

TRI-UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

As recorded in the last issue of the Bulletin, the fifth conference of TRIUL was held at Parksville on October 12-13, U.B.C.'s representation consisting of Messrs. Stuart-Stubbs, Bell, Hamilton, McInnes and MacDonald.

The minutes of this meeting cover sixteen packed pages. To make a précis of what is in effect already a minimal résumé of the discussions exceeds your editor's capabilities. May it therefore suffice to state that a large and fruitful agenda was encompassed and a number of decisions were agreed upon. Topics discussed included: cooperative acquisitions (especially of government publications); guides to microform collections (U.B.C. and UVic have such guides and SFU has now agreed to compile one, on completion of which the three guides will in effect be equivalent to an union list of TRIUL holdings); a possible union list of newspapers, hopefully with the added participation of the Vancouver Public Library; microfilming of B.C. newspapers and the prior commitment required by the Provincial Librarian before such a project may proceed; duplication of serial subscriptions; out-of-"print" music recordings; formation of a study group to consider the feasibility of separating the locational and bibliographic functions of the catalogue; library computer terminal development; standard guidelines for the production and distribution of theses in B.C.; constitution and structure of TRIUL and funding of its projects; a provincial union catalogue as a future goal; TRIUL inter-library loans; the SFU pilot project providing xeroxed articles to community colleges in B.C.; the oral history project; the prospects of a communal storage library to meet the shortage of space already so acute at U.B.C., and the possibility of temporary use of one of the additional floors now being constructed at the SFU library.

Readers who would like further details of any of the above topics are invited to consult the minutes by applying at the Librarian's Office.

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

Any staff member wishing information brochures or membership forms for this association should request them from the Librarian's Office.

GUIDE CARDS IN THE PUBLIC CATALOGUE:

Guide cards in the form of named portraits of some two hundred literary writers of the world have been sent to Mr. Elrod as a gift from the Ujdonságraktár (Novelty Store) of the Könyvtárellátó (Library Supply House) in Budapest. Naturally Hungarian authors are somewhat generously represented from our point of view, as these cards were designed for internal use in Hungary. But there is not undue emphasis in this regard and it is felt that the use of these donated cards in the public catalogue will be an attractive feature. Changes of name to conform with our spelling, transliteration or usage have been effected where necessary, though it was not considered vital to give Byron back his title on his return from a land of common comradeship.

THE FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK:

The brief to the University Administration on the flexible work week has now been submitted. Essentially this brief has requested approval in principle to experiment with some form of the four-day work week.

No working schedule has been specified, the idea being that this would devolve on the divisional heads. It is intended that the greatest possible latitude be given to individuals to work out their own work schedules within the framework of the Library's needs.

PROMOTION OF SUPPORTING STAFF:

Staff members are reminded that the Library can only recommend the promotion of an individual to the University Personnel Office. The Director of Personnel must approve the Library's recommendation before it can become effective. As the Director is the final authority on qualifications and eligibility, he can reject the Library's recommendation if in his opinion the individual does not meet the established standards.

PUBLICATION AND THE PERILS OF RECYCLING:

Staff members were probably puzzled by the appearance in Bulletin #88 of a paragraph headed "Faculty-Bar Committee". The appearance of this report illustrates one of the hazards of recycling. Mr. Stuart-Stubbs uses the backs of old pieces of paper, as many of us do, for his memoranda. In this case your editor picked the wrong side without thinking to turn the page over and obviously without thinking at all. I, John Gray, apologize for this stupidity and am grateful that no one was unkind enough to point out the total irrelevance to the Library of the report in question.