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COPPSAC REPORT

As we promised, we bring you the results of the deliberations at COPPSAC's last meeting. As to the use of the FC (Canadiana) classification, we are waiting to hear from faculty. As to the COM catalogue, we are waiting to hear the division heads' decisions, but it seems unlikely that a start can be made by 1976. As to developments in the main concourse, the turnstile is to be moved into the stacks, making enough room for catalogue cabinets in the concourse. It was pointed out that the COM catalogue would not solve our space problems but will rather demand even more space. As to the interfiling of (Z + a subject call number) combinations, we are waiting for the results of a survey of branches' and divisions' opinions in order to achieve some consistency.

DEPARTMENT OF REGRETTED FAREWELLS

The library staff is sorry to say goodbye to Georgia Macrae who has left to join the University of Calgary Law Library as Head of Technical Services.

Georgia joined us in 1965 and after a period in Acquisitions Searching moved into Cataloguing as Bio-medical cataloguer. From there, she crossed campus to join the Law Library as Technical Services Librarian in 1970. The reclassification project underway there at the time benefitted greatly from her expertise, as did the planning and opening of the new Law Library building most recently. Additional thanks are due to Georgia as well for her services on Biblos and many and various staff committees.

IN A BIND

The Task Force on Binding has produced some recommendations which have been embodied in new policies. These are described in Policy Directives #2 to #5, which have been distributed to all branches and divisions.

The most significant of these is Directive #5, which decrees that in the future all journals will be given what is called "plush-flush" binding instead of the traditional Class A binding. This is an economy measure.

In plush-flush binding, the Class A binding process is followed up to the point where buckram covered boards would be attached. Instead, a lighter cardboard is attached, a strip of buckram is laid over the spine, and paper labels are glued to this strip in place of the usual gold-stamping.

In appearance, plush-flush binding does not compare favourably with Class A binding, but is equally strong in terms of its basic structure. The boards, however, cannot withstand the same amount of wear and tear. If subsequent use indicates that a particular volume needs Class A binding, conversion is simple: the old covers are removed, the volume is rounded, backed, recovered in buckram boards and stamped.

Although it is intended that all journals be given this less expensive treatment, it is recognized that some heavily used files should continue to receive Class A binding. It is estimated that this will amount to about 20% of all files. Reference Divisions and Branch Libraries will determine which files are to receive Class A binding.

For those wishing to examine a plush-flush binding and compare it with a Class A binding, see Susan in the Librarian's Office. She will keep samples on her desk until January 10.

WHOM TO CALL AT WOODWARD

This is the second in our series of whom to call about what lists:

Audio-visual equipment: Heather Keate (3393)
Books on order: Bill Parker (5553) or Maryse de la Giroday (2884)
Book prices: Bill Parker (5553)
Book selection: Tony Jeffreys (5575)
Building problems: Lynda Whittingham (2675)
CAN/SDI: Anna Leith (2762)
Card Catalogue maintenance: Joyce Davidson (2882)
Carrell assignment: David Robinson (4440)
Catalogue information: Astrid Csontala (2882)
Circulation: Joyce Davidson (2882)
Complaints: Anna Leith (2762)
Equipment furnishings: Lynda Whittingham (2675)
Gifts and exchanges: Bill Parker (5553) or Marysia Zaleski (2570)
History queries: Barbara Gibson (4447)
Interlibrary loan: Deborah Udy (4445)
Information desk: (2473)
MEDLINE: Diana Kent: (4440)
MEDLINE policy, finances, etc.: Anna Leith (2762)
Microforms: Deborah Udy (4445)
Orientation and instruction programmes: Heather Keate (3393)
Overdue books (fine records, etc.): Linda Worner (2882)
Personnel, records and references: Anna Leith (2762)
Policies, General: Anna Leith (2762)
Public service (policies): Heather Keate (3393)
Rare books: Barbara Gibson (4447)
Reading rooms: Larry Thiessen (2884)
Reference:
 Biology reference: David Robinson (4440)
 Botany reference: Bill Parker (5553)
 Medical Sciences: Heather Keate (3393)
 Dental reference: Diana Kent (4440)
 Nursing reference: Peg Leighton (4440)
 Health Care reference: Peg Leighton (4440)
 Pharmacy reference: Joyce Davidson (4440)
Referency policy: Heather Keate (3393)
Reference queries, General: (2473)
Reserve books: Linda Worner (2882)
SDI, U.B.C.: Bill Parker (5553)
Serial selection: Tony Jeffreys (5575)
Serials bindery queries: Jerry Andersen (2570)
Serials Kardex records: (2570)
Serials master records: Judy Lee (2570)
Serials orders, payments, and records: Joanne Root (2570)
Students, employment records: Jane Shinn (2883)
Supplies: Lynda Whittingham (2675)
Technical services policies: Bill Parker (5553)
Vertical file organization: Heather Keate (3393)
Xerox facilities: Marlene Braeder (2882)
Xerox financial records: Joan Elliot (2473)

INTERLIBRARY LOAN DEVELOPMENTS

On December 2, 1974 the U.B.C. Library became a part of the Federated Information Network organized by the Greater Vancouver Library Council. FIN has worked out well in the year that it has been operating and appears to indicate a trend for the future.

The project was intended to allow greater access to the U.B.C. collection for the library users of the lower mainland public libraries and, in return, to provide easier access for U.B.C. users to the resources of the public libraries. While the latter aim has not been so successfully achieved, the former certainly has. Loans from U.B.C. have increased more than sixfold, from 20 items per month to 125, and they are still going up. Over nine months a total of 868 items were sent out: 685 actual loans and 183 photocopies. Approximately one out of two requests from public libraries are filled. The regular restrictions for inter-library loan are observed, that is, restricted material and Sedgewick books are not usually lent.

Perhaps the key to FIN's success has been the simplicity and relative cheapness of its operation. One part-time staff member is employed by the GVLC to receive and fill requests. Requests are made by telephone, one simple form is required, no time-consuming verification of data is made, materials are transferred by courier. The cost to U.B.C. per item loaned is \$2.00 (not counting hidden costs). For a normal inter-library loan, requests are received on printed forms or by telex, bibliographic verification of data is usually required, postage costs are usually borne by the lending library, and the cost per loan is closer to \$8.00. If verification of FIN requests were made, the percentage of requests filled would be greater than the 55-60% that it is now. However, more time would have to be spent on each transaction either at the borrowing library or at U.B.C.

The number of participants and the area covered are increasing. From the original seven lower mainland public library systems, the number has increased to include eight government libraries in Victoria. These libraries have been using FIN since the beginning of November.

The overall library trend of the past few years has been to networking. FIN is a good example of the sense behind the trend. The lower cost per item loaned, the speed, and the simplified administration of the service, and the dramatic increase in loan requests have proved the system to be workable and worthwhile. Demands are increasing as more demands are met. There are other groups who could profitably set up similar networks: college libraries, business libraries, and other government libraries. In fact, these include the largest group of traditional inter-library borrowers who use U.B.C. If the Library is forced to set a fee for inter-library loans to outside borrowers, as many libraries in North America are beginning to do, we may see CFIN, BFIN, and GFIN springing up almost instantly. The alternatives to a fee system or small informal consortia like FIN are some sort of provincial union catalogue and the recognition and outside funding of the U.B.C. Library as a provincial resource centre. Although both have been recommended in various studies of the British Columbia library situation, neither is likely to come for some time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECORD SALE

Gifts and Exchanges record sale is still going strong with new acquisitions every couple of weeks. The selection is quite varied, reflecting the Wilson Library's collection. Each disc is still only 50¢, so come and browse. Notice of new batches will be posted on the bulletin board outside the staff room.

SERIALS WANTED

Do both Graham Elliston and the Editor of the Bulletin a Christmas favour and supply some of the following to complete the Library's holdings:

- CANADIAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. 1974, no. 1.
- CANADIAN LITERATURE. Any issues, especially recent ones.
- CANADIAN MUSIC EDUCATOR. vol. 16, no. 2 (Winter 1974)
- ENGLISH QUARTERLY (Waterloo, Ontario) vol. 3, no. 4 (Winter 1970), vol. 5, no. 3 (Fall 1972), vol. 7, no. 3 (Fall 1974)
- INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL (Toronto) vol. 28, no. 3 (1973)
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE. vol. 146, no. 3, Sept. 1974; vol. 147, no. 3, 5-6, March. May-June 1975.
- PRISM INTERNATIONAL (Vancouver) Any issues, 1971-1974.
- QUEEN'S QUARTERLY. vol. 77, no. 1 (1970).
- QUEST, CANADA'S FIRST MAGAZINE FOR MEN. Any issues, 1972-1974.
- SOLEIL DE COLOMBIA (Vancouver) vol. 6, no. 51 (April 26, 1974).
- WESTERN LIVING (later, WESTERN LIVING AND VANCOUVER LIFE) vol. 1, no. 6 (1971)

UPWARD MOBILITY

The following recruitment notices have been received recently by the Library. For more complete job descriptions and contact addresses, see the publications shelf, I & O Division.

- INDIANA University, South Bend. Acquisitions Librarian. (Notice dated November 1975)
- DUKE University, Durham, North Carolina. Head, Public Documents Dept. (Deadline, January 31, 1976)

RESIGNATIONS

P. Singer	L.A. I	Woodward Library
D. Miller	L.A. IV	Acquisitions Division
H. Gale	L.A. II	Music Library
B. Caron	L.A. I	Circulation Division
J. Jahringer	L.A. II	Circulation Division
J. Gegenberg	L.A. II	L.C. Cataloguing



A plushy Christmas and a flushy New Year to us all.