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## Archives, Artifacts Make Chung Collection Unique

Officially valued at $5 million, the collection recently donated to the Library by Dr. Wallace Chung, Dr. Madeline Chung and their family is literally irreplaceable. In addition to over 12,000 books and documents covering B.C. history, the C.P.R., and the Chinese in North America, we will receive roughly 1,700 historical objects and artifacts. Press coverage has tended to focus on just one of these: a giant model of the *Empress of Asia,* meticulously restored by Dr. Chung from the original builders' plans. However, the collection covers an extraordinary range, and is already drawing international attention from historians.

While most of the rarer print materials will be housed in Special Collections, work is underway on preparing the Main Library's Room 501 to store and display the myriads of other items in the collection. The official opening is planned for late next year.

## ARL Report Triggers LAC Action

While UBC gained ground in the recent *MacLean's* survey of Canadian universities, a parallel report suggests that, overall, this country's academic libraries continue to decline compared to their U.S. counterparts.

The good news: among Canadian universities with Ph.D., medical, and research programs, UBC has risen from 4th to 2nd place in the fall 1999 *MacLean's* annual review. (The University of Toronto continues in the lead, and UBC ratings are tied with Queen's.)

When the focus turns to libraries, however, the news is less promising. In the Association of Research Libraries' annual survey of 111 North American libraries, only 3 Canadian university libraries even ranked in the top half: Toronto (#4), Alberta (#29), and UBC (#35, down 10 places in the 5 years between 1992/3 and the 1997/8 report year). Of all Canadian research universities, only UBC and U. of T. increased their spending on libraries during that period. Toronto enhanced its library support by 16.5%, and UBC by just 0.3%.

Canadian Association of University Teachers president Bill Graham calls this a crisis:

> *Why is it that every major American public university except Hawaii could increase funding for libraries, while 11 of 13 Canadian institutions cut their library expenditures? This situation can only be reversed if governments provide adequate funding and if university administrations recognize the vital importance of libraries to the intellectual life of the university.*

Campus Library Advisory Committees (LAC's) responded on December 15 with an extraordinary joint meeting, called by the Arts Faculty LAC to develop a mutual strategy for library support. The proposal called for :

> *. . . collaborating with the Senate Library and the other Library Advisory Committees in assisting the University Administration to . . . reverse the disastrous loss of library collections, space and positions. . . . Unless this trend is reversed . . . the University's claim to pre-eminence will be void, and the reforms envisaged in* **Trek 2000** *and the* **Academic Plan** *vain.*

Look for more on this issue in January.

# AROUND THE LIBRARIES

## 1999: The Condensed Version

In what is becoming a tradition, University Librarian Catherine Quinlan held staff sessions in November to recap highlights of the working year. Reducing it to a single page is no easy task. Here are some of the Library's top stories, successes, and continuing concerns. Catherine welcomes comments at her e-mail address: **<quinlan@interchange.ubc.ca>**

- **Reporting Relationships:** Changes within UBC's administrative structure mean that the University Librarian now reports to the new Vice-President Academic, Dr. Barry McBride, and for the first time steps up to membership in the Committee of Deans and the Associate Vice-Presidents' group.

- **Planning, Year 2000+:** Our priority is to create a new strategic plan which is also responsive to the University's key documents: *Trek 2000*, the *Academic Plan*, and *Research Turns on Knowledge*. We have already completed an all-staff SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis, a survey of roughly 20,000 patrons, and a study of the environment within which the Library will need to function within the next 10 years. The draft Strategic Plan is targeted for March 2000, and the final version by May.

- **Successes:** An added, continuing $1 million from the University for Library collections was turned to good use immediately, with $400,000 going to cover this year's serials price increases and currency differentials. Sadly, funds only balance out if we continue with the planned $750,000 in print journal cancellations, but we now hold 2,900 academic e-journal titles and over 1,000 other online resources. The donation of the uniquely valuable Chung Collection was another milestone.

  Through the Rodger Stanton Memorial Fund, the Life Sciences libraries can now draw on the income from a $1 million endowment to enhance collections. The next target is to move our overall Collection Endowment Fund toward its new goal of $1 million.

  Besides having the Canadian academic libraries' National Site Licensing Proposal 60% funded by the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (that's $30 million toward equal access for all to needed e-resources), UBC's share of the remaining 40% has also been covered. Support for this originates with Dr. Stewart Blusson's unprecedented $50 million gift to UBC earlier this year. A proposal for phase II funding should receive a response within a few months.

  Step by step, RECON, work on the cataloguing backlog, and a serials cleanup are moving the Library toward another big goal: a fully integrated Web-based catalogue. In an effort to speed this work, requests for funding have been made through the Trek 2001 Implementation Plan.

- **Community Relations:** Highlights include an Alumni A-card with library borrowing privileges, interprovincial OCUL/COPPUL library cards, and an increasing Library cultural presence through concerts in the renovated Dodson Room, the continuing UBC Authors' Reception, and the new Woodcock Lecture and Library Lecture series.

- **Issues, January 2000+:** Besides the Strategic Plan, expect CUPE strike concerns, staff retirements/ renewal, library space needs and, of course, our '00/01 budget allocation to be the next big news items.

# AROUND THE LIBRARIES: E-RESOURCES

For many libraries, the New Year will bring extra space, staffing or resources as we continue to strengthen the electronic component of collections and services. Here are some highlights.

- **E-Space in Koerner**
  Room 266 in the Koerner Library has been equipped as a small group teaching space, with 9 workstations using Sun Ray technology. The equipment arrived as the result of a gift made by Haig Farris, Chair of the President's Advisory Committee on the University Library (PACUL). The room, dubbed **E-Space**, comes with our thanks to him for his longterm support of the Library.

  Jocelyn Godolphin notes that plans call for a projector and screen to be installed, so that the room can be used for small-group teaching sessions as well as e-text work. For details and booking, phone the HSSD office assistant at 2-6363.

- **December Online Additions**
  Christmas presents included electronic versions of more than 230 multidisciplinary Academic Press and Oxford University Press journals, many unavailable in our print collections. Several important article indexes have also been upgraded from in-library CD-ROM format to Web access, and one of our most heavily used online indexes, *PsycInfo*, can now be searched back to 1887. (Ready for E-Freud?) For more details, follow the **What's New?** link on the Library's home page.

- **More Staff**
  Systems now has student trouble-shooters, complete with official ID and pagers, who can come to your location if needed. From the Library staff Web page, follow the link to the Systems home page for schedules and other details.

  SALS -- existing library staff with added training as information technology assistants -- are up and running already, with 6 accredited staff now and another 6 to be added early next year. The goal is to have one SAL in each significant Library location, including the hospital branches. SALS will soon take over most hands-on training for staff NT workstations.

- **NT Upgrade and OPAC Reconfiguration**
  The final sites for conversion to NT workstations (the Library Processing Centre and the Asian Library) should be completed by the end of this year or very shortly after. If you've been hearing about another large project -- renewing and revising the software on all the Library's public OPAC terminals -- it's already underway. Additions include *Beyond 20/20* (a sophisticated access package for Canadian census files), *Quicklink* (ditto for the *Quicklaw* database), the ability to view and print *Powerpoint* presentations, and the same version of *Netscape* as on staff workstations.

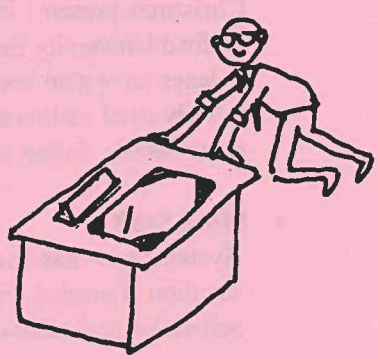
- **Web NG**
  This improved (hurray, due dates!), in-house version of the present DRA Web catalogue interface is progressing well. Besides cleaner displays and other enhancements, faster response time is a major feature, and the overall system is looking good so far. Systems hopes to have it available by or before March 2000. To test the present version, follow the links from the staff Web page.

# STAFF NEWS

## New Appointments

**Nancy Campbell**, LA1, Woodward
**Rachel Chan**, LA1, Special Collections
**Michelle Cyrzan**, sessional LA2, Koerner
**Elsa Dickson**, sessional LA1, Main
**Kevin Fort**, sessional LA1, Math
**Gislene Guenard**, sessional LA1, Koerner
**Dawn Hayhurst**, LA1, Woodward
**Lianna McAdam**, LA2, Law
**Oded Mizrahi**, sessional LA2, Woodward
**Jennifer Oey**, sessional LA2, Woodward
**Robert Ongkoy**, sessional LA2, Main
**Karen Steiner**, sessional LA2, Law
**Chris Storrow**, library monitor, Koerner/Main
**Anna Wilkinson**, reference librarian (2-year term),
Special Collections & University Archives and Fine Arts

## Recall



**Ann Chatwin**, sessional LA2, Education
**Nicola Dickson**, sessional LA1, Koerner
**Jennifer Forhan**, sessional LA1, Koerner
**Bernice Koh**, sessional LA1, Koerner
**Sophia Nicolidakis**, sessional LA1, Law

## Promotions

**Sara Eccleston**, to LA3, Special Collections
**Sara Louise Gilmore**, temp. promotion to LA2, Koerner

## Transfers

**Michael Beaton**, to temp. Admin. Clerk 2, Koerner
**Gaye Ferguson**, to LA1, Woodward
**Lee Henderson**, to sessional LA1, Koerner
**Andrea Heyrman**, to part-time LA1, Woodward
**Patrick Kincaid**, to LA2, Order
**Peggy Lynn MacIsaac**, to LA1, Koerner
**Anne Miele**, to LA4, Special Collections
**Felicity Nagai**, to LA1, Main
**Koji Okada**, to LA3, LPC
**Julia Popo**, to sessional LA1, Koerner
**Wang Qingxiang**, to LA2, MacMillan

# MORE STAFF NEWS

## Goodbyes

**Kevin Fort**, sessional LA1, Math
**Elizabeth Howard**, librarian, Fine Arts
**Christine Tai**, part-time LA1, Woodward

## Retirements

**Gisella Mallue**, LA4, Science & Engineering, September 30
**Yim Tse**, Librarian, Asian Library, September 30
**Josie Lazar**, Librarian's Office, October 31
**Jean Tsai**, LA4, Asian Library, October 31
**Young Ju Ahn**, LA4, Cataloguing, December 31
**Manda Bose**, Indic Bibliographer, Asian Library, December 31
**Erik de Bruijn**, Assistant University Librarian, Human Resources, December 31
**Jenny Forbes**, Librarian, Humanities and Social Sciences, December 31
**Ann Rowley**, Librarian, Cataloguing, December 31
**Elsie Wollaston**, librarian, Woodward, December 31

## In Memoriam

Sad farewells to longtime staff members **Paulina Kirman**, a retired Cataloguing LA4 who passed away in September, and **Gwen Gregor**, who died in early December after only recently retiring from the Education Library. Both will be missed by friends and colleagues around the library system.

## Register in January for MOST Courses

Margaret Friesen, the Library's Staff Training and Development Coordinator, urges staff to move fast once next term's MOST brochure arrives. These courses are expected to fill up early, and we have to cover staff registration fees well before the end of the fiscal year in March.

Although a detailed schedule is not yet available, some popular programs will be repeated before June:

***Beyond Survival: Leading Change***
***Bringing Creativity Into the Workplace***
***Conflict Resolution Skills for Managers***
***Delegating***
***Effective Meetings***
***Giving and Receiving Constructive Feedback at Work***
***Goal Setting***
***Office Writing Skills***
***Supervisory Skills: a Step Further***
***Time Management***

Check your e-mail in January for an update from Margaret on registration procedures.

# MORE STAFF NEWS

## Congratulations

Kayla Lynn [illegible], LAA, [illegible]
Elizabeth Diamond, Hospital, Fine Arts
Christine Tarquini [illegible], W. [illegible]

## Retirements

Cecelia Sullivan, LAA, Science & Engineering, September 30
Yim Tse, Library, Asian Library, September 30
Judy Lazar, Library, [illegible], October 1
Jane Teal, LAA, Admin Library, October 1
Susan De Abre, LAA, Cataloging, December 31
Michelle Hoe, Jack Miller Center, Admin Library, December 31
Eva de Zeeuw, Academic Computing, Business Services, December 31
Nancy Fischer, Library, Humanities and Social Sciences, December 31
Ann Hewitt, [illegible], December 31
Ellen Schwartz, Hillel, Jewish Life, December 31

## In Memoriam

Saul Bernstein, [illegible] in staff member, Fine Arts, died [illegible] Cathleen Lee, LAA, who passed away [illegible] [illegible] Lee, Cathleen's daughter, who died in an [illegible] Technology, while on a trip [illegible] Lee's family. Gifts may be made to Branch [illegible] in the library, please.

## Reminders in Advance for May 2 Commencement

Managers/Chairs: The Commencement Committee and the [illegible] Committee have been staff in some fun ways [illegible] most [illegible] Commencement. These committees are expected to be in place, and we have been [illegible] regular [illegible] Staff [illegible] Staff [illegible] Staff