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The most remarkable feature of this issue of the Bulletin is its publication date - - - just one week after that of the preceding issue. This may be a sign that the summer season is over and that winter, with its more regular routines, is a-comin' in.

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WAGES - New Rates for Hourly Employees:

The 1968/69 hourly rates have been set as follows:

Student Assistants	$1.40	Clerk I	$1.65
Clerk/Typist	1.75	Junior Steno (Sec'r. I)	1.90
Clerk II	2.00	Secretary II	2.20
Clerk III	2.25	Secretary III	2.35
Library Assistant III	2.48	Commissionaire	2.57

ACQUISITIONS DIVISION Automation - A Correction:

In issue No. 7 (August 30) we reported that a copy of the computer-produced listing of titles "On order/In process" would be kept in the Woodward Library. This statement was a little premature, as Woodward has not yet been tied into the system. The present scheme of distribution for the five copies is this: one in the Acquisitions Division, two in the Searching Section of the Cataloguing Division, one at the Information Desk, and one in the Sedgewick Library.

HOT WATER SYSTEM - Annual Maintenance:

On Tuesday, September 17th, for approximately four hours commencing at 8 a.m. the Library's hot water services will be shut off.

STUDENT UNREST at UBC:

The basic problems underlying student discontent at UBC are presented quite specifically in the September issue of UBC Reports, a copy of which was recently distributed to all staff members. We urge you to read this paper. Those of you who have ideas on the subject may even wish to go as far as to submit a written brief, in which case you have two official committees waiting to hear from you: the Presidential Committee (approachable through Mr. Stuart-Stubbs) and the Alumni Commission on Student Unrest of which Mr. Nick Omelusik is the coordinator.

Several special meetings have also been scheduled to discuss this topic: 1) the University Senate at 8 p.m., September 4th, 2) the Faculty Association at 1 p.m., September 5th, and 3) the Joint Faculties on September 10th.

NEW OUTSIDE PHONE Number:

The telephone number of the B.C. Institute of Technology Library has been changed to: 434-0211.

THREE UNIVERSITIES Meeting:

On Thursday, August 29th, the Librarians and Systems Analysts of UBC, UVic and SFU met to explore the possibilities of a jointly shared computing facility and of a book processing centre. Also in attendance were representatives from the Vancouver Public Library and the B.C. Institute of Technology.

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SHARED COMPUTERS and Processing Centres:

Here is a resume of two projects similar to the sort of things being contemplated by the three universities here in British Columbia.

1. New England Board of Education

Libraries of state-supported universities of six New England states applied to this board in 1966 for a grant which would enable it to contract for the design of a centre which would supply cataloguing and other book processing information and services to six libraries, creating in the process a file which would become a union catalogue of these libraries. The design of the project was to be compatible with MARC.

Supported by the Council on Library Resources, a design was prepared by Inforonics Inc., and programs have been prepared for establishing a central file. Work is proceeding on programs to search this file and a pilot operation is probably under way by now.

Reference: Vincent, Donald E. "New England State university libraries' regional processing centre." ALA Bulletin, 61:672-3, June 1967.

2. Consortium of Universities of Washington, D.C.

Five universities in the Washington District have banded together and applied to the Council on Library Resources for funds with which to undertake a study on the feasibility of a shared computer. Ralph Parker was employed for this study and a report was issued in May 1968. Although he suggested alternatives, his recommendation, based on his observation that "there is sufficient duplication of materials among the libraries to produce savings in record making and maintenance with a jointly operated computer system", was that the libraries should acquire a "small to medium-sized computer, to be operated in batch mode with basic records maintained on tapes ... at least two years would be required to make the system operational."

Reference: Parker, Ralph. A Feasibility study for a joint computer centre for five Washington, D.C. University libraries. Final report. Washington, D.C., Consortium of Universities of Metropolitan Washington, May 1968.

SCHOOL OF LIBRARIANSHIP - A Note of Interest to the Old-Timers:

Miss Rose Vainstein, one of the original members of the Library School faculty and author of the survey: Public libraries in British Columbia (1966) has recently been appointed as a Professor of Library Science by the University of Michigan School of Librarianship.