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Library Prepares for Tough Budget

With the prospect of small or no university budget increases from the provincial government over the next few years, the Library has started to prepare for a very tight 1993/94 budget. Effective immediately, there is a freeze on hiring in the Library until further notice. In cases where vacant positions are considered essential, the Library will attempt to fill these jobs through internal reassignments.

The Library Administration has asked all Branch and Division heads to provide information on how they could reduce their budget allocations by 5%, 10%, and 15% and to describe what the consequences of such budget reductions would be for their areas. This information is required by the beginning of February to assist the Senate Budget Committee in a review of the Library's budget.

One of the main objectives of the Services Review was to identify 6% of the Library's budget for reallocation over two years. Many of the recommendations submitted to the Library Planning and Management Council (LPMC) in December have the potential to originate savings and/or revenue. However, they did not identify any immediate cost savings.

For more information on the budget review, all staff are invited to attend an update session on Thursday, February 11th, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Room 835 in Main Library.

Services Review Update

During three days of meetings in December, the Library Planning and Management Council reviewed over two hundred recommendations of the Services Review Task Groups. Most of the recommendations of the Task Groups were accepted in principle.

The LPMC grouped the accepted recommendations into major categories and assigned them to four implementation planning teams:

- LPC reorganization
  Co-chairs: Nadine Baldwin, Nick Omelusik
- Core services/user categories/fees for service
  Co-chairs: Johann van Reenen, Julie Stevens
- Access services, focusing on document delivery
  Co-chairs: Heather Keate, Margaret Friesen
- Service points reorganization
  Co-chairs: Howard Hurt, Bonita Stableford

By the end of January, the implementation planning teams have been asked to (1) organize a complete implementation planning team; (2) prepare an implementation plan which will identify tasks, priorities, strategies, outstanding issues and scheduling; and (3) prepare a brief report summarizing the project scope. This information will be distributed to all staff. Watch for more background material in the coming weeks.

Five Positions Lost in 1992/93 Budget

Budget increases for all units on campus were scarce this year because of the University's increasingly difficult financial position. The Library was fortunate to receive $142,000 in continuing funds for the Collections budget and $150,000 (one-time only) for the second phase of the Library Automation Project. The $142,000 increase for Collections is designated as follows:

New Programs (1.5%)	$94,000
Foreign Exchange (0.85%)	$48,000
TOTAL:	**$142,000**

There was no increase for inflation this year for any of the University's departments supported from the Operating Budget. Inflation still exists, of course, and is taking its toll of our meagre budget for supplies and equipment as well as wreaking havoc on the Collections part of the budget.

Salary increases negotiated in 1991/92 resulted in increases in excess of the University's budget for that purpose. To cover the extra costs, reallocations were made within the existing budget. The Library's portion was $310,000. This amount came from five vacant positions and their associated benefits (15%):

- Head, Biomedical Branch Library
- Coordinator, Health Sciences Network
- Head, Information & Orientation Division
- Head, Catalogue Records Division
- Library Assistant 2, Social Work Library

Because the salary increases are continuing costs, these positions are gone permanently.

We have had to budget our operating funds very closely this year, and take advantage of every small saving, even from positions vacant for only a short time. General supply and expense costs (the annual supply orders) are up substantially. There have been large expenditures associated with relocating the Data Library in its new quarters in Main and the Information & Orientation staff in Sedgewick. Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing the budget and the equipment "Want lists" to see what we can acquire before the end of the fiscal year.

Update on Serial Cancellations

Over the past few months, branches and divisions have been identifying lists of serial titles that may have to be cancelled. The titles are being separated into two categories by priority — titles in the first category would be the first to be cancelled to the extent necessary. Consultation with faculty has started in most subject areas.

The Canadian dollar seems to have stabilized against the US dollar at about $0.78, down from about $0.84 in the summer. The British pound has come down from CDN $2.40 at its peak in September to less than CDN $2.00 at present.

So far as one can predict, with two to three months of serial invoices still to come, the picture seems a bit less gloomy than it did earlier in the fall. In April, after the end of the fiscal year, we will have a better idea of how many cancellations will be necessary.

The Senate Library Committee has devoted its last three meetings to discussing the serials crisis. Letters from various individuals and groups on campus expressing deep concern about the serial cancellations have been forwarded to the Committee. At the last meeting on January 12th, the Committee asked the Library Administration to provide information showing the consequences of using the staff budget to offset, in part, the collections shortfall.

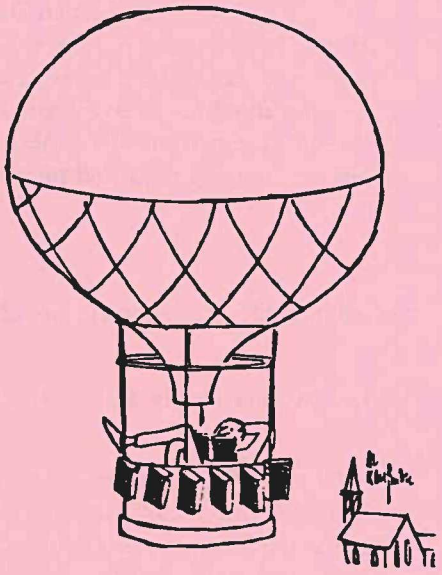
Organizational Update

Information & Orientation Decentralizes

Last fall, the services provided by the Information & Orientation Division were decentralized. Sheryl Adam now works in Sedgewick Library full-time and Brenda Peterson works part-time in Main (mornings) and Sedgewick (afternoons). Margaret Friesen has assumed responsibility for the Information Desk and related services. Pauline Willems is coordinating the Information Desk schedule. Julie Stevens continues to administer Graphics and other former I&O activities (user publications, tours, training, etc.).

Social Work Outreach Office in New Quarters

On December 14th the School of Social Work moved into a new building located opposite the Ponderosa Cafeteria at 2080 West Mall. The Library's Outreach Office is in Room 203 which is connected with the Reading Room, Computing Laboratory, Computer Reference Area and Audio-Visual Unit. Beverley Scott, the Social Work Outreach Librarian, works in the Outreach Office Monday and Tuesday, and in the Humanities & Social Sciences Division on Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, please call Beverley (2-2242 or 2-5923).



Data Library Moves to Main

Well, it took nearly four days to get the Data Library moved but all went well, and they are happily installed in their new location in the south wing of Main Library. All staff are invited to come by and see Data's latest abode.

Circulation Merger Planned

A task group has been formed to plan the integration of the Fine Arts Library Circulation with the Main Library Circulation Division. Co-chaired by Hans Burndorfer and Leonora Crema, the task group will review all aspects of the circulation services in Fine Arts including reserve, copying, and shelving as well as staffing and changes needed for Systems and structural renovations.

The integration is part of preparation for the Phase I building. Fine Arts reference and processing will remain as separate operations, much like HSSD and Science & Engineering. The reorganization will begin at the end of April.

Library Enriched by Two Grants

The Library has been awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant of $5,800 to purchase the first two microfiche units of the Opie Collection of Children's Literature. This collection, housed in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, comprises 20,000 children's books of the past 400 years. UMI Press has undertaken to film the collection and reproduce the illustrations in colour. The entire collection is to be produced in thirty units and the Library will reapply for grants as the microfiche is published. The Opie Microfiche Collection will complement and greatly enrich our historical and contemporary collections of children's literature, and will be of interest to a wide variety of researchers both internal and external.

Sedgewick Library has received a grant of almost $6,000 from the *Adaptive Technology Programme* administered by the National Library of Canada. According to the terms of the grant, the Library will provide matching funds (from the Friends of the Library). The Library will purchase a closed-circuit television magnifier and a state-of-the-art reading machine, the Open Book, both to be housed at Sedgewick Library and subsequently in the Phase 1 building.

The Open Book is a product of Arkenstone, a company which develops aids for people with visual disabilities. Comprised of a scanner, computer and speech synthesis software, the Open Book reads text aloud. It is fully compatible with the Arkenstone reader at Crane Library, so text can be read and scanned at either location. Its presence at Sedgewick will double the number of hours a reading machine is available to print-disabled users. The closed-circuit television magnifier will enable people with some usable vision (the largest group of visually-disabled people) to use Sedgewick's collection on the spot.

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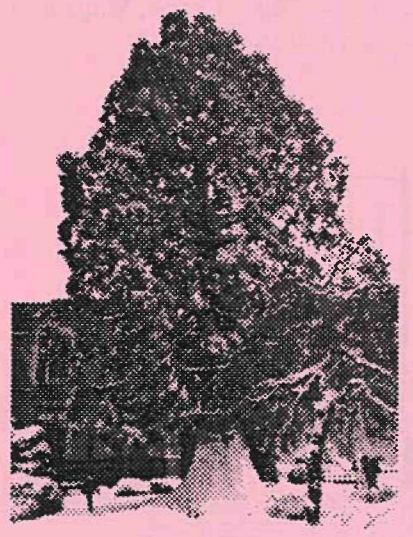
Woodward Adds Interdisciplinary CD-ROM to Collection

Health and Psychosocial Instruments CD-ROM (HaPI-CD), now available at Woodward Library, is a computerized database which provides records for finding both quantitative and qualitative health and psychosocial instruments. Included are questionnaires, checklists, coding schemes/manuals, interview forms, scenarios/vignettes, index measures, projective techniques, rating scales and tests.

Records provide information on participants' age, gender, racial and ethnic backgrounds, educational levels, geographic and cultural setting and specific characteristics or conditions targeted for study. The information is abstracted from leading journals covering health, psychosocial sciences, organizational behaviour and library and information science. By maintaining information from diverse disciplines, *HaPI-CD* gives users access to instruments about which they might otherwise be completely unaware.

Campus Landmark Remembered

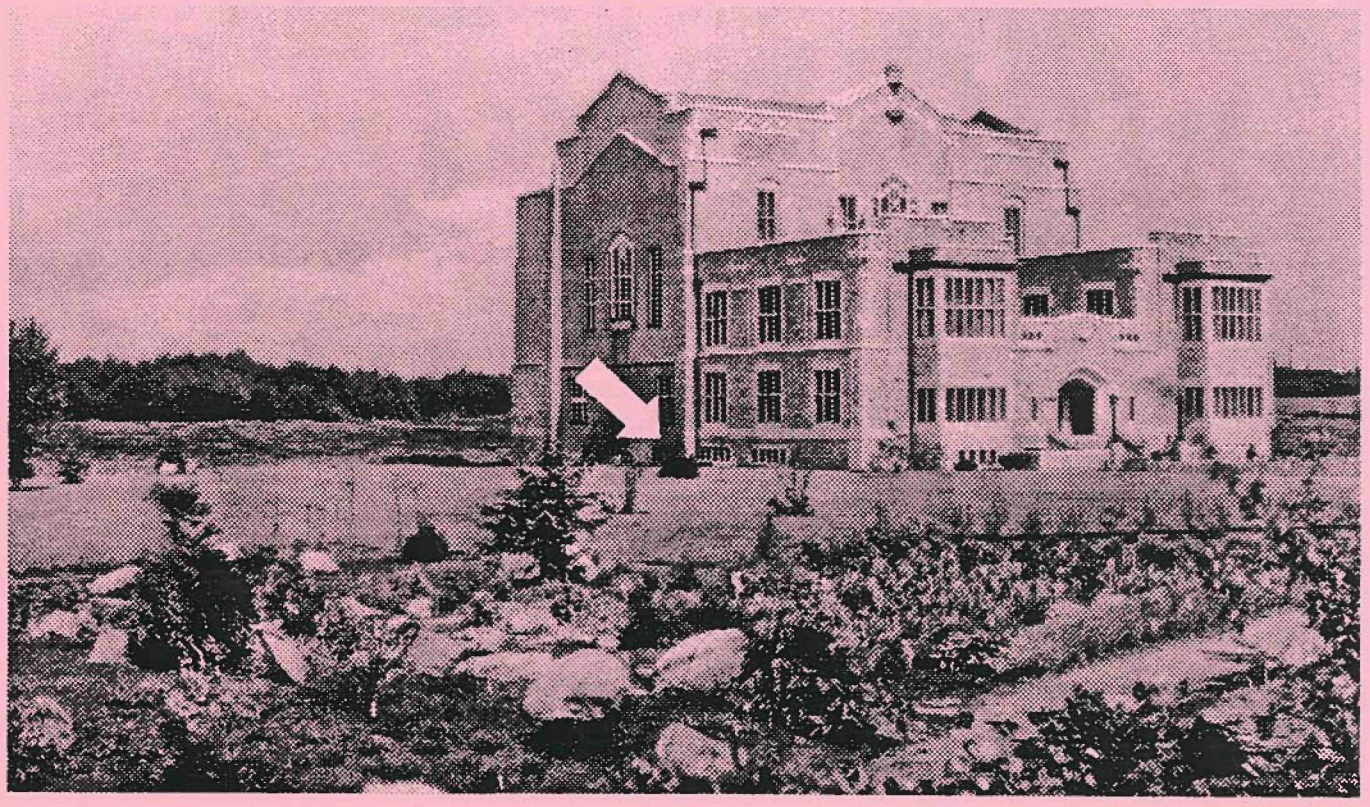
The Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) tree in front of the Main Library is gone. The tree died during the summer and was removed just before Remembrance Day in November.



The Giant Sequoia tree was grown from a cutting by Professor Frank Buck, Assistant Professor and Landscape Architect at UBC from 1920-1932. Records indicate that the cutting came from a stand of Sequoias in the Fraser Valley which were brought to B.C. by California miners (the '49ers) when they came up for the Cariboo gold rush in the 1860's.

The Giant Sequoia was planted in front of the Main Library as part of the original campus landscaping by Professor Buck. Buck's design was based on a system of triangulation and the Sequoia was planned as the pivot in the triangulation of the Library landscaping.

The University Archives has an excellent selection of photographs of the Sequoia. One of the earliest photographs shows a small pyramidal tree (the pyramid shape is one of the characteristics of the Sequoia when it is young), approximately four feet tall.



Leonard Frank photograph, early 1930's

Main Barcoding Blitz Wraps Up

The last book was barcoded in the Main Library on Monday, November 30th — more than a year ahead of schedule. Thus ends the main phase of the barcoding project, which started last spring.

The barcoding team finished barcoding the Asian Library collection on January 15th and is now preparing a report on the remaining collections not yet barcoded, including items in storage, reference, Data, Crane, Maps and Microforms. Congratulations to everyone involved in the project!

Phase I Predesign Report Approved by Board of Governors

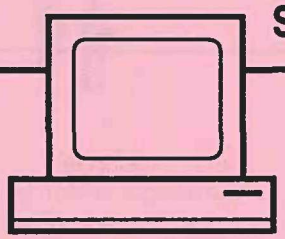
The Board of Governors passed the following resolution at its meeting on November 19th:

> *That the Central Library Phase I predesign Report Volumes 1 and 2 dated October 1992 prepared by the collaborative [sic] of Aitken Wreglesworth Associates and Arthur Erickson are hereby approved as the basis for further planning and detailed design of the project.*

Arthur Erickson, Peter Wreglesworth and Noel Best presented information from the predesign report to Library staff and the campus community at meetings on November 20th and December 3rd. A model of Phase I was on display in Sedgewick Library during December.

The architects and planners are now working on the design of the building and detailed floor plans. Campus Planning is studying how Sedgewick will operate during construction. The target date for completion of Phase I is September 1995.

SYSTEMS UPDATE



New Version of UBCLIB

After several delays, the new version of UBCLIB was implemented Tuesday, January 12th. The major change from the old version is the new merged CATALOGUE file which includes over two million records from eight files. There are also many new commands and features such as the RELATED and LIMIT commands, keyword searching in names and subjects, cross-references for names and subjects, postings (the number of hits) display in the browse lists, and records display in reverse chronological order. Response time has also improved.

All these new features are available on UBCLIB only. Staff will continue to use LDMS for processing tasks, the Message system and to access a few files not yet available on UBCLIB. Staff need to be aware of the differences between UBCLIB and LDMS and often may need to use both systems simultaneously. For more information on the new version of UBCLIB, please see Technical Notes 33 and 36. There's a comparison chart for LDMS and UBCLIB in the QUICKINFORMATION file (search under the term 'LDMS'). Also, watch for updated information on the Message system Technotes Bulletin Board.

Use Print/Download Stations to Print CD-ROM Searches

A new version of the print/download station software was installed at the end of December. The stations can now be used to:

- print or download a UBCLIB search
- print searches downloaded from most CD-ROM databases in the Library

For new instructions, please review Technical Note 35 or see the revised handout *How to Use Print / Download Stations*.

The first print/download station in Main Library has just been installed in the concourse area. There are print/download stations in the Asian Library, Education, Woodward, Sedgewick, MacMillan and Main. More stations will be installed in other locations later in the year.

More OPAC's

Santa and his helpers were busy adding more OPAC's in several locations over the Christmas holidays. Main and Sedgewick each received nine. In all, over thirty new OPAC's will be installed over the next few months.

STAFF NEWS

Retirements

Branko Blazicevic, Library Assistant 4 in the Catalogue Records Division, retired on October 31, 1992 after more than 30 years of service. Branko started working at the UBC Library in the Special Collections Division in 1960 and moved to Catalogue Records in 1975. He will be missed by his friends and colleagues. We wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement!

Appointments

Lee Perry has been appointed Life Sciences Bibliographer in Woodward Library. Lee has a B.Sc. (Honours) in Biochemistry and M.L.S. from UBC, and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Toronto. She started working at UBC as the Medical History Librarian in Woodward Library in 1981.

Temporary Appointments

Judy Atkinson, Reference Librarian in Sedgewick Library, and **Leah Gordon**, Library Assistant 5 in Catalogue Records, will be working part-time in Systems on the Circulation Project while **Martha Whitehead** is on maternity leave. **Carol Gordon**, who has been working in the Extension Library, will replace Judy in Sedgewick.

Congratulations

Judith Thiele, Reference Librarian in Crane Library, has been awarded the Canada 125 medal for her outstanding service to the community ... **Chris Hives**, University Archivist, has been elected Chair of the Canadian Council of Archives ... **Ann Doyle**, Systems Librarian, **Lynne Redenbach**, Circulation and Extension Librarian, **David Reimer**, Fine Arts and Music Cataloguer, and **Bonita Stableford**, Head, Science and Engineering Division, have received confirmed appointments from the Board of Governors ... **Frances Woodward** presented a paper on Edo period Japanese travel maps at the Western Association of Map Libraries conference in November ... **Diana Cooper**, Fine Arts Librarian, won a Vancouver Parks Board award for her beautiful garden.

In Memoriam

Barbara Gibson, former Medical History Librarian in Woodward Library, passed away on August 30, 1992. Barbara earned her BA, BSN and BLS from UBC and was a graduate of the Montreal General Hospital School for Nurses. She served in the RCAMC as nursing sister and matron in England, Italy and Canada from 1941 to 1946. She started working in the Catalogue Division in 1963. In 1967 Barbara transferred to a teaching position in the School of Librarianship. She returned to the Library and then moved to the position of Medical History Librarian in 1972, where she worked until her retirement in 1981. We extend our condolences to her family, friends and former colleagues.

STAFF NEWS

Hellos

Mary Cheng, Clerk2, Administration

Kevin Madill, LA1, Circulation

Tim Kline, LA1, ILL

Sion Romaine, LA1, Education

Lisa Zebroff, LA1, Woodward

Brenda Rasmussen, Data Clerk2, Systems

Candace MacPherson, Clerk2, Crane

Promotions

Eleanore Wellwood, LA2, ILL

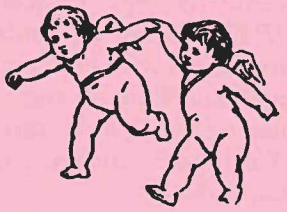
Amy Lam, LA2, Education

Alison McInnes, LA2, Circulation

Elim Wong, LA2, Woodward

Ulla Visscher, LA3, Sedgewick

Lynn Jarvis, LA2, Sedgewick



Transfers

Gysel Giles, LA1, Woodward

Liam McConachy, LA2, Woodward

Jim Harris, LA1, Woodward

Linda Gill-Aranha, LA1, Sedgewick

Goodbyes

Joanne Savory, LA2, Science

Janice Ray, LA2, Woodward

Jill Warner, LA1, Sedgewick

Brenda Glass, LA1, Sedgewick

Terri Wilmon, Sec2, PATSCAN

Michelle Koeneke, Clerk2, Coll Acctg

Karen Steiner, LA2, Cat Products

MORE NEWS

Three Millionth Acquisition and UBC Authors Feted

The University celebrated the acquisition of the Library's three millionth book at the 2nd Annual UBC Authors' Reception held October 15th at Cecil Green Park. To illustrate the range of materials the Library now acquires, there was a multimedia display entitled *The Year of the Three Millionth Book*. Over 100 UBC authors were honoured at the Reception, sponsored by the University Library and Office of the President.

Clinic Cures the Term Paper Blues

From February 1st to 26th, Sedgewick Library will hold a Term Paper Research Clinic for students in 1st and 2nd year Arts and Science courses. The Clinic introduces basic library research methods. Students receive brief written guides to appropriate reference sources for their essay topics and are taught how to use each source.

First and second year students may sign up for the Clinic now at the reference desk in Sedgewick. For this program, librarians will be assisted by students in the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies.

Free Dial-In Access to COMPENDEX

From January 15 to February 15th, users can access the *COMPENDEX* database from their office, lab or home computer. *COMPENDEX* indexes the contents of over 4,000 engineering journals and conference proceedings from 1986 to the present. Coverage includes material from all engineering societies, research and development organizations, university presses and governmental agencies. Call the Science & Engineering Division for more information (2-3295).

Disability Resource Centre Offers Workshops to Library Staff

Whether you work in public or technical services, you'll be encountering more people with disabilities over the next few years — as fellow employees and as library patrons. On February 23rd, the Disability Resource Centre at UBC will offer another workshop for Library staff on disability awareness and communication. Those who attended previous workshops found them to be effective, informative and quite a lot of fun besides. Please call Desirée Trono at 2-3097 to register for February 23rd, 2:00-4:30 in IRC (Woodward Building) G57-G59.

More TLC

This term the Library is offering more UBCLIB and CD-ROM classes. Funded partly through the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund, the classes are being held in Education, HSSD, Science & Engineering, Sedgewick and Woodward. For more information, pick up a copy of the *Course Calendar: Do-It-Yourself Computer Searching on CD-ROM and UBCLIB*. All Library staff are welcome to attend the classes.

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