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LIBRARY HOURS EXTENDED DURING EXAMS

To accommodate students with nocturnal study habits, three campus libraries have extended their hours during the Christmas examination period. Main, Law, and Woodward Libraries remain open until 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday evenings from December 2 through December 20. Woodward and Law have also extended Friday evening hours to 10 p.m. during this period. It had been intended, when hours in these libraries had to be reduced in September, to restore them as far as funds permitted during examination periods. This year's Christmas break is longer than usual and the resultant savings will be used offset the extra costs of the extended hours.

The Law Library, with special funds provided by the Law Students Association and the Faculty of Law, has added additional hours to its weekend schedule. Sunday evening hours were extended during November and, through December 15, Law opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday (instead of 12 noon).

The hospital libraries will close at 11 p.m. (instead of 10 p.m.) Monday through Thursday and at 10 p.m. (instead of 5 p.m.) on Sunday through March 31, 1985.

Library hours for the Christmas break, December 22 through January 6, will be posted by mid-December.

RETIREMENT AND REDEPLOYMENT IN THE MAIN LIBRARY

Melva Dwyer, Head of the Fine Arts Division, will retire at the end of this year. For the time being, Hans Burndorfer will be Head of the Division; he will also retain his headship of the Music Library. The dual appointment, effective from January 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986, will enable the Library to postpone a permanent arrangement until a time when the extent of financial support is clearer.

Dorothy Shields, the West European Bibliographer, will also retire at the end of the year. Her position will be taken by Les Karpinski, who will devote 2/3 of his time to his new position, remaining as a reference librarian in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division for the remaining third. Les will be responsible for the selection of German, French, Spanish and Italian materials, primarily in the humanities, but also in some social science areas.

Sheila Neville, who has been responsible for the Extension Library and for the Main Library Reserve Book Collection, retires at the end of January, 1985. Arrangements for her replacement have not yet been finalized.

RESURRECTION IN THE LAW LIBRARY

A collection of legal materials which has been stored and inaccessible for thirty years is now available for use in the Law Library. The collection consists of 800 volumes of cases appealed from many levels of Canadian courts to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London before 1949. (Since that date the final court of appeal in Canada has been the Supreme Court in Ottawa.) The material came to UBC in the mid-

1950's from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London through the efforts of then Dean of Law George F. Curtis. Members of the legal profession in Vancouver (Senator J.W. de B. Farris, General J.A. Clark, R.H. Tupper) assisted with the funding necessary to transport the materials to UBC.

Lack of staff and time have prevented the development of the collection until this past summer, when the volumes were finally sorted, catalogued, and rebound with funds provided by the Law Foundation. They include, among many notable cases, the appeal books from the case arising out of the disastrous 1917 naval collision in the Halifax Harbour; and the celebrated case which in 1930 established Canadian women as "persons". The Faculty of Law is pleased to have this unique historical source finally available for research.

THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH LIBRARIES: A GOLDMINE IN CHICAGO

Through its membership in the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago (CRL) the UBC Library has access to an enormous collection of research material not available here. Faculty members and students can request items from CRL through UBC's interlibrary loan services.

CRL is a non-profit organization supported by its member libraries, whose sole purpose is to collect and make available materials not usually owned by North American research libraries. Some major categories of CRL's collection include: over 600,000 foreign doctoral dissertations (excluding the U.S.); backfiles of about 3,600 newspapers (Canadian, U.S., and other foreign); more than 13,000 current serials, many in languages other than English; microforms and facsimile copies of archival records of all kinds; monographs, including over 30 microform projects consisting of several thousand titles each; and extensive area study materials from various parts of the world.

A large part of the collection is accessible through a microfiche catalogue available in the Interlibrary Loans and Humanities & Social Sciences Divisions in the Main Library, and in the Woodward Library. A detailed description of the uncatalogued holdings is included in the Center's Handbook, located in most UBC Library branches and reference divisions. For more information on CRL, please consult the Main Library Interlibrary Loans Division.

SEARCHING THE PATENT LITERATURE

Staff in the UBC libraries can provide researchers with information on new inventions by searching the patent literature. This information is useful because it contains details on the latest developments in technology, on the historical development of specific inventions, and can often help solve design problems and provide stimulus to further innovation.

Librarians are able to search a broad range of printed indexes and at least 54 computer data bases containing references to the patent literature. Charges for data base searches include computer communications costs and vendor print charges. Non-UBC patrons are charged an additional fee for staff time.

Once a patron has identified a patent he or she wishes to see, a copy may be requested through the Library's interlibrary loan services or directly from an outside agency. Information on these alternatives can be provided by staff in the Main Library Interlibrary Loans Division or in the branches and reference divisions.

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