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Farewells and New appointments

Freda Bailey took early retirement in October. Freda joined the Library in 1965. At the time of her retirement, she was Deputy Head of the Catalogue Records Division and Co-ordinator of the Canadian Cataloguing-in-Publication Program for Western Canada. All her friends and colleagues wish Freda well in her retirement, and know that she will be active with many outside interests. She will be missed by all of us, who valued her expertise and judgment.

Tania Gorn resigned from the ILL Division in October to launch her own information service, IBIS (Information and Research Services). Prior to her UBC Library appointment in 1981, Tania was the ILL Librarian at McGill University Library. "As soon as she hit town, Tania attended all the database training sessions she could find," writes ILL Division Head Margaret Friesen. "Her timing was perfect. She began working in ILL, just as the division was getting ready to launch itself into the online age. She gradually trained ILL personnel in the use of databases for searching, kept us up-to-date with new developments and transformed our thinking from a manual to an online mode. We wish her every success as an entrepreneur."

In October, Patrick Dunn rejoined the ILL Division, where he once worked as a Library School student. Patrick attended the UBC Library School, where he completed a joint program in Librarianship and Education. In 1976 he joined the Library as a Reference Librarian in Curriculum Lab. In addition to his reference duties, Patrick taught a number of courses in the School of Librarianship, as well as in Salmon Arm and Terrace.

New librarians appointed to the Library staff in August include Martha Whitehead and Donna Hedges. Martha is half-time in the Circulation Division of the Main Library and half-time Extension Librarian in Sedgewick. She assists Mary Banham in operating the Main Loan Desk in the mornings, and provides extension library services to off-campus students in the afternoons. A 1985 graduate of the UBC Library School, Martha will be familiar to many Library staff. She worked in a number of different capacities in the Library, including several years in Circulation. Donna replaces Jocelyn Foster, who is on leave-of-absence until the end of June 1986. Donna takes part in the activities of the Information and Orientation Division, with special responsibility for the bulletin, feedback and displays. Donna, who also graduated from the UBC Library School this spring, has had previous experience in journalism and the field of communications.

Marjorie Nelles was appointed the new half-time Reference Librarian in the MacMillan Library October 1. Marjorie obtained her BSc in Biological Sciences from SFU and her MLS from UBC. She was a librarian for the Cancer Control Agency of B.C. and for the B.C. Medical Library Service, and a library consultant for the Children's Hospital Oncology Family Library. She also worked as a cataloguer, reference assistant and indexer for the Vancouver Research Station Library of Agriculture, and as an Academic Assistant in MacMillan Library while obtaining her MLS.

Flo Tang

Co-workers and friends in Catalogue Records were saddened to learn of the death of Flo Tang on November 19, 1985, following a long illness. Flo has been with the Library since 1977, working as a member of the RECON unit and later in the Biosciences Unit. Many staff who had worked with Flo attended the funeral service November 22. Flo was a member of the Foursquare Gospel Church, to which a donation was made in her name by staff in LPC.



Staff Moves

Promotions

Maureen Martens, from LA2 to LA3 Cat. Records (temporary)
Teresa Komori, from LA1 to LA2 Curric. Lab
Lynn Jenkinson, from LA1 Curric. Lab to LA2 Woodward
Heidi Dysarz, from LA2 Serials to LA3 Woodward
Leslie McAuley, from LA1 to LA2 Fine Arts
Catherine McGann, from Sec 1 to Sec 2 Admin.
Judy Lee, from LA3 to LA4 Cat. Records
Caroline Brown, from LA3 to LA4 Sedgewick
Maureen Adams, from LA2 to LA3 Sedgewick
Anders Ouroms from LA1 Curric. Lab to LA2 ILL
Cathalina Chow, from LA2 to LA3 Cat. Records
Maureen Sturgess, from Clerk2 Acquis. to LA3 Cat. Records
Koji Okada, from LA2 Gov't Pubns to LA3 Asian Studies
Judy Wright, from LA3 to LA4 Circ.
Jan Johnson, from Sec.1 Admin to LA2 HSSD
William Chan, LA1 Circ. to Clerk2 Admin.
Suzanne Rouleau, LA1, from Sedgewick (p/t) to Circ. (f/t)
Pauline Willems, from LA1 to LA2 Cat. Products

Transfers

Sharon Yee, LA2, from Cat. Prod. to Cat. Records
Andrea Burbridge, LA1, from Woodward to Hamber
Joo Sim, LA3, from Cat. Records to Crane
Winnie Ng, LA3, from Woodward to Cat. Records
Sue Zigiotti, Sec.2, from Admin. to Systems
Gordon Bookey, LA2, from Acquis. to Serials
Nadine Oliver, LA3, from Serials to St. Paul's
Barbara Butzelaar, LA2, from Serials to Sedgewick
Jo Carney, LA3, from St. Paul's to Circ.
Darrell Short, LA2, from Cat. Products to Clerk2 Film
Jocelyn Bugden, LA1, from Fine Arts to Sedgewick
Cathaleen Finnegan, LA1, from Law to Spec. Coll.
Kathryne Lebold, LA2, from Woodward to Sedgewick
Lorraine Jang, LA2, from ILL to Gov't Pubns
Shirley Jang, LA2 from Gov't Pubns to Serials
Trevor Turnacliffe, LA1, from Sedgewick to Fine Arts
Margaret Bayley, LA1, from Curric. Lab to Woodward
Teresa Pryce, LA1, from Cat. Records to Spec. Coll.

Hellos

Elizabeth Stokes, LA1 MacMillan
Colin Banyard, LA1 Circ.
Cecilia Hynes, Clerk2 Crane (half-time)
Diana Gardiner, Clerk2 Crane (half-time)
Clay Dixon, Intermed. Techn4 Crane
Elizabeth Catsburg, LA1 Circ.
Eileen Lim, LA1 Circ.
Joan Campbell, Sec3 Woodward
Inga Ngkwist, Clerk2 Acq.
Sharon Goddard, LA1 Circ.
Russell Thornton, LA1 Circ.
Ron Turner, LA1 Circ.
Laurie Vranka, LA1 Curric. Lab
Doug Ferris, LA1 Curric. Lab
Scott Mackenzie, LA1 Fine Arts (part-time)
Louise Morris, LA1 Fine Arts (part-time)
Dean Nicholson, LA1 Law (session)
Donna Mackenzie, LA1 Woodward (session)
Kathleen Douse, LA1 Woodward (part-time)
Patrick Hamill, Clerk2 Acq.
Aviva Gempel, Sec1 Admin.

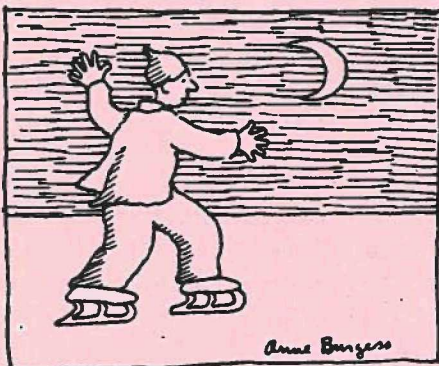
Hellos (Temporary)

David Hart, Asst. Techn.1 Crane
Todd Mundle, LA1 Curric. Lab
Wendy Varner, LA3 Fine Arts (part-time)
Kathy Odgers, LA1 Sedgewick
Christina Robertson, LA1 Law



Goodbyes

Zoe Hills, LA1 Circ.
Kevin Grace, LA3 Cat. Records
Margie Wally, LA3 Gov't Pubns
Lesley Peabody, LA1 Circ.
Wendy Lymer, LA4 Cat. Records
Alix Knighton, Sec4 Admin.
Sandra Marriage, Sec4 Admin.
Monica Densky, Clerk2 Acq.
Raymond Wong, LA1 Cat. Records
Mima Wilson, LA2 Cat. Products
Leonora Crema, LA1 Circ.
Shelley Brown, LA1 Circ.
Pat Long, Clerk2 Film
Patsi McMurchy, LA2 Fine Arts
Sheridan Murray, LA2 Gov't Pubns
Susan McNeil, LA1 Spec. Coll.
Jonathan Vogt, LA1 Woodward
Norah Schleicher, LA1 Woodward
Julie Hubbell, LA1 Woodward
Leslie Swan, LA1 Circ.
Cecilia Lee, LA3 Cat. Products (Retired)
Mary Leung, Clerk2 Acq.



Education Research Services and Computing (ERSC): Update

The Faculty of Education's ERSC offers free ERIC (Education Resources Information Center) searches, but there is one restriction. "These free searches will be done only for Education faculty and students enrolled in Education courses. Searches must be submitted on authorized ERSC Search Request Forms, said ERSC Systems Analyst Bob Bruce. Only these two groups should be referred to the centre. All other requests for ERIC searches can be referred to the librarians in the Humanities/Social Sciences Division or Curriculum Laboratory.

About 10-20 ERIC searches are run daily in batch using the ERIC database, including both Current Index to Journals (CIJE) and Resources in Education (RIE) index. The searches run on batch are done only on descriptors in ERIC. "We do not attempt to get all the articles on a subject, but try to identify key articles. The average is 50 hits, and we do not print any more than 100 items," said Dr. Bruce. "Unsuccessful searches will be altered and run again in the batch mode. Sometimes a search will require a refocus to assure the retrieval of relevant items. It is a cyclical process. Searches for other individuals (for example, teachers) are conducted for a fee of \$45, and for this we guarantee some results. We also refer users to the Main Library, where the search can be done online and interactively with the patron."

A brand new service (as of mid-November) is now offered by ERSC. Online searches of the ERIC CIJE (not RIE) and PsychINFO (Psychological Abstracts) databases are now available to Education faculty and graduate students majoring in Education. But "online" is confined by storage space from January 1983 to the most recent update. "We will be working to provide online access to earlier data when, and if, more disk space becomes available," said Dr. Bruce. ERSC searches are done by graduate students in the basement of the Scarfe Building, Room 2. For further information contact Bob Bruce at Local 5248. Currently, ERSC is in the process of setting up a policy and procedure for wider access to the online interactive retrieval system by other members of the University community.



UBC sets up Scholarship

The UBC School of Library, Archival and Information Studies Alumni Division has established a scholarship in honour of Margaret Burke, the school's long-time admissions and placement co-ordinator. Mrs. Burke, who will retire in 1986, is a past president of BCLA and a former editor of the BCLA Reporter. Donations to the scholarship can be sent to the UBC Alumni Association, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver V6T 1X8, marked "Margaret Burke Scholarship". - Reprinted from Feliciter, Vol.31, No. 10 (October 1985).



Study Leave at the Bodleian

Study leaves are rarely taken from UBC Library, but are a worthwhile experience, according to Karen Olcen, Curriculum/A/V Librarian (Catalogue Records), back fresh from her volunteer work at the Bodleian Library in Oxford. On leave without pay from November '84 to November '85, Karen felt she gained both historical and international perspectives on the library, perspectives you just don't find in Canadian libraries for the most part. The study leave was arranged after discussions with Anne Yandle led to Karen working in the Photographs area of the Bodleian with former Special Collections' employee Linda Sutherland.

Karen worked with glass-plate negatives, photographs, a slide collection and taught AACR2. Since 1985 was the 150th anniversary of the invention of photography, there was a great deal of interest in photographs. Karen worked on photographs by Julia Margaret Cameron, a friend of the poet Tennyson and, by Roger Fenton, Crimean war photographer. What was particularly interesting about the Fenton collection was that the glass negatives, measuring 18 inches by 12 inches, were actually transported to the field of war. She also worked with the Henry Minn collection. Minn was an Oxford photographer, who did landscape and portrait photography. His photographs of the natural disasters in Oxfordshire make this collection historically significant. Karen was involved in cleaning, sorting, labelling, and storing these glass plate negatives. She also set up a database for the teaching slide collection and catalogued about 2000 of the 5000 slides.

Her stay coincided with a study of environmental conditions in the bookstacks of the Bodleian Library. The Curators have decided to install a new environmental control system for below-ground floors (60 of Library storage) at a cost of half million pounds.

Karen lived in Upper Wolvercote, a late Edwardian village in North Oxford with a population of 200, two and one-half miles from the city centre. Oxford's historic centre in a six-block area was entirely rebuilt in the 1960's, but the environs is still Victorian England.



Goodbye to Telex

The Library is giving up its telex service at the end of 1985. Several electronic communication systems are available that provide alternatives to telex. The Interlibrary Loan Division has used the electronic mail systems for years and finds them competitive in price, easy to learn, and superior in speed of transmission to telex.

Electronic Mail:

ENVOY 100: Both the University and the Library have installed the system. Current users are primarily Canadian but expansion is underway. See TEXTRAN and ENVOY 100 International. Margaret Friesen and Pete Edgar administer the Library's ENVOY organization (signing on users, troubleshooting, etc). Olga Duncan, Physical Plant, administers the University's ENVOY organization.

ONTYME: The Library has three ID's (mailboxes): ILL- Main, ILL- Woodward, and Acquisitions. Users are primarily American.

Value added services:

TEXTRAN: Allows ENVOY users to send messages from an ENVOY ID to a telex, TWX, etc. user in Canada, U.S., overseas, and vice versa.

ENVOY 100 International: Allows an ENVOY user to send a message to US TWX or US Telex or overseas to a Telex user. A two-way interconnection will be possible when GTE Telemail is announced.

ENVOYPOST: Allows an ENVOY user to send a "telegram" to any address in Canada or the U.S.

Rare Japanese Map Collection

A new catalogue is being prepared for the George H. Beans collection of Japanese maps of the Tokugawa period (1600-1837) in Special Collections. This is the best collection outside Japan of maps of this period. It was purchased in 1964 with aid from the Friends of the Library, from George H. Beans, President of the Philadelphia Seed Company. The "collection includes a large number of sheet maps, several scrolls, some screens, Fukanzus (birds-eye views' of landscapes), many 'atlases' and geographies....The period covered by the collection reveals a change in cartographic style from the artistic 'birds eye view' to the utilitarian scientific cartography of the West. Printing methods, too, change from crude black and white wood block prints, through sophisticated, highly detailed, multicoloured prints to copper-plate engravings. The Buddhist view of the world with a large China at the centre and the rest of the world around its periphery gives way to the Mercator's projection which depicts the world according to scientific rather than religious principles." ¹

This summer, with the aid of a Japan Foundation grant, Profesor Kazutaka Unno was invited to authenticate and re-catalogue the collection. Professor Unno, Professor Emeritus of the University of Osaka and currently a professor at Meijo College in Osaka, is a noted geographer and one of the foremost authorities on early Japanese and Chinese cartography. Professor Unno compared the maps with Beans' lists, and revised and updated the descriptive information. A graduate student, funded by the Canadian Society for Asian Arts, is now entering this information into a database to produce a new catalogue. It is hoped eventually that the collection will be listed on DRS.

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Woodward, Frances, Cartographic Collections at the University of British Columbia Library," Archivaria 13, (Winter 1982) : 102.

Special Collections: Pamphlet File

The Special Collections' permanent pamphlet file is listed in a card file. Pamphlets added to the collection since summer 1985 are being catalogued directly into the DRS file. However, the number of pamphlets in this file is still small.



Workshop on Instruction in Library use

The 15th Annual Workshop On Instruction in Library Use is to be held in Montreal, at John Abbott College, on May 14-16, 1986. Its theme is "Connections: Linking the Library Instruction Network." Sessions will feature ways of connecting library instruction with faculty, teachers, administrators, students and support services. Both teaching techniques and learning styles will be highlighted in a number of presentations. Other sessions will include teaching copyright use, using evaluations to develop or redevelop an instruction program, and accessing services of in-house faculty development departments. For further information contact Judith Stonehewer, Workshop Co-Ordinator, Library, Snowdon Campus, Vanier College, 5170 Decarie Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, H3X 2H9.



Festive Reading by Robertson Davies

An appreciative audience crowded into Buchanan 106 to hear Robertson Davies read from his two newest books, What's Bred in the Bone and The Papers of Samuel Marchbanks on Monday, November 25. Mr. Davies took immediate charge of the reading. He appears the proper Edwardian gentleman with his carefully controlled manner, emphatic gestures, and shock of white hair and flowing beard. The audience warmed to the reading of What's Bred in the Bone, but The Papers drew the greatest response. Irwin Publishers has issued The Papers in a fat, solid volume with a ribbon in it. (That's Bible stuff," Davies chuckles). The Papers contains most of The Diary and The Table Talk, and is a reworking of the Almanack materials published in 1967. These materials were culled in large part from the columns of Marchbanks in the Peterborough Examiner, which Mr. Davies edited and published for 26 years. The correspondence and diary form allow him to introduce new characters with such ridiculous names as Minerva Hawser, Amyas Pilgarlic, Esquire and Dr. Raymond Cataplastm. In the spirit of the festive season, some of the finer examples of the Marchbanks' wit is reprinted below:

.Sunday.

A small girl of my acquaintance sang me a Christmas carol which she had learned at school. It was the familiar one which begins:

Good King Wenceslas looked out

On the Feast of Stephen-

and I expressed my appreciation of her performance warmly. This was a mistake on my part, for she began to cross-examine me about the words. Why was Stephen feasting outside in the snow? If Stephen had enough food for a feast why didn't he give some of it to the poor man who was gathering winter fuel, instead of leaving it all to King Wenceslas? I tried to explain that a Feast did not really mean a feast, and that Stephen was not really there, but I saw disbelief and scorn rising in her eyes. No wonder children think that all adults are crazy.

.Monday.

Woke this morning with a sense of sick shock, realizing that Christmas is near at hand and I have not done any shopping. Worried about this until at last I rushed out and made a tour of the shops, and was depressed to find how much stuff there was for sale which I would not give to a relative, let alone a friend.... There stole into my mind Coleridge's poignant lines:

Ah, God! It is fell Christmas-tide

So to the shops I hie;

And my shopping-list, like the Albatross,

About my neck doth lie.

This was to be included in The Rime of the Ancient Mariner but was dropped to please Wordsworth, who secretly held shares in a large toy-shop and was afraid it might hurt business.



.To Miss Minerva Hawser.

Dear Miss Hawser:

Thank you for your letter; if you really want my old Christmas cards, you can have them; your idea of cutting them up into bits and distributing them for use as confetti at the weddings of the Underprivileged seems to me to be an excellent one, and an accurate reflection of your kindly and ingenious nature. My cards may be a disappointment to you...

[Marchbanks concludes the letter with a description of the various classes of cards, which include ghastly good taste, art drearies, stark realism, Canadian art, phoney Mediaeval, and the unspeakables. See The Papers for details.]

