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CORRECTION:

For the benefit of future archivists who may be puzzled by the last issue of the Bulletin, the year should, of course, read "1970" - 1969 has definitely passed.

STAFF Library Cards - Photo Session:

The next photo session for staff library cards will be on Friday, January 30th, from 1.30 to 3.30 in the School of Librarianship Reading Room. All persons who have not yet had their pictures taken please take note.

CO-ORDINATOR of Technical Processes and Systems:

On January 12th, 1970, the following announcement was sent to all staff members in the Processing Divisions:

"Effective immediately, Mr. Robin (Bob) MacDonald will assume responsibility for the technical processing divisions, including the Catalogue, Serials, Acquisitions and Systems Divisions, the Prebindery and Bindery. In this capacity his title will be Coordinator of Technical Processes and Systems. This appointment has been discussed with and approved by all Division Heads. In order to relieve Mr. MacDonald of some of his previous responsibilities, additional support staff will be sought for the Systems Division."

ASSOCIATION of Research Libraries:

At a meeting of ARL in Chicago on January 18th, Mr. Stuart-Stubbs was elected to the Executive Board for a three-year term.

SEDGEWICK Library - Access:

The door between the Sedgewick Library and the Main Library on Level 2 will, in the future, be kept locked. Main Library staff should, therefore, remember that it will no longer be possible to use the Sedgewick Circulation area as a means of entry to, or exit from, the Main Library.

UMLAUTS in "List of Books on Order and in Process":

Until very recently the flexowriter operators typing orders have been replacing the German ä, ö, and ü by ae, oe, and ue. Since the umlaut is disregarded in filing in the Public Catalogue, this has been a nuisance when part of the order form was filed as a temporary record there. Now the same problem is going to arise with the Depository Control File in the Catalogue Division.

From now on the flexowriter operators will type the vowels with the umlaut as supplied to them on the requisitions from Bibliographic Searching. All parts of the multiple order form will have the umlaut on them in the standard form (eg. ä). However, the computer program will ignore the umlaut completely and print the vowel without either the umlaut or the following "e".

Staff using the Acquisitions printout should be aware that, for some time to come, both forms will appear, which will, of course, affect sorting of the list. For example, MÜLLER may be filed as Muller or as Mueller - so look in both places.

SANDWICH Machine:

Persons who would like to have types (flavours?) of sandwiches which are not offered in the Staff Room machine may place special orders with Elsie Kinnard, the custodian. She will see that the sandwich of your choice is delivered for you the following day.

SPACE Program, 1970:

The Circulation Division has just finished measuring the available space in the Stacks on levels 1-4 of the Main Library. The findings are not encouraging. At present the Stacks are filled to 77% of capacity. This may not sound alarming on the face of it, but when one learns that 1) this is an average figure (the levels ranged from 71% to 86% full) 2) the Library of Congress considers a shelf to be full at 75% of its capacity (we will tolerate up to 90%), and 3) the collections are expanding at a rate of 10% to 12% per year, claustrophobia begins to take hold.

Sedgewick's move into its new building in 1972 offers little prospect of relief, as by that time the science and technology collection will have expanded to a greater size than the present capacity of the Sedgewick Library (where, you will recall, the Science Library is to be located).

Thus, it appears that we shall have to consider moving part of the main stacks collection (including science books) into storage by December 1970, or by May 1971 at the very latest.

SCIENCE INFORMATION in Canada:

On January 7th, 1969, the National Research Council issued a news release which said, in part: "The Federal Government has designated the National Research Council of Canada as the co-ordinating body for the further development of a national scientific and technical information system (STI)... The integrated national system, encompassing the natural sciences and engineering, will be decentralized and based on the existing resources and systems in industry, the universities, and government, all linked together..."

Those of you who have been reading the various reports emanating from Ottawa which have dealt with national problems of scientific information will recognize that the government has preferred not to follow the advice of the Tyas Commission, which called for the creation of a new and vast organization.

INTER-LIBRARY Loan Meeting:

Representatives from the ILL staffs of UBC, UVic, and SFU met on January 8th to discuss their present operations and to consider future refinements.

During the meeting it quickly became evident that the ILL units are all doing a vast amount of work which, as usual, is expanding more rapidly than either staff or space. In response to this pressure UBC has already requested a full-time professional position to supervise its ILL operations, and an additional Library Assistant II to handle materials. Also, it is planning a move to new quarters next summer. This will provide slightly more space, but probably not enough to make possible the development of a special ILL unit to serve B.C. colleges and universities.

It was recommended, in view of the high volume of requests being processed by the SFU unit at UBC, that 1) a more senior person be made available to supervise the work and assist with staff training, 2) a third member be added to work mostly with Woodward materials, and 3) UBC staff assist with the training and orientation of new staff for the unit.

The meeting concluded with an expression of interest in holding similar meetings in future.

ADMINISTRATIVE Services Librarian:

The UBC Library is inviting applications for the position of Administrative Services Librarian. His chief duty will be that of implementing supporting staff personnel policies including selecting applicants, in cooperation with the division heads, to fill supporting staff vacancies, and recommending new policies and procedures. He will be responsible to the Associate Librarian. A degree in Library Science and administrative experience are required. The minimum beginning salary will be \$12,000.

STACK ACCESS:

Beginning on January 12th the Circulation Division instituted a three month experiment with free access to the Main Library's stacks. No one will be required to identify himself on entering the Stacks, although, of course, library cards will still be required for the borrowing of materials. It should be stressed that this is an experiment only - it could be terminated at any time if serious problems, such as over-crowding, should result.