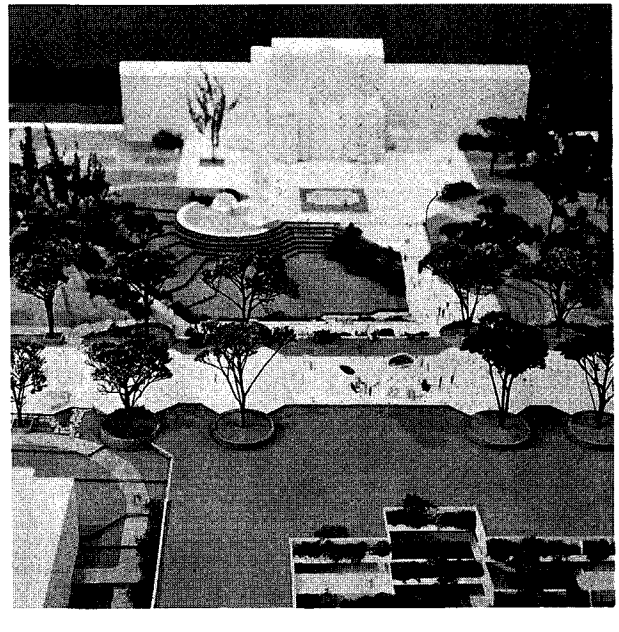
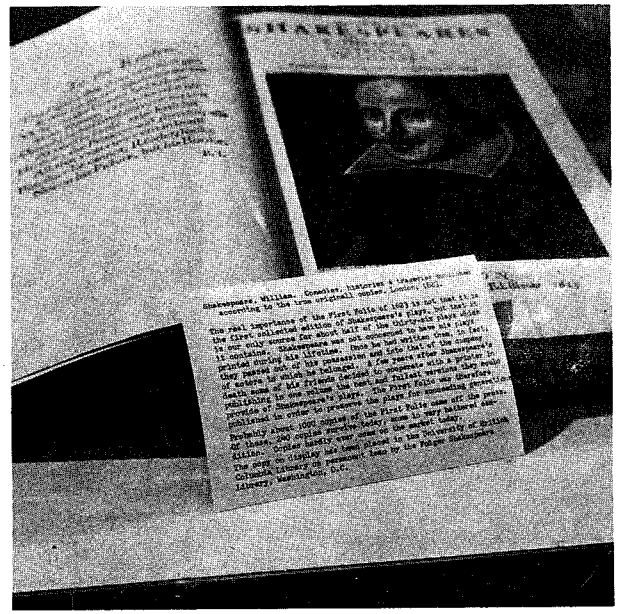


The "NEW" Sedge on a tabletop

Guarding the Display



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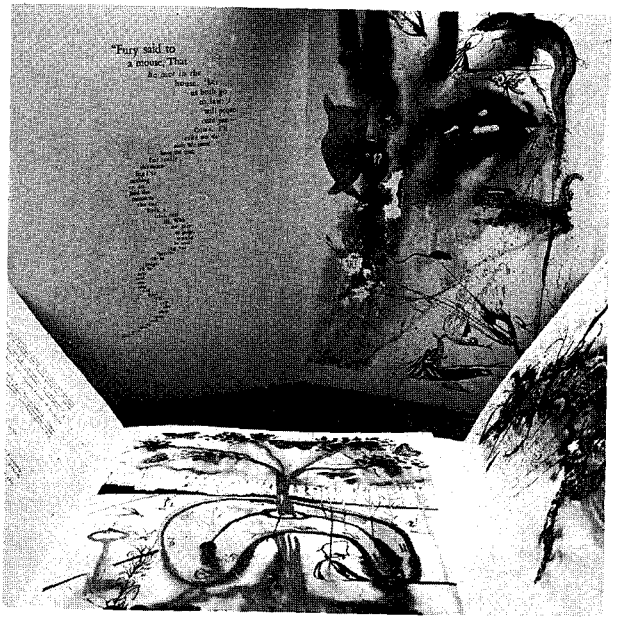

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How it all
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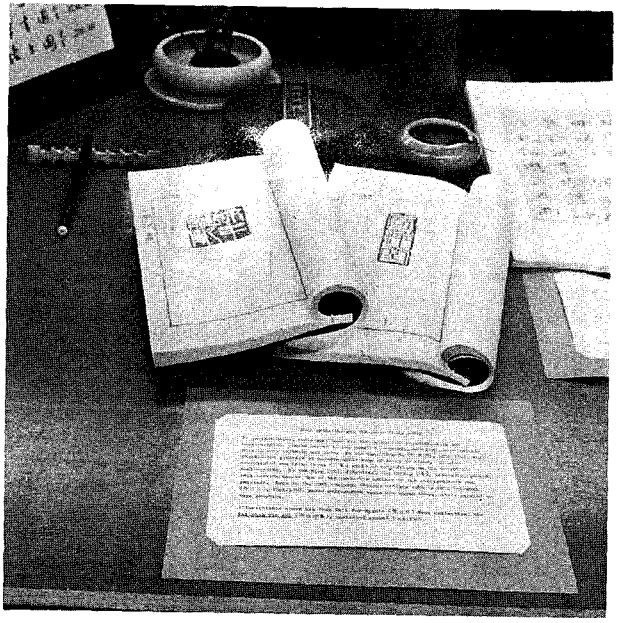
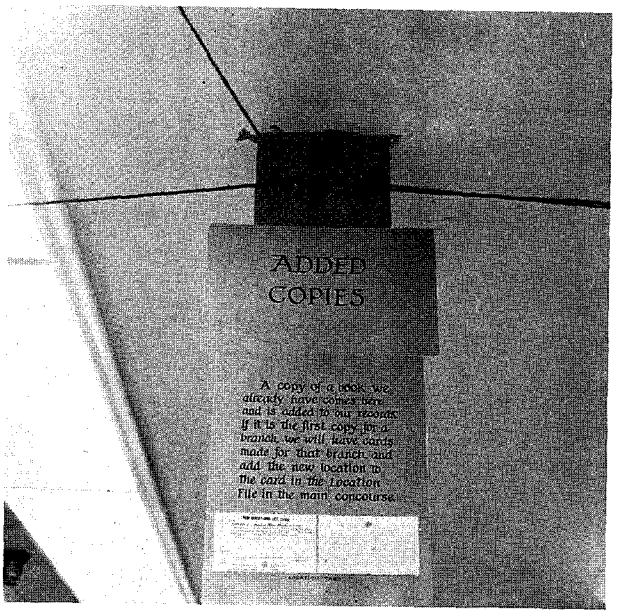
(Asian Studies)



Gov. Pubs.
Tempting the Censor

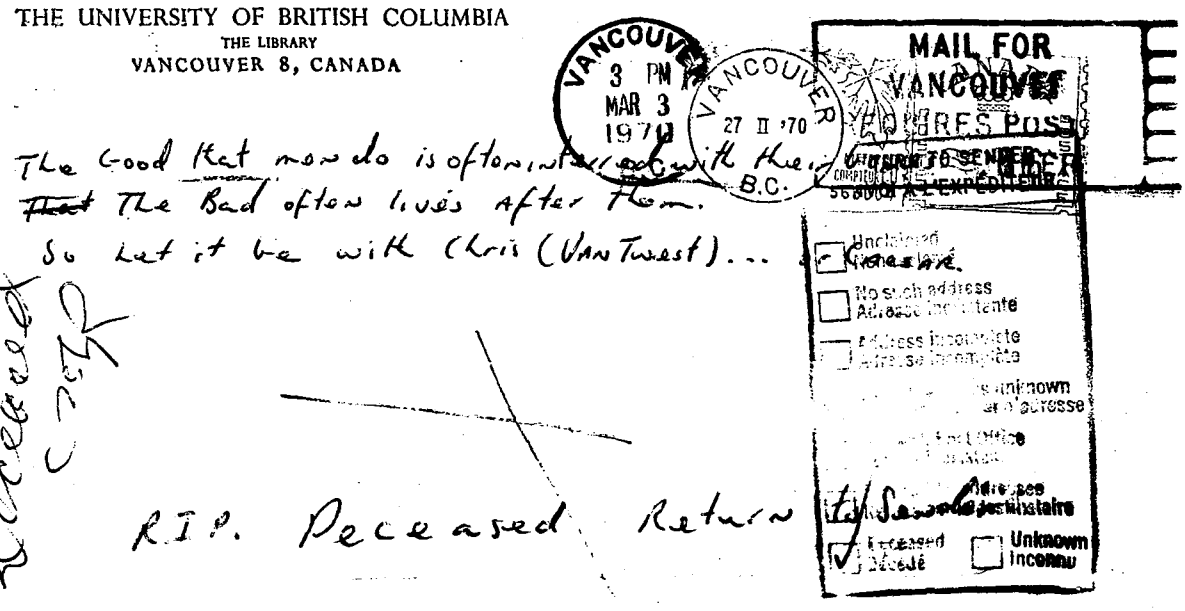
No strings attached -
just ribbons - for a
guided tour of Cataloguing



PHOTOS BY TIM PORTER, CIRCULATION. CAPTIONS BY JUDY & DEE

R.I.P. OR CIRCULATION REVISITED

For a period of several weeks, the circulation overdues department was almost convinced that it had a ghost on its hands. (The Ghost of Circulation Present?) Shortly after Christmas, all notices sent to C.J. van Twest were returned to circ. with "Deceased" scrawled on the envelopes. No sooner had we cleared our loan records of his name, than his borrower's number reappeared on the daily printout. Curious, our overdues staffer phoned the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Vancouver but there was no record of his demise. At about the same time, one of the traces staff noticed that C.J. had asked to have a book traced after he had supposedly died. Since all mail from the Library was being returned unopened, she sent a note to C.J. in a plain envelope with her own return address telling him that his book had been found. At the same time she instructed staff members to check his identification carefully when he appeared to claim his book. Imagine his surprise when he arrived at the loan desk and was informed of his recent death. Needless to say, C.J. was indeed alive and well, and although not in Argentina, he had moved to a new address. Mail sent to his previous address was being handled in a rather unorthodox manner by the new tenant. With a sigh of relief we keypunched a change of address only to receive yet another notice from the old address - the last we hope. Top line reads: The good that men do is often interred with them.



A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE WOODWARD LIBRARY

At last the end of the first, and major, phase of doubling the size of the Woodward Library is in sight.

The new top floor is shining and empty except for the Dean of Medicine and his staff. They are occupying, temporarily for three years, the seminar rooms on the south side of the building. The basement is crowded with some 26 tons of steel which will become new regular stacking and the much talked about "compact stacking". The tracks for the "compacts" have been laid and it is quite evident that all the small boys on the staff are going to enjoy pushing the buttons and making the trains of books move.

The second floor is presently housing all the bound journals AND the BOOKS. Fortunately our students seem able to accept this with equinamity.

The main floor is a mixture of sameness, for the circulation division, and new beauty or mess for everybody else. The new Technical Services Room is 70 by 30 feet of beautiful color, sunshine, and SPACE. Over the rest let us draw a veil; there are many large sheets of plastic handy, lying here and hanging there. They will do nicely.

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VIEW FROM

WITHIN

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Moments at Woodward Lib. during construction...

"Would you take over for a minute? I'd like to go outside and let out a healthy scream."

ALONG UGANDA COUNTRY ROADS

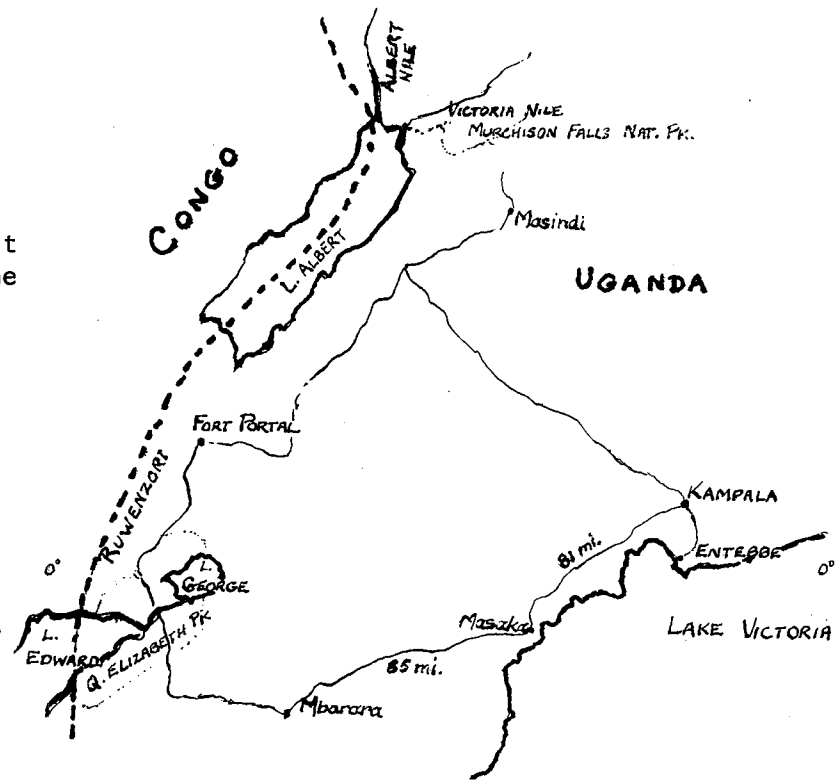
May I take you along a country road in Uganda? So much has been told and written about the wonderful National Parks and Game Reserves of Africa perhaps a less storied part would be of more interest to you. My three week holiday was far too short for the vast area covered and this is but a snap shot view of a small part where the scene is changing fast.

The main roads are mostly unpaved and of a hard red clay and though I love walking, I was glad for once I was not. The dust from the cars of the imperious Ugandan drivers, who at present, are the "big boys", is horrifying and what the roads would be like in the wet season one does not like to imagine. There, I have given you the worst. From the inside of a car or more commonly a mini bus, I think you would be struck as I was, with the lush greens and gay colours of the countryside; fascinated by the picturesque travellers along the way; and above all, delighted with the grace and beauty of the women.

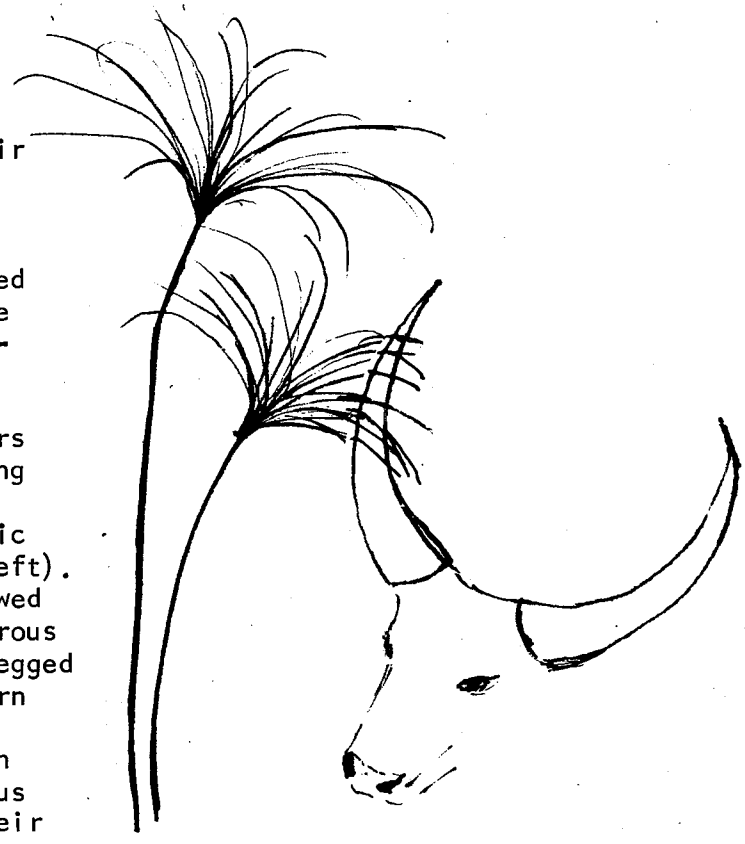
Though Kampala is built on many hills, the road to

Masindi is fairly flat and one does not have the views beyond as one does between Masindi and Fort Portal where the road approaches close to the Ruenzori Range (Mountains of the Moon) and the nearby Congo border. Shortly after leaving Kampala there is a swampy area thick with the graceful papyrus and where cut back, pale pink water lilies raise their heads high above their pads. How I would have loved to bring back a few of the regal triangular stemmed wands of papyrus standing twelve feet or more in places. It is much used for thatching roofs. Everyone has a banana palm growing close to his rondavel and you will see acres of banana plantations, cotton, millet, sugar cane, pineapple. Near Fort Portal, the rolling hills are covered with tea plantations. Coffee is grown extensively but we did not pass any large areas of it.

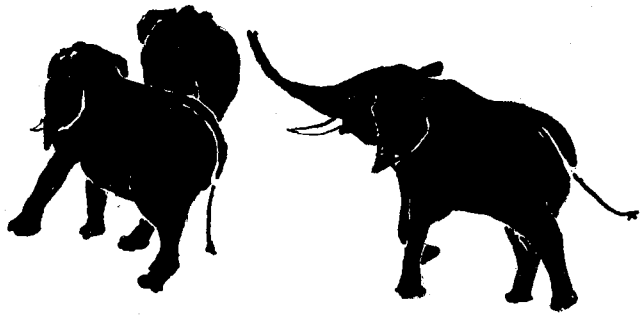
Although midsummer and close to the equator, because of the high altitude the air was warm but pleasant and it always cooled off at night. In the higher areas amongst the lush greens, the brilliant orange red flowers of the huge Kaffir Boom trees is startling. In full bloom in summer, it grows its leaves as the flowers fade, only to drop them before flowering time again. Many introduced shrubs and trees enliven the route, perhaps the tree that is most noticeable of these in summer is the



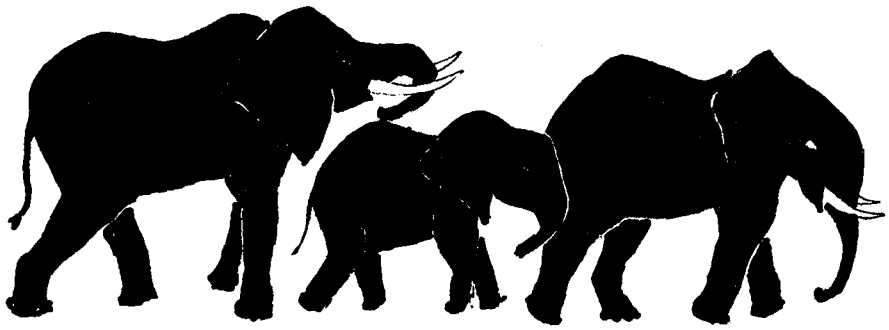
Cassia, its plumes of bright yellow flowers are seen in all the villages, a quick growing tree it has seeded itself along the way. Bougainvillia, frangipani, jacaranda and flamboyant are foreigners who love Uganda too, and we were lucky to see the two latter spring flowering trees in second bloom.



Back to the road and the travellers who thread their way along the edge as the elephant grass grows tall and thick beside it, and here and there weird shaped termite hills, red because of the soil, make obstructions. Where the road climbs a hill and drops sharply away the roadmakers have wisely left a dividing mound of soil and vegetation, which keeps traffic to its own lane (to the left). One wishes they had followed the same thought on dangerous curves. Among the four legged travellers, in the southern area, particularly around Mbarabara, there are often Ankole cattle with enormous horns, being herded by their owners at a slow pace, often



accompanied by goats. Indeed goats were very common and wee kids take their life in their "hoofs" bounding across the road quite unused to cars which are still infrequent. Rarely does one see a dog. We stopped to watch a troup of colobus monkeys cavorting high in the trees and occasionally saw baboons and vervet monkeys. In the early morning or evening hours nearer the parks where the area is more open, one will see from the road, impala and other types of antelope, elephant and giraffe.



Now to the more important travellers, the men for the most part have adopted western dress and, of course, the ubiquitous T-shirt is in evidence. Except when walking to market the men are empty handed, the few more opulent on bicycles. Passing a village school at break time is a lovely sight, the children come out like petals or leaves in a breeze, the boys and girls all dressed in the same colour. The school's chosen colour is usually a shade of bright blue or green. The little girls have their hair as short as the boys. But, it is the Ugandan women who catch the eye. They have a style of their own and wear a long loose fitting, much draped garment. They quite obviously are artistic, showing a love of colour but favouring greens and shades from warm yellows to lively browns, though brilliant blue is often chosen, much more rarely, red. Near Kampala, almost all the women wear shoulder peaks to their sleeves. The women's heads are always covered and the women of the Masindi area, wear a distinctive and most attractive turban. They are slim and stately, always carrying something on their heads,

gourds for water, bunches of green bananas, faggots, washing, anything and everything. Most are carrying a baby on their backs as well.

Single file they travel along the road and one longs to take a picture, but they are proud, reserved and feel that something is being taken from them if photographed. How quickly this scene will change, but in the inevitable passing, may the Ugandan women keep their superb carriage and dignity and may their innate artistic ability bring them greater reward.

Helen Allan

"...AND WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION, SIR?"