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OUR CHIEF TO VISIT THE ORIENT

Doug McInnes will visit China in October as part of an official Canadian delegation invited by the Chinese government. Other members of the group are Guy Sylvestre, National Librarian, Hope Clement, Associate National Librarian, and Brian Land, Director, Legislative Library of Ontario and member of the National Library's Advisory Board.

The group will leave Vancouver on October 2 and meet officials of the National Diet Library of Japan in Tokyo before proceeding to China for visits to Peking, Nanking, Suzhou, and Shanghai. During the 12 day visit to China, the National Library of China will host the delegation and arrange visits to several major Chinese libraries. Doug will be back at UBC on October 20. During his absence, Bill Watson will be Acting Chief.

RECON WINDUP

At the end of August, the remaining ten Recon LA3's were transferred to other LA3 positions, displacing nine other LA3's with less seniority. (Another LA3 position became vacant at this time.) These transfers followed the procedures established in the Letter of Agreement between the University and AUCE Local 1.

At this time, four of the laid-off LA3's have been placed in other positions - Suzanne Garnett and Yvonne Chin as Clerk 2's in the Registrar's Office, Pat Lew as LA2 in Biomedical Branch, and Elizabeth Whittam as LA2 in Woodward. A fifth, Ted Byrne, is working full-time for AUCE Local 1. The others, Jacquie Chang, Louise Archibald, Barbara Wilson, and Roslyn Moran, are either awaiting recall or looking for other positions.

Bill Pelletier, Recon Librarian, is working temporarily in Systems on the BCLN project.

UBC HIRING FREEZE

The hiring freeze which President George Pederson imposed on September 9 caught some divisions and branches with vacancies. LA1 positions in Catalogue Products (2), Curriculum Laboratory, Catalogue Records, Sedgewick, Circulation and a sessional LA2 in Woodward will all remain vacant for the moment. The university-wide freeze is to be reviewed October 5, but Pederson has said the freeze could be extended.

We expect to have more news about this year's budget and its effect on the Library for the next Bulletin.



LIBRARY ACQUIRES FUMIGATION TANK

George Brandak, Special Collections Archivist, headed a project this summer which had an interesting spinoff in the shape of a fumigation tank.

The tank was constructed to treat papers and documents for mold and insect infestation, and consists of two metal chambers each containing 2 generating units of a 15 watt lightbulb and a pudding dish, suspended upright above the bulb. Thymol is used to treat infested material, which is placed on adjustable shelves in the chamber for 72 hours, and the heat from the bulbs causes the thymol to vapourize.



pudding dish



lightbulb

basic parts of
library's new
fumigation tank

The papers treated came from the O.H. Solibakke collection, a large and detailed set of papers relating to gold mining in the Cariboo, 1927-1967, which Special Collections purchased in 1982.

How many pudding dishes would it take to fumigate the whole of the Main Stacks?

SEDGEWICK COURSE FILE ON-LINE

The Sedgewick Course File, a list of reserve and recommended readings, both books and xeroxed articles, for general Arts undergraduates and the first 2 years of Science courses is now on-line.

Call it up as "SHARE SEDGEWICK.COURSE" and you can search by title, name, or call number, in the same way as SERINDEX or DRS is searchable.

This development is part of a reorganization of the reserve system at Sedgewick. Other changes included making all reserves either 2 hours or 3 days, and increasing the frequency of the Course List to once a week in busy times.

These changes should improve a reserve system which serves a large number of undergraduates, for many their first, perhaps only, contact with the library. The more trouble-free it is, the better their attitude to the Library.

UBC ARCHIVES PROJECT

Laurenda Daniels, UBC Archivist in Special Collections, directed a summer project to survey records held in university offices. A team of students, headed by Louise May, a doctoral candidate in history, visited various offices on campus to find out the kinds and extent of records kept.

UBC Archives collects historical materials of value and this project was undertaken with a view to developing a programme to preserve valuable records and help offices dispose of useless records. Laurenda is hoping that more funding to complete the survey will be available from the Public Archives of Canada next year.

In the meantime, Laurenda added substantially to the records in her keeping with the deposit this summer of the UBC Alma Mater Society records for 1933-1976 (67 feet of records) and the Faculty Club records from about 1948 when it began till 1978.

COMPUTER TERMINALS INSTALLED IN SEDGEWICK

Sedgewick may have found the answer to the diminishing book budget. Install computer terminals instead.

Sedgewick made space available on the lower level to permit the Arts faculty to install 15 computer terminals (with space for another 15 later) available for use by anyone with a UBC Computing Centre ID at times when the room is not scheduled for an Arts class.

FLI HAS FLED

A long term project to link records for hard copy and microform sets of the same periodical title was completed this summer. On the Serial List and Serial Supp, holdings of titles of which the Library has both paper and microform copy have been consolidated under one entry.

Some titles may have been missed. If you find cases where the microform and paper sets are listed separately, please send a snag report to Serials. P.S. On-Line Serials (SERINDEX, SERINQ) are not affected by this consolidation.

For those who asked,
FLI is a field in the
Serials record which...



Did I ask?



SUPPORT STAFF CHANGES

Beverly Hills has changed her name to Zoe Hills.

HELLOS (including recalls)

L. Olsen, Data Control Clerk 1, Systems
Jean de Jong, LA1, Social Sciences Div.
Janet Johnson, Sec 1, Administration
Kathy Chu, KPD, Catalogue Products
Phil Hall, LA1, Hamber Library

DEPARTURES

Nancy Miller, LA1, Social Sciences Div.
Shirley Tang, LA2, Catalogue Products
Soula Fotiou, LA2, Biomedical Branch
Mildred Fung, LA3, Catalogue Records
Carol McPhee-Steeves, LA1, Curric Lab
Barbara Wilson, LA3, Serials
Suzanne Barnett*, LA3, Woodward
Louise Archibald, LA3, Gov't Pubs
Jacquie Chong, LA3, Woodward
Pat Lew*, LA3, Woodward
Elizabeth Whittam*, LA3, Woodward
Ted Byrne, LA3, Catalogue Records
Yvonne Chin*, LA3, Map Division
Helene LeFrancois, LA1, Cat Records
Mara Baldwin, LA1, Circulation
Yvonne Chin*, LA1, Circulation*
Peter Curtis, LA1, Law
Corinne Hermus-Buys, LA2, Curric Lab
*placed in other positions

UPS AND DOWNS

Brenda Wilson, Sec 2, Administration
Elizabeth Whittam, LA2, Woodward
Linda Chiu, LA2, Catalogue Products
Mira Blazicevic, LA1, Special Collections
Pat Lew, LA2, Biomedical Branch
Susan McNeil, LA1, Curriculum Lab
Doria Tai, LA2, Catalogue Products

TRANSFERS

Kathy Chu, LA1, Catalogue Products
William Chan, LA1, Circulation
Susan Allin, LA1, Sedgewick
Rick Wadland, LA1, Woodward
Darlene Bailey, LA3, Woodward
Gaylia Cardona, LA3, Woodward
Winnie Chan, LA3, Psychiatry RR
Cathalina Chow, LA3, Woodward
Evelyn Choy, LA3, Gov't Pubs
Billie Kassamali, LA3, Catalogue Records
Ivy Lee, LA3, Map Division
Winnie Ng, LA3, Woodward
Florin Tang, LA3, Catalogue Records
Jung Whang, LA3, Serials
Kam Tsang, LA1, Woodward

EMPTY ENVELOPE BOXES NEEDED.

Crane Library has discovered that 25 x 29 cm envelope boxes are the perfect size for mailing Crane cassette albums. Don't throw them away; send them to Crane by library delivery.

GIFTS AND EXCHANGES NEEDS

National Geographic, v. 162, n.1, July 1982,

BCLA Reporter, v. 24, n.1, 1980.

Phone Kris Hans (2304) if you can help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

READING ROOM REVISIONS. The Ecology Reading Room is open 9:30 - 11:30am M-F only. The Computer Science Reading Room for the time being will be unattended, the material available only to faculty and graduate students.

A revised list of reading rooms is available from the I & O division (2076).

The MiniBus service between the Main Library, the student residences, and parking lots is operating again this year. The bus leaves about every 20 minutes from the front of the Main Library, Sunday through Thursday from 7:30 to 11:30 pm. Although mostly for women, men are welcome to ride if there is room.

The Federation of BC Writers wants to know about audiotapes/cassettes of interviews, readings, performances of writers and storytellers in BC. Contact Ingrid Klassen, Federation of BC Writers, 152 E. 11th Ave, Vancouver, V5T 2C2 (875-6865) if you have some.

The Curriculum Laboratory's Student/Faculty Workroom is open again this year and the equipment available there has been augmented by an IBM Selectric typewriter. Free. Also available: laminator, heat press, thermofax, camera copy stand, a microcomputer and get this, an ENLARGING and reducing photocopier. What a playpen. You can be let in M & F, 9:30-4:30; Tu,W,Th, 9:30-8; Sa,12-5; Su 12-4.

WIN A MINI-HOLIDAY FOR TWO AT QUALICUM COLLEGE INN

and support the BCLA Scholarship and Continuing Education fund. Second prize is The Atlas of British Columbia. The draw is October 22 at BCLA. Get your tickets from Margaret Friesen, Interlibrary Loan.

UPWARD MOBILITY in Erik's Office:

Head of Information Services, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's.

Assistant Librarian for Public Services, Eastern Washington Univ., Cheney.

CONFERENCES/COURSES/HAPPENINGS

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

and come to the Fall BCLA Conference, October 21-22 at the Sheraton-Landmark Hotel. Sessions look interesting: making meetings work, public speaking, career management (we could all use some of that), collections development, and records management (no, not balancing your chequebook). A programme is on the bulletin board in I&O or phone Margaret Friesen in Interlibrary Loans.

The Computing Centre is offering its usual series of non-credit free courses during first term, including an introduction to the Data Library by our own Laine Ruus and Sophia Adach. The list of courses is on the bulletin board in the I & O office or phone the Computing Centre (6611).

"THE SIGNING OF THE PEACE OF PARIS IN 1783" is the title of an address to be given by Dr. H.G. Jones on Thursday, September 29 in Buchanan A100 at 3:30 pm. Dr. Jones will be here as a guest of the Archival Studies Program in the Library School; he is currently curator of the North Carolina collection and History Professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

An edited videotape of Maurice Line's lecture on "The Impact of Technology and Economics on Document Publication and Supply" can be borrowed from the Library School. Copies of the text of Alexander Wilson's lecture on preservation in the British Library are also available there.

LIBEX is a 3-year experiment in coordinating library position exchanges between Britain and other countries, including Canada. Library staff who would like a job exchange should file an application with LIBEX. Write to the Bureau for International Library Staff Exchange, College of Librarianship Wales, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS, Wales for a form. Abstracts of qualifications and positions sought will be published in library journals in Britain.