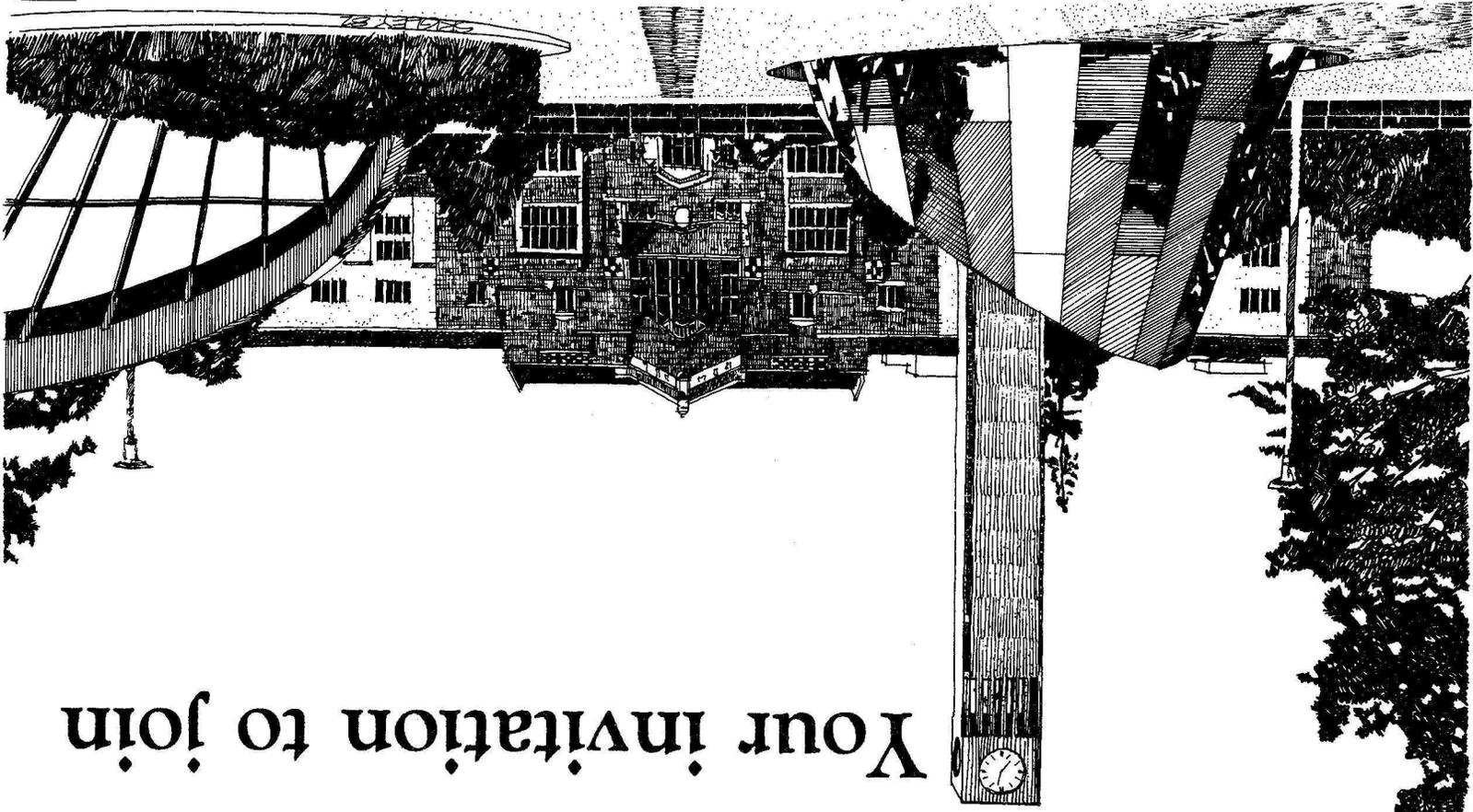




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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON THE LIBRARY

*Today, the Library faces three challenges - challenges that we must overcome in the very near future if we are to maintain the strength and health of this vital resource, the heart of our university.*

Dr. David W. Strangway, President, UBC

For his first report as President of the University, Dr. Strangway chose the Library - its past, present and, most critically, its future. The first section of the report reviews the Library's growth and development from the Fairview campus in 1915 to the current 47 miles of bookstacks spread over 16 libraries, on and off campus. After describing the Library system's current collections and services, the President focuses on the three major challenges to the Library today - space, collections and new technologies. The Library has run out of room for the materials it has, much less having space for new acquisitions. Secondly, the Library needs increased funding to maintain current collection strengths and to buy books and serials in new and expanding fields of research and learning. And, finally, the Library needs further automation to improve the efficiency of its operations and access to its collections and services.

Throughout his Report, the President points out the efforts the Library has made to respond to these needs and highlights the enormous contributions private donors have made and continue to make to the growth and development of the Library's collections, buildings and services. Support from private donors was a significant factor in making UBC Library the second largest research library in Canada. The President concludes his Report with an appeal for:

*assistance and commitment from a new group of public and private supporters; individuals, companies and government organizations who recognize its vital contribution to their lives and the lives of all the people of British Columbia. Indeed, we intend to institute, once again, the 'Friends of the Library', to encourage those interested in the future of the Library to come to its aid.*

The Library has a limited number of copies of the President's Report. If you would like a copy, please phone the secretary at 228-2302.

## NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

President Strangway recently appointed Dr. K.D. Srivastava, formerly Head of the Electrical Engineering Department, Vice-President for Student and Academic Services, which includes the Library. We congratulate Dr. Srivastava on his appointment and welcome his interest, enthusiasm and support.

## LIBRARY SPACE

Hopes for additional library space are being raised with the recent formation of the President's Advisory Sub-Committee on Library Space Planning. The Subcommittee will review the Library's space needs and the needs of the David Lam Management Research Library, consider how they may be incorporated into a building on the old Bookstore site, and consider the impact these developments will have on the campus community. The members are Dr. Jonathan Wisenthal, Chairman, Dean Axel Meisen, Basil Stuart-Stubbs, Dr. Ronald Shearer, Dean Peter Lutzig, Dr. Michael Goldberg, Dr. Larry Weiler, Vice-President Peter Larkin, Dr. David Kirkpatrick, Douglas McInnes, William Watson and Vice-President K. D. Srivastava, ex-officio.



## OPEN HOUSE

There was something for everyone at this year's Open House in the libraries and, for three hectic, festive days, it often felt like everyone came. The libraries had more than forty displays, demonstrations and events. OLIF, the online information file of Open House events produced by the library's systems staff, was a big success. In the Main Library, the impact of technological change on library services was shown with online demos of electronic mail, of the Library's developing online catalogue, of patent searching using Patscan, and of online searching of remote bibliographic databases, using free search time donated by Dialog and Canole. But hi-tech was not the biggest draw. More than 1,100 visitors entered the Win a UBC extramural library card for a year contest; 800 lined up in Government Publications and Microforms Division to get a copy of the headline of the day they were born from the microfilm newspaper collection; another 800 to 900 watched the video "Tuum est, To Larry with love", made from films held in the UBC Archives; and many more bought paperbacks, records and maps at Gifts and Exchanges Spring Sale, which added more than \$1500 to the Library's collections fund. School groups and families followed the yellow ribbon through the bookstacks; people brought their old books to Special Collections to find out about them; viewed some of the 100,000 slides on videodisc in Fine Arts; or just gazed at the concourse's stained glass and high vaulted ceiling.

In the branches, large audiences of small people watched the puppet shows in Sedgewick, presented by students of the School of Librarianship. Music lovers entered the Win a Wilson card for a year. Woodward Library offered demos of online searching and the Health Science Network's telefacsimile transmission, but the displays on the history of medicine and the famous tapestries in the Memorial Room were, once again, the most popular attractions. Talking book demonstrations and tours were the highlights of Crane and, in Curriculum Laboratory, creating a board book for your child was very popular.

Visitor response to Open House in the libraries was terrific. We estimate that 10,000 or more people came to visit. Part of this interest is probably due to the President's Report on the Library and the increased public awareness of UBC Library's resources and services. Open House brought many old friends to the Library, and hopefully, made us many new ones.

## **NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS INVENTORY PROJECT**

For the next three or four years, the collections librarians will be participating in the North American Collections Inventory Project (NCIP), an extensive project sponsored by the National Library of Canada and the Canadian Association of Research Libraries. The inventory, adopted from an on-going project of the larger research and academic libraries in the U.S., aims to create, in a simple standardized format, an online database of the collections of all participating institutions. Collections librarians, following external project guidelines, will assign standard codes which will measure two aspects of collections in each subject - the strength of the existing collection and the level of current collecting.

Our participation in NCIP is an enormous task - the initial pilot project on mineral engineering (TN) took more than 70 hours. But it is important to have UBC's holdings, which are a significant part of Canada's "national collection", in the database. The information in the database could be used for resource sharing, cooperative collections development and cooperative conservation plans and activities. Future development of our collection through federal grants may depend on collection strengths recorded in the NCIP database.

## **SHAKESPEARE FOLIOS "REPATRIATED"**

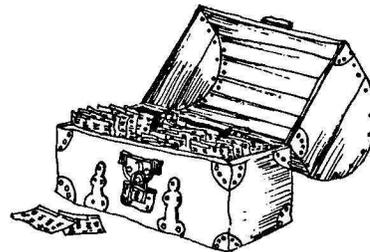
On January 5, 1987, when Frank Mowery, Head Conservator of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., left Special Collections, four valuable and rare items left with him - the first (1623), second (1632), third (1663) and fourth (1685) Shakespeare folios. The First Folio is the first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays. Some of the plays had been published separately before 1623 but the First Folio is the only source of at least seventeen of them. Without it, most of Shakespeare's plays would have been lost. The First Folio has been described as the greatest book in the cultural history of the English language. The second folio is a reprint of the first; the third and fourth contain some plays which are no longer considered Shakespeare's. The monetary value of the folios is difficult to estimate, although in 1985, a First Folio sold at auction for \$580,000 U.S.

On October 27, 1960, at the opening ceremonies of the Walter C. Koerner wing of the Main Library, Dr. Louis Wright, Director of the Folger, presented the folios on "permanent loan" to UBC from the Folger Library's extensive Shakespeare collection. According to Neil Harlow, then University Librarian, the Folger Library loaned the folios because of its interest in the diffusion of humanistic learning and its desire to place a few of its most significant duplicate volumes where they would serve as a symbol of the Folger Library's concern for learning in the English speaking world. And the Folger could afford to spare a few copies. When Henry Clay Folger, President of Standard Oil of New York, died in 1930, his library already contained the world's leading collection of books on Shakespeare. He had 79 copies of the First Folio, almost half of the 200 copies believed to have survived; 58 copies of the second; 24 of the third and 36 of the fourth. Under the terms of his will, the library trustees could not sell the folios.

Special Collections had the privilege of housing these folios for 25 years. Unfortunately, in 1986, the Folger trustees decided to take back the folios from UBC and from St. Andrew's University in Scotland, the other library which had been lent copies. Special Collections still has a copy of the second folio (1632), a gift of Dr. Walter C. Koerner, and facsimile editions of the folios, including the Hinman facsimile, the definitive facsimile edition of the First Folio.

## HIDDEN TREASURES

One of the Library's major microform collections is the United States Government Publications set. The United States government is the biggest publisher in the world. The Monthly Catalog lists many of its publications, and, with a few exceptions, everything listed there is available in the U.S. Government Publications microform set.



In 1985 alone, the Catalog listed 26,757 separate publications and 1,620 serials. The set includes most of the hearing and committee reports of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate and publications from government departments and agencies, such as the Air Force, the Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Mines, the Geological Survey, NASA, the National Cancer Institute and the Smithsonian. American Education, Women and Work., Military Intelligence, FDA Drug Bulletin, Wheat Outlook and Situation and the State Climatologist are a few of the serials included in 1985. The set has subject indexes and, since 1974, author and title indexes.

Currently, UBC has complete holdings on Microprint for 1956-1980, and, on microfiche, 1984, 1985 and some of 1981. The Readex Corporation changed the format to microfiche in 1984 and, simultaneously, started to publish that year, 1984, and the catch up years from 1981. Then, the Library could only afford to subscribe to one year at a time and chose the current year. Government Publications hopes to be able to fill in the 1981-1983 gap eventually.

So, if you can't find a U.S. government publication or serial in the Library catalogues, consult the indexes in Government Publications and Microforms Division. As well as the U.S. Government set, the Library also has other important collections of U.S. government material, such as the American Statistical Index (ASI), ERIC and parts of NTIS. The Library also purchases many current U.S. government publications in print form to provide timely and convenient access to needed items. For more information, phone Connie Fitzpatrick, the U.S. government publications specialist (2584) or Suzanne Dodson, Head, Government Publications and Microforms (3858).

## DID YOU KNOW?

That of the 106 members of the Association of Research Libraries in the United States and Canada, UBC ranks 35th in number of print volumes but 7th in number of microform holdings? That there is almost as much material in microform on level 6 of the Main Library as there is in print form in the entire library system? And that most of this material is not individually listed in the Library's catalogues but in specialized indexes to the microform sets?

## TERM PAPER CLINIC TOPS AGAIN

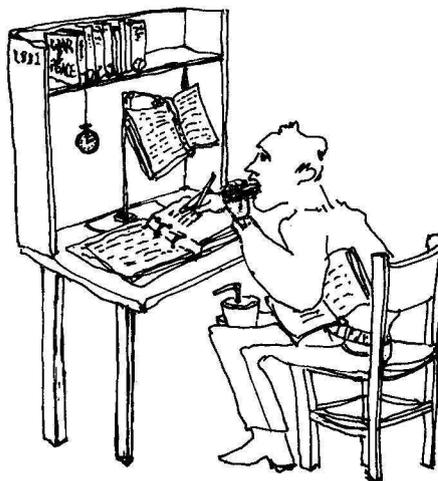
Sedgewick Library's term paper clinic was a runaway success once again. During February, the Sedgewick librarians prepared research guides for about 150 first and second year students, on topics ranging from Canada and NATO to the role of women in Shakespeare's time. After a preliminary interview with the student to discuss the topic, the librarian compiles a research guide for that topic which outlines the best subject headings for books, the most useful periodical indexes and other appropriate reference sources. The librarian then meets with the student to show him or her how to find the information in the Library.

This individual term paper assistance is very labour intensive, but it is also probably the most effective method for teaching library research. Feedback from students is very positive; feedback from faculty suggests that the service produces better research papers.

## SEDGEWICK MONITOR PROGRAM MONITORED

At the end of February, Sedgewick Library surveyed student opinion of the effectiveness of the monitor program initiated last fall. Five monitors have been patrolling Sedgewick enforcing the Policy on Unacceptable Behaviour, which forbids food consumption and excessive noise in campus libraries. Staff felt that the Library had become quieter and cleaner and custodial staff report that garbage has been reduced by a third. Student opinion seems to confirm their impressions.

Over three quarters of the 528 respondents thought the monitor program had helped reduce both noise and food consumption in the library (77% agreed that noise had been reduced; 79% that food and drink consumption was less). 50% agreed that Sedgewick is a better place to study than it was last year; 14% disagree. The rest of the sample (36%), who didn't know if Sedgewick was better, were primarily first year students. Comments were generally positive but a considerable number of students commented on the need for campus facilities where they could legitimately eat and study at the same time - "Due to my tight schedule, I can't afford to eat and not do something else simultaneously."



## SELF-SERVICE COMPUTER SEARCHING

With the increasing use of microcomputers in home and office, some life science researchers have become interested in searching for computerized information without an intermediary. In response to this interest, librarians from the Health Sciences Library Network offered a series of workshops for "end users" at Hamber Library in Spring 1986 and at Woodward Library in November 1986 and February 1987. Over a hundred faculty, clinicians, researchers and students attended the sessions.

The purpose of the introductory workshop is to tell potential users about telecommunication and equipment needs, within or outside the UBC MTS system, and to give them a brief overview of several database marketing systems for life science searches. The overview includes subject coverage, search software capabilities, user-friendly software alternatives, and the hours of availability and costs of various systems.

Follow-up sessions are intended for those who want to learn efficient searching methods for MEDLINE, the primary medical database. The librarians, who are all experienced database searchers, outline the structure and vocabulary of the database and the preparation of a search strategy, using language appropriate to either DIALOG or BRS (Bibliographic Retrieval Services). The sessions include an online demonstration of a prepared search strategy.

It is too early to tell whether those who attended the workshops will begin - or continue - to do their own online searches. Evaluation forms from participants, however, indicate that they felt the workshops had increased their awareness of the concepts underlying successful searching and of the multitude of databases and vendors available. For further information, please phone Pat Lysyk (5461) or Margaret Price (4445).

## COLBECK CATALOGUE

A long-standing agreement between Norman Colbeck and the University to publish a catalogue of his collection will reach fruition this spring with the appearance of A Bookman's Catalogue: the Norman Colbeck Collection of Nineteenth Century and Edwardian Poetry and Belles Lettres in the Special Collections of the University of British Columbia, edited by Tirthankar Bose. According to Dr. William E. Fredeman's introduction, the Colbeck Collection, a cornerstone of UBC's Special Collections Division, is recognized internationally as a major resource for the study of the literature of this period. Norman Colbeck, a Bournemouth bookseller, gave his collection to UBC in 1966 and was appointed Curator for five years beginning in 1967. His contribution to UBC will be formally recognized with an honorary degree at spring convocation.

The Colbeck Catalogue lists and describes the more than 13,000 items in the collection. In addition to the many printed books listed, the collection includes many manuscripts and autograph letters, and is particularly strong in printed ephemera. The Catalogue should have wide appeal to 19th and 20th century scholars, to book collectors, to booksellers and to reference librarians. The two volume 1,100 page Catalogue will be available from UBC Press soon.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

Recently prepared or revised Library publications include:

Start Here 22, revised, Linguistics

Start Here 131, China: Domestic Politics and Foreign Affairs

Start Here 139, Art and Mythology of the Northwest Coast Indians

Start Here 140, Judaic Studies

Patscan: a patent search service for UBC, SFU, and UVIC

If you would like a copy of any of these one or two page sheets, please phone the Information and Orientation Division (2076). Ask at any reference desk for information on the many other library publications available.

## PLEASE RETURN OR RENEW ALL BOOKS (END OF TERM CALL-IN)

Branch libraries will be sending call-in notices April 23; Main Library will send them April 28. Please respond by returning or renewing books you have borrowed. If we don't hear from you, we will have to assume the books are lost and bill you for their replacement. If the books are returned after billing, we will cancel the replacement costs but a processing fee will be charged.

If you plan to be away from the campus in the summer, please either return all books or have someone in your department check your mail regularly to return books requested by others.