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LIBRARIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Librarian's Annual Report for 1975/76 has been printed and will be presented to Senate in mid-February. Once again it's a suspenseful tale of survival out on a limb. The Library managed to hang on, the Report states, with "a wrenching mid-year reallocation of resources", but our institutional knuckles - to stretch a platitude beyond its real strength and worth - are getting desperately white. Costs continue to rise, space for expansion is disappearing, and "indications [are] that society and government have concluded that the amounts invested in post-secondary education should be levelled off if not decreased."

In a chapter on "Collections", the "severe economy measures" (unfilled positions, curtailed ordering, cancelled subscriptions) which enabled the Library to narrowly avoid unbearable financial embarrassment, are described. This chapter also notes the acquisition of several distinguished special collections.

A chapter on "Space" bemoans delays in starting construction of the new processing building and in finishing the Asian Studies Centre, both of which projects will free much needed Main Library shelfroom. Crowding in various branches is detailed and storage procedures and plans are outlined.

The chapter on "Services" rationalizes some falling statistics, discusses interlibrary loan fees (which were instituted during the period covered by the report), and briefly analyzes use of the Library by non-UBC people.

One last chapter, "The Future: Some Possibilities", summarizes thus:

> ...the danger exists that as the University's ability to maintain the existing library system, let alone expand it, is curtailed, retrenchment could seriously affect the Library's ability to serve U.B.C.'s students and faculty. As part of such retrenchment, the Library could become isolated within the community of libraries in the province and in Canada, as it attempted to deal with its first priorities at the expense of extra-mural service and interlibrary cooperation. What is called for in this situation is the increased participation of provincial and federal governments in the creation of library networks which, through the use of computer-based records and improved communications systems, through support for the interlibrary sharing process, and through support for resource collections, would make the most effective use of the totality of libraries. U.B.C. Library would be a central component in any combination of provincial and national networks, and is ready to participate, whether in planning or implementation.

Eight appendices - statistics and lists - complete the report.

DATA LIBRARY MOVE

The Data Library, UBC's sterling collection of machine-readable quantitative data files, has moved from Room 447A to Room 206 of the recently re-named Computing Sciences Building (formerly Civil Engineering). At the wild party which raged from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on opening day, January 24th, Laine Ruus, Data Librarian, was heard to say she's pleased as punch by the relocation.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REHABILITATION

A new project is underway, involving the Bibliography, Circulation, Acquisitions, and L.C. Cataloguing Divisions. Called bibliographical rehabilitation - or, alternately, rehabilitative bibliography - the project aims to replace volumes which have gone missing from the Main Stacks. Currently, missing books are not re-ordered in any systematic way.

Money for the new programme will come from two funds within the regular collections budget, and from a special stash, the Mark Collins Fund...the Collins Fund will provide between $23,000 and $30,000 a year for the next five years.

Dorothy Shields, Bibliographer, will initiate procedures on a trial basis in the area of Canadiana. Recommendations of titles for replacement are welcome.

LOCAL TALENT BROADSIDES

The first of the Local Talent Broadsides - poem by Robert Bringhurst, drawing by Michael Bullock, both faculty members in the Creative Writing Department - was posted around campus about two weeks ago. By now, most copies have disappeared; this is taken to indicate at least a certain success for the project.

The series of five broadsides is being produced by a group of Library staff, using the old flat-bed press in the Library School. About 50 copies of number one were printed (on newsprint...after some available heavy-weight paper proved unmanageable; for future broadsides, the group intends to use a medium-weight book paper).

The next in the series - poem by Margaret Murdoch, student, and visual art by Bianca Barnes, Library graphic artist - should be ready in a week or two.

NEW FILING RULE

In order to appease the computers, the DCF '77 and In-Process Lists will adopt the following curious filing rule: Entries which contain roman numerals will file alphabetically with the roman numeral being taken as a letter, e.g. - Edward Hicks, Edward II, Edward IV, Edward the seventh, Edward Thomas, Edward VII, Edward Weston, Edward X.

DECEMBER DESUPERIMPOSITIONS

Desuperimposition is the shifting of catalogue cards from one alphabetical slot to another, according to new headings established by the Library of Congress. This is an ongoing project. December's changes were:

ALBERTA. UNIVERSITY, EDMONTON. to.....UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA.
ALBERTA. UNIVERSITY, EDMONTON. BOREAL INSTITUTE.....BOREAL INSTITUTE FOR NORTHERN STUDIES.
CANADA. ARCHIVES.....PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CANADA.
OTTAWA. NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA.....NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA.
COAL.....NEWCASTLE.
WINDSOR, ONT. UNIVERSITY.....UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR.

LOAN POLICY REVIEW

In the next two months, a special Library committee will be reviewing the successes and/or failures of the new loan policy. New rules were instituted, on a trial basis, in January 1976.

The committee, chaired by Ture Erickson, Sedgewick Head, aims to present a report to the University Librarian by the end of March, in time for April's University Senate meeting. At that meeting, presumably, a decision will be made on whether or not to continue the new policy.

The Library committee intends to compare various before-and-after statistics, and to determine the acceptability of the new regulations to staff, students, and faculty. An official survey of staff directly involved in administering the new rules will be conducted soon; others wishing to submit opinions should do so, in writing, to Ture Erickson, before the end of February.

Marcel Schwob, during dinner at Jules Renard's in January 1892, said: "Daudet told us this. He was having dinner at Victor Hugo's. The great poet of course presided, but in isolation, at one end of the table. He was almost deaf, and no one spoke to him, the guests gradually drawing away, toward youth, toward Jeanne and Georges [his adult grandchildren]. He had been practically forgotten, when suddenly, at the end of the meal, the voice of the great man with the bristling beard was heard - a deep voice, coming from afar: "I didn't get any cake!"

from The Journal of Jules Renard, edited and translated by Louise Bogan & Elizabeth Roget.

THE ACADEMIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF U.B.C.

There are various organizations at UBC whose concern is the status of particular groups of women: the UBC Women's Committee is a student organization, recently reinstated in SUB after some difficulties; and an AUCE committee, representing women clerical, library, and secretarial staff, was formed during the past year. A group which complements these came into existence last fall - the Academic Women's Association of U.B.C. The impetus for the formation of the Association came from a small group of teaching faculty, but membership is open to all other women on campus whose function is "academic". The purposes of the Association are:

(a) to foster collegiality among academic women;
(b) to encourage and promote equal opportunities for women to participate fully in all aspects of university affairs;
(c) to provide a forum for discussion on matters that affect women at the university;
(d) to initiate any inquiry, study, or action as shall be decided upon by the Association.

One good result of the formation of the Association has been simply to bring together the small number of women faculty members (about 300 in a total of 1800) who are sparsely scattered around the campus, and who, up to now, have been unaware of the existence of many of their women colleagues. The Association is making it possible for women to share their academic expertise and also to identify job-related problems common to all.

Several committees have been set up to deal with specific areas of concern. One of these is investigating the situation of part-time and sessional faculty members and looking at ways to improve their status. Another committee is working on problems relating to pensions, and a third has been set up to deal with ways to involve more women in the decision-making machinery of the university. The question of how to tackle problems connected with promotion and tenure is still being pondered. The Association is also trying to collect all the information it can (reports, statistics, studies, etc.) on the status of all women - students and staff as well as faculty - at UBC.

Three meetings are planned for the spring term. On January 25th, a discussion on the Report of the President's Ad Hoc Committee on Salary Differentials of Faculty Men and Women was led by two members of the Committee, Margaret Prang (History) and Penny Gouldstone (Education). On February 28th, Avis Rosenberg (Arts One) will talk about women in art, and on March 23rd, Beverley Green (Botany) will discuss new developments in cell biology.

The Association now has 82 members but is anxious to recruit more. The membership fee is $5 per year, and should be sent to Beverley Green in the Botany Department. For more information, contact Joan Sandilands in I & O.

RECENTLY READ AND RECOMMENDED

Louise Pinard, LC Cataloguing: KOVIC, Ron. Born on the Fourth of July. 1976. (Autobiography) On Order.

Joye Volker, I & O: THEROUX, Paul. The Great Railway Bazaar: By Train through Asia. 1975. (Travel) DS 10. T43. 1975. Main & Sedgewick.

Bruno Pruno, I & O: ALTA. Momma: A Start On All The Untold Stories. 1974. (Life) In Process.
KONRAD, George. The Case Worker. 1974. (Fiction) PH 3281. K7558. L3. 1974. Main.
TRETIAKOV, Sergei. Chinese Testament: The Autobiography of Tan Shih-hua. 1934. ("Bio-interview") DS 721. T72. Main.

FAMOUS FIRST LINES

Figure out what book the following first line comes from. Get the answer onto M. Kasper's mail shelf (Main Library - I & O Division) by 3:00 p.m. tomorrow (Feb. 1). All answers will be collected, then, and the contest winner will be determined by a blind draw. Winner gets a free paperback of her or his choice from Gifts & Exchange.

If you really want to hear about it, the first thing you'll probably want to know is where I was born, and what my lousy childhood was like, and how my parents were occupied, and all before they had me, and all that David Copperfield kind of crap, but I don't feel like going into it, if you want to know the truth.

Last issue's quotation was from ORLANDO, by Virginia Woolf.

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HELP WANTED

A donor in Rosedale, a man over 80 years old, has several boxes of books (on communism) which he has given to our Special Collections Division. If any BULLETIN reader happens to be going to Rosedale and would be willing, able, and interested in picking up and delivering the books, we would like to hear from you. Contact either Anne Yandle, Special Collections (4879) or Graham Elliston, Gifts & Exchanges (2304 or 2607).

CAMPUS MAIL

From the office of the vice president of administrative services of the university, this note: "With the retirement of Jack Hunter, Director of Campus Mail, from the University January 31, 19[illegible], the Campus Mail function will thereafter be under the direction of Mr. Sid Potter, Director of Purchasing."

WORDS

Dr. Gregg, head of the University's Linguistics Department, is preparing a new edition of the Dictionary of Canadian English. Anyone with hot verbal tips should see Bert Hamilton, Bibliography, who will pass them on to Dr. Gregg. Bert has available a copy of the old edition; Library copies are hard to find...most have disappeared.

CONTINUING EDUCATION IN LIBRARIANSHIP

Workshop #3: Audio-Visual Materials - Bibliographic Control, Evaluation, Processing, Storage, and Distribution. Friday and Saturday, February 25th and 26th; McPhee Conference Centre, Henry Angus Building, UBC. Fee: $20; information: Centre for Continuing Education, 228-2181, local 212 or 253.

UPWARD MOBILITY

The following job recruitment notices have been received recently by the Library. For details, contact M. Kasper, I & O Division.

COLORADO STATE University (Fort Collins). Circulation Librarian. (Deadline: February 25)
DUKE University (Durham, North Carolina). Catalog Librarian. (Deadline: March 11)
INDIANA University (Bloomington). Lilly Librarian. (Deadline: February 15)
University of NOTRE DAME (Indiana). Business Manager. (Notice dated: January 10)
State University of NEW YORK at ALBANY. Head, Reference Services. (Deadline: February 4)
QUEEN'S University (Kingston, Ont.). Chief Librarian. (Beginning: July, 1977)

WANTED

The following items are needed to complete the library's holdings:

AMERICAN BIOLOGY TEACHER. vol.37 no.5 (May 1975)
CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. INFORMATION SERVICES SECTION. NEWSLETTER. vol.1 no.3-4; vol.2 no.3-4; vol.3 no.4
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK. MONTHLY REVIEW. vol.58 no.2 (Feb. 1976)
FOCUS ON GUIDANCE. vol.8 no.9 (April 1976)
HIGH FIDELITY/MUSICAL AMERICA. vol.25 no.2 (1975)
MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN. vol.41 no.2 (1975)
NATION. (N.Y.) vol.222 no.4 (1976)
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL. vol.22 no.6 (Feb. 1976)
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. vol.234 no.1 (Jan.1976); vol.235 no.2,5 (Aug.,Nov. 1976)
SOLEIL DE COLOMBIE. vol.6 no.51 (April 26, 1974)
WESTERN LIVING. vol.1, no.6 (1971)

If you can supply any of these, please telephone Graham Elliston, local 2304.