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Building Plans: Good News and Bad News

First, the bad news. The new library building planned for the old bookstore site has been shelved. Announced in 1987, that building was to have consisted mainly of a Central Branch Library. It would have taken the Science Library, Special Collections Division, Map Library, and Fine Arts Library out of the Main Library and the Math Library, Music Library, and Wilson Recordings Collection from other buildings nearby. The proposed building was also to have housed the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration's new Management Research Centre.

And here's the good news. The Management Research Centre will go ahead on the old bookstore site and the David Lam Management Research Library will form its major component. It is expected that the Lam Library will become part of the UBC Branch Library system and will serve as the major campus library for Commerce and Business Administration.

The decision to cut the Central Branch Library from the new building was taken for two reasons. One was that university planners decided the proposed building was too large for the site. The other was that the major donation from David Lam for the Management Research Centre was tied to a December 1991 deadline, which was approaching fast, while no major donation had been secured for the Central Branch Library.

This latest postponement of a new library building is a serious setback. We need more space. Libraries on campus are either full, almost full or overfull. There are now more than 300,000 volumes in storage areas and no storage space remains.

The setback also delays the much overdue renovations to upgrade and simplify the Main Library building. Work on any significant scale cannot begin in Main until large parts of the building (ideally a whole wing at a time) are cleared out.

It is expected that planning for a new library building will start this fall and that the site will be somewhere in the vicinity of the Main Library. About \$20 million will be required, not counting the money needed for renovating Main. The University continues to look for a major donor.

University Librarian Update

During the week of July 24 - 28, the President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of the University Librarian interviewed three candidates on the short list for the position of University Librarian. The interviewing process included sessions with library staff in which each candidate gave a presentation on the future of libraries and answered questions from staff. The three candidates interviewed were:

B.J. Busch, *Area Coordinator, Humanities and Social Sciences Library, University of Alberta.*

Judith Green, *University Librarian, Colgate University, New York State.*

Ernest Ingles, *University Librarian, University of Regina.*

All staff were invited to send their comments about the candidates to the two librarians on the Selection Committee, Nadine Baldwin and Joan Sandilands. The Committee met on July 31st to discuss the candidates and, as required by the Committee's mandate, sent their recommendation to the President. No further word has been received from the President's Office.

Library Hours: Some Changes and Some Recommendations

Three changes in patterns of library hours have been introduced for this session in response to recommendations of the Library Hours Task Force. One is that all libraries now begin their winter schedules the day after Labor Day; hitherto a few had begun later. Another is that the Main Library stacks will stay open right up until the posted closing time. Prior to this change, the stacks were closed fifteen minutes before closing time. The third change is that the Curriculum Laboratory, Law and Main will stay open on Fridays until six o'clock like Woodward, which has been open Fridays until six since 1987.

The Task Force, set up last March and chaired by Margaret Price, was asked to study and recommend ways to rationalize and make improvements in library hours, considering factors affecting the need for access to the library's collections, facilities and services.

Other recommendations of the Task Force include moving toward a uniformity of hours by reducing the number of library "sessions" from five to three and by standardizing the hours of the "larger" (Main, Woodward, Sedgewick, Law and Curric Lab) and "smaller" (all other) libraries; that hours of the five larger libraries be extended; that services be improved within the Main Library before its opening hours are extended; and that adjustments be made in the hours of particular branches.

Some of the recommendations would have substantial cost implications and will need further study and evaluation.

Meetings to Discuss Task Group Report on Online Database Development

All staff are invited to attend one of two meetings to discuss the recommendations in the draft report of the Public Services Task Group on Online Database Development. This report on the future development of the online catalogue covers issues such as the merging of files, keyword searching, help, printing and downloading and the availability of commercial databases such as ERIC and PsycINFO on the OPAC. Copies of the report were distributed to all divisions and branches in late July. If you haven't had a chance to read the report, please ask your Division or Branch head for a copy or phone Jocelyn Godolphin (2499) or Julie Stevens (2076), co-Chairs of the Task Group. The other members of the Group are Lee Ann Bryant, Elizabeth Caskey, Patrick Dunn, Jim Henderson, Chris Hives, Peggy McBride, Jo-Anne Naslund and Martha Whitehead.

Here's your opportunity to give your views on the draft recommendations. Do you agree that keyword access should be the default search approach in the catalogue? Or that the online library files should appear as one catalogue to the user? The Task Group welcomes your questions, comments and suggestions, in writing or at the meetings. They will help determine the final report's recommendations.

The Information Meetings will be held in the Sedgewick Library Conference Room:

Tuesday, October 3rd at 10:30am

Thursday, October 5th at 2:00pm

Additional meetings will be scheduled if necessary.

➔ SYSTEMS UPDATE ➔

More files for LDMS and UBCLIB

The Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions catalogue (CIHM file) is now online on both LDMS and UBCLIB (command mode only). CIHM is microfilming Canadian monographs, serials, and pamphlets printed before 1900. The Government Publications & Microforms Division has a complete set of CIHM microfiche (over 100,000). Monographs and pamphlets in the collection are fully catalogued and may be searched in the CIHM file by author, title, series and subject.

The OTHER file on LDMS and UBCLIB now includes records from the Language Education Resource Center (LERC) and UBC Botanical Garden Reading Room. After selecting the OTHER file, type `sho cod=col` for a complete list of collections in this file.

The Botanical Garden material is only available for use in their reading room in the Botanical Garden Office Building, next to the Museum of Anthropology.

The LERC collection includes materials for teaching language arts and reading as well as school readers, kits, and journals. The collection is in Ponderosa Annex F, Room 103. LERC is a circulating collection open to all.

User Interface Project



Remember the microcomputers the Library bought last year for our new online catalogue? The Systems Division has been working on a project to develop a new user interface using the microcomputers and the library online systems. As part of the project, Oakley Rankin was hired part-time for six months to work on a preliminary investigation and testing of software and approaches for the new user interface. His contract ended in August.

A primary focus of the project has been to consider what basic support would be required to develop a better user interface for our online systems. This work has resulted in a proposed design for an interface using a "windows" approach with pulldown menus, similar to the structure used in many microcomputer software programs. John Campbell has developed supporting software which can be used to implement a new interface, beginning with a prototype for evaluation. Lynn Copeland is building on the work started by Oakley, using the supporting software to develop a prototype.

The next step will be to consult with public service librarians and to complete the prototype to the point where it can be put into use on reference desks for evaluation. As with the UBCLIB development, there will be a process of wide consultation and evaluation over the next few months. Assuming the approach is acceptable, the new interface will be made available to the public as soon as the system can be developed and tested.

When the prototype is reasonably complete, a general meeting for staff will be arranged to provide a demonstration of the prototype and background information. This should be possible within the next month.

➡ **SYSTEMS UPDATE** ↩

Indexing and Abstracting Databases Ready for Loading

During the next month, Systems will load Microlog, the Canadian Newspaper Index, two ERIC databases and PsycINFO (from Psychological Abstracts) onto LDMS for use by reference staff. There will be an evaluation period of two to three months to allow staff to test the LDMS software and make suggestions for changes and enhancements and to allow Systems to assess the impact on system response time.

For more information about this project, please refer to the Systems Update column in the March/April edition of The Bulletin.



Goodbyes

Rein Brongers takes early retirement at the end of September. Rein started his career in engineering. He obtained his civil engineering degree in the Netherlands and worked as a Civil Engineer in New Zealand, Vancouver and Burnaby. He won a National Research Council postgraduate scholarship in Science Librarianship and obtained his BLS at UBC. He started at UBC Library in June 1967 and, for all but six months of that period, has been Head of the Science Division. Rein has earned the friendship, admiration and respect of his colleagues and the patrons of the division. Our collective congratulations and best wishes go to Rein for a long and satisfying future.

Len McIver left his position in the Curriculum Laboratory at the end of August. Len was hired as a full-time Reference Librarian in April. His new job is at the B.C. Tel Library.

Marjorie Nelles has resigned from her half-time reference position at MacMillan Library in order to become the Interlibrary Loans Librarian at Simon Fraser University. Marjorie has been working in the MacMillan reference position since September 1985 in addition to working half-time as a reference librarian in the Cancer Control Agency Library.

Jo-Anne Naslund, Reference Librarian in the Curriculum Laboratory, is taking a year's leave without pay. She will return to work in July 1990.

Hellos

Nurlela Brady has been appointed as half-time Bibliographic Associate (Indonesian Language) in the Asian Studies Library. Nurlela obtained a BA (Honors) in Education from Sriwijaya University, Palembang, Indonesia. She started her new position on September 5th.

The new Librarian in the Map Library is **Tim Ross**. Tim's experience as a Map Librarian includes working at the Geological Survey of Canada in Ottawa, the Provincial Archives of

Manitoba, the University of Windsor Library and McGill University Library. He obtained his BA and Graduate Diploma in Library Science from Concordia University and his MLS from Wayne State University. Tim started his new job on August 21st.

Beverley Scott has been appointed Head of the Marjorie Smith Social Work Library. She has been Acting Head for the past year. Her previous library experience includes working as a Library Consultant and as a Reference Librarian and Head of Government Publications at the University of Western Ontario. She obtained her BA in Psychology at UBC, MLS at the University of Western Ontario and MA in Canadian Studies (Social Policy) at Carleton University.

STAFF MOVES

Hellos

Carolyn Carvajal, LA2, Acquisitions
 Leslie Evans, LA1, HSSD
 Dorothy Burns, LA1, Cat Products
 Elaine Fong, Sec2, PATSCAN
 Linda Gill-Aranha, LA1, Curric Lab
 Mary-Anna Buntain, LA1, Circ
 Sarika Bose, LA1, Circ
 Catherine Martell, LA1, St Paul's
 Julie Archer, LA1, HSSD
 Laurel Wellman, Sec2, Admin
 Eva Margitay, LA1, Circ
 April Peasgood, LA2, MacMillan
 Lisa Turner, LA1 (Sessional), Woodward
 Tami McElroy, LA1, Curric

Transfers

Bernice Koh, LA1, Curric
 Karen Barbour, LA1, Hamber
 Bruce Broomhall, LA2, Acquisitions
 Ann Chatwin, LA1, Woodward
 Debbie Elholm, LA2, Social Work
 Ulla Visscher, LA2 (Sessional), Sedgewick
 Debra Wadsworth, LA2, Circ
 Kathleen White, LA1 (Sessional), Curric

Promotions

Anilu Claur, LA2, Law
 Gail Runnels, LA2, Sedgewick
 Margaret Bayley, LA2, Sedgewick
 Polly Diether, LA2, Sedgewick

Goodbyes

Azo Mousessian, LA1, Cat Products
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 Sonya Tietjen, LA1, Circ
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 Deborah Smithies, Sec2, Admin
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 Francesca Hollander, LA2, Circ
 Brigitte Massin, LA2, Sedgewick
 Naeem Khan, LA2, Acquisitions
 John Ostrander, LA2, Social Work
 Kim Stafford, LA1, HSSD



RECON Progress

Three branch libraries are now a step closer to tossing out their card catalogues. Three people were hired this summer to work on RECON (the RETrospective CONVersion of card catalogue records to online records). They completed inputting brief catalogue records into the OLDCAT file for the Biomedical Branch at VGH, Social Work Library and MacMillan Library. Woodward is close to finishing with only 26 shelflist drawers left to convert out 240. The brief records, which include author, title, call number and holdings information, will be used to find complete catalogue records at the National Library of Canada or OCLC.

CD-ROM in PATSCAN

The PATSCAN service in the Science Division is offering free demos on their new CD-ROM version of NTIS and CASSIS.

NTIS indexes reports of the last ten years of U.S. government funded research. Truly multidisciplinary, this database offers a wide spectrum of subjects including business, agriculture, engineering, materials science, medicine, biology and information science to name a few. You can also find Star Wars military patents on killer lasers for vaporizing missiles! NTIS can be searched by menu mode or by Dialog commands.

CASSIS is the U.S. Patent Office database which contains abstracts for recent U.S. patents and titles back to 1969. Good preliminary patent searches can be done on CASSIS using the easy menu search mode.

Development work to put the Canadian Patent Index on CD-ROM is ongoing. At the moment, it is available online through UBCLIB, updated monthly.

LPC = Literary People Centre

Several people in the Catalogue Records Division are not only busy cataloguing books these days but also writing them. Puran Gill, who works in the English Language Unit, has just had his book on Indic personal names published. Another member of the English Unit, Avron Hoffman, published *The Ritchy poems : an introduction to remote management style* in 1987. UBC has a copy in the Special Collections Division.

Zorka Srejjic, who works in the European Languages Unit, was a finalist in the CBC Literary Competition last year. A copy of her play *The Hit and Run Lover* can be found in the Special Collections Division.

Sheldon Goldfarb, a student assistant in Catalogue Records, has just published an annotated bibliography on William Makepeace Thackeray. Sheldon is working on his Ph.D. in English Literature and is a book reviewer for the Vancouver Sun.

UBC Fine Arts Gallery

The exhibition *Need Me Like I Need You, Ron Huebner : An Installation* is showing in the UBC Fine Arts Gallery from September 6th to October 7th. The Gallery is in the basement of the north wing of Main Library. It's open Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 5pm, and Saturday, noon to 5pm.