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SCIENCE CATALOGUE TO BE DISCONTINUED:

As an economy measure, because earlier plans to establish a Science Branch in the present Sedgewick space have changed and because a new Science Library is probably many years away, the science catalogue is being "wound down".

The catalogue, now over one year old, represents about 12,000 titles in the main stacks and Science reading rooms. It has been housed in four 60-drawer cabinets in the Science Division. The cards, with their accompanying guides, will be stored in order in boxes in the Library Storage area on level one. Cards already being reproduced for the catalogue will also be retained, but no cards will be reproduced for titles catalogued after March 22. If a Science Branc becomes a reality, the catalogue can be "wound up" again by reproducing main shelf list cards lacking the "sci" code. The established file (with its system of guides and cross-references) would not have lost its value.

Books catalogued from now on in classifications which would have formerly been coded "sci" will be coded "main". Reading room books and cards which would have formerly been coded as being related to Science, e.g. "scichem", will be coded with the RR name alone, e.g. "chem", and will no longer be represented by cards in, nor be routed through, Science. Books and cards which would have been coded "sci ref" will now be coded "sd ref".

Shelf list cards now bearing the "sci" code, if revised, will have the code dropped. Cards produced from uncoded shelf list cards in science numbers, when and if the catalogue should be revived, would then "bump" (displace) superseded cards.

The present science catalogue cabinets, by going to other branches, will reduce this year's catalogue cabinet order.

Comments and inquiries may be addressed to Ann Turner or Mc Elrod.

POSTAL SERVICE TO BRITAIN:

Perhaps it is worth reminding readers that the G.P.O. strike is now over and that mail is consequently being accepted again by the Canadian Post Office for transmission to the U.K.

THE "BIG SNOW":

The following two letters, which speak for themselves, were addressed to the University Librarian during snow time:

Dear Sir,

I am writing in anger, having just wasted two hours, two bus fares and considerable energy, due to your lack of consideration for the University community. When I finally arrived at the doors of the Main Library this evening at approximately 7.30 p.m., I was greeted with a ridiculour notice:

BIG SNOW!
LIBRARY CLOSES AT 5.00 TO-DAY

Three inches of unexpected snow need not cause the world to grind to a halt. Believe it or not, there are actually areas in this country that have snow for three or four months at a stretch! No, the inhabitants of those areas do not wait in their homes for the spring thaw.

As a result of your cavalier behaviour, I and many others were exceedingly disappointed in having our study plans summarily disrupted. Surely it was no easier for your employees to get home at 5.00 than it would be at mid-night. In fact, it was probably more difficult. Your action today is completely inexcusable.

Dear Sir,

Since it appears that the climate affects almost everything to do with the University Library system, I wonder if you would much mind making it public that due to library closures, students who usually study on Friday evenings were unable to do so and must be given special extensions on essays, term papers and assignments.

If students must learn to work efficiently and to have their work in on time, the least that the University Library system could do is to stay open when necessary. A few inches of snow should not inhibit the functioning of a university the size of U.B.C.; students made it out to U.B.C. in all kinds of weather in January and the staff could do the same.

(N.B. The editor overheard verbal comments in similar vein while waiting (till 6.20!) for the 5.10 bus.)

UNIVERSITY PRESS LAUNCHED:

The University of British Columbia Press, successor to the Publications Office, came into existence officially on Thursday, March 25th. At a press conference the Director, Anthony Blicq, and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Press, Basil Stuart-Stubbs, said that the Press would concentrate on publications relating to Pacific affairs, Canadian literature, international law and Western Canada generally. One of the first books to be issued this summer will be A Reference Guide to English, American and Canadian Literature by I.F. Bell and Jennifer Gallup.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN SOUGHT:

Applications are invited for the position of Chief Librarian at Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario. The University is a bilingual institution with an enrolment of 2,000 students. The Library has 175,000 volumes, subscribes to 3,000 serials, has a staff of sixty (twelve of whom are professional) and commands an annual budget (1970/71) of $690,000.

Enquiries should be addressed to the Search Committee for Chief Librarian, Library, Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario, the co-chairman of which have asked that the vacancy be posted.

LOST AND FOUND PROCEDURES:

Lost and Found procedures have been changed. Items found in the Library will no longer be turned in to the Information Desk; nor will blue forms reporting lost items be completed at the Desk.

Anything found in the Library should be turned in at the "Library Cards and Enquiries" window of the Circulation Division before 5 p.m. and at the Main Loan Desk in the evenings and at weekends.

1) Regular items will be stored in a specially marked box in the Circulation Office. At 3 p.m. on weekdays all items, plus a green form, will be taken down to the Mail Room. The truck driver will deliver these to the SUB Lost and Found or to the adjacent Information Desk. If an item is returned to its owner by Circulation a green form will be completed with "CLAIMED", the student's name, his ID number and signature added to the information requested. The green slip will then be returned to the box for delivery to SUB.

2) Valuables, such as wallets, watches, jewellery, identification, etc., will be the responsibility of the Circulation Division, which will take them direct to the Librarian's Office for placing in the safe. The same claims procedure as in Circulation will be followed except that a detailed description of the lost item should be requested before the claimant may see it. Valuables and green forms will be collected at 10 a.m. every Friday by a representative of SUB Lost and Found who will be required to sign a list of items compiled by the Library staff. These lists will be kept for the duration of the session and will then be discarded.