

With the recent retirement of **Elsie Wollaston**, the *Bulletin* lost a great editor. Information Services has put together this issue, with an eye to sustainability (of future editors, as well as paper) and a new focus, Library people. As the *Report of the University Librarian to Senate* says, "The UBC Library recognizes that its staff are its most important resource in supporting the research and learning needs of the UBC community."



(l-r) Elaine Willson, Marlene Hamakawa, Christiane Fortier, Dilma Huggett, and Megan Campbell "swatting" a serials record.

Spotlight on Service

If you worked at a UBC Library service desk in the summer of '97, you can probably recall your first encounters with serial records on the new DRA system. "Huh?" was a common reaction. Migrating data from the multiple files of the old UBCLIB system into an integrated system posed many challenges, and the results were far from ideal.

"It's hard to say who was more frustrated, our users or our staff," says one division head. "We've seen vast improvements in the serial holdings since that first summer, and that's made a huge difference at our desk – it's like night and day."

Those improvements are the result of the behind-the-scenes work of many dedicated and enthusiastic staff in several branches and divisions. They've been part of a serial holdings clean-up project that began shortly after DRA implementation.

The complexity of the problems requires staff with an extensive understanding of both serials and DRA record structures, not to mention perseverance. Soon into the project, the staff assigned to it became known as the SWAT team – the situation really did seem to require Special Weapons and Tactics!

The most commonly used serial titles were fixed first, and priority is still given to problems discovered by users and staff. As well, there has been ongoing, systematic clean-up of active periodicals, and according to a March 2000 report by **Kat McGrath**, more than 54% have been completed. That's 14,595 records! Several branches have been able to complete all titles unique to their location. And Kat says that's not all – numerous inactive records related to active titles have been repaired.

This is a big project, with a big, positive impact on service. We have the SWAT team to thank: **Mercy Almodavar, Susan Andrews, Carla Arseneault, Darlene Bailey, Jeff Barker, Doug Brigham, Megan Campbell, Rose Chang, Janet Chiang, Graeme Clark, Donna Curtis, Joan Dietrich, Christiane Fortier, Marlene Hamakawa, Terry Horner, Penne Huggard, Dilma Huggett, Winnie Kwok, Susanne Lester, Gisela Mallue, Bill Ng, Bev Richards, Elaine Thorson, Rudy Traichel, Betty Tse, Pauline Willems, Elaine Willson, Ripple Wong, Meily Wong, Queenie Wong, Caroline Yamamoto, and Sharon Yee.**

Contributed by Martha Whitehead

Home Improvement

It's not all leaking toilets and slippery stairs on our facilities front – there's good news too. On Wednesday, March 22, **Catherine Quinlan** and **Herbert Rosengarten**, Chair of the Senate Library Committee, made a presentation to Senate on our library facilities, and this motion was passed unanimously: "That in recognition of the crisis facing the University Library, Senate urges the University Administration to give special consideration to the renovation and upgrading of the Library's current facilities and that new facilities be made a major priority in the next fundraising campaign." This is a major step in the right direction.

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In our current examination of space needs, we've been lucky to have the help of our long-time friend turned valuable consultant, **Suzanne Dodson**. Suzanne retired as Facilities & Preservation Manager last year, after a 36-year career with the Library, and is now with us on a short-term contract. Suzanne is working with a university committee charged with identifying and reviewing library space needs and preparing a report for Barry McBride, VP Academic & Provost by early April. Other members are: Catherine Alkenbrach, Consultant Planner, Campus Planning & Development; Darrell Bailie; Neil Guppy, Associate Vice-President Academic; Justin Marples, Director of Classroom Services; Dwight Tanner; Catherine Quinlan.

Contributed by Darrell Bailie

Where are they now?



Our "investigative reporter" caught up to **Josie Lazar**, who retired from Koerner Administration last year.

Josie starts her day by relaxing with a nice cup of coffee "...but I don't get up at 6, it can be 9:00, or when I feel like it". After coffee, Josie says ... "We spend all our time outside skiing, and gardening. My husband (Joze, also a retired UBC Library employee) says my skiing has improved!"

Josie is sketching again, and has also created collages with photos of garden flowers and oil paint. At the moment, they're planning a summer trip to Europe. Of retirement, she says "It's really really good!", and of the Library "I don't miss the numbers, but I do miss the people, the friends."

She may not see many current staff, but, she says she meets lots of former staff: " At Granville Island, I see Anne Piternick, and Hans Burndorfer, and Tony Jeffreys..."

Contributed by Merry Meredith

We've come a long way baby????

On July 2nd, 1965, **Kay Tomiye** (Asian) started her first job at UBC Library as a Clerk 1. Kay spent her days hand printing labels on books for then Dept. Head **Gerry Dobbins**. The starting salary was \$195 a month.

Congratulations! p

Linda Turner (Admin) will complete her B.A. (with a Major in English Literature and a Minor in Classical Studies) this spring.



In February, **Lee Perry** (Wood) and **Ruth Patrick** (Educ) completed training to become certified Master Gardeners, joining already certified Master Gardener **Alannah Anderson** (Wood).

New Arrival

Leslie McAuley (Mus) gave birth to Lauren Victoria on Feb. 28, sister for 3 yr. old Alexis. Mother and baby are doing great!

RECIPE CORNER

Seta Yeterian's Hummous was a huge hit at last year's HSS Christmas party.

- 1 can (19 fl. ozs.) garbanzo beans (chickpeas)
- 1/4 cup tahini (sesame seed paste)
- 2-3 cloves of mashed garlic
- 1/4 cup of fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup water

Empty drained and rinsed chickpeas into a food processor, add tahini, mashed garlic, lemon juice and salt. Process while adding the water until very smooth (2-3 mins).

Garnish with cumin, olive oil, chopped parsley, paprika and enjoy!

STAFF UPDATE

New Appointments

Jing Liu Librarian Asian Library
(Jan 27, 2000 – Jan 23, 2003)
Jelena Brezo LA2 Circulation
Fremma Esquejo LA2 HSS
Danielle Bugeaud Librarian Cataloguing
Samantha-Julia Thokle Sessional LA1 Math

Temp New Appointments

Simon Neame Temp Librarian HSS
(Feb 16, 2000 – July 16, 2000)
Curtis Freeman Woodward LA1
(Feb 22, 2000 – May 21, 2000)

Recall

Gabriela Oteiza Temp LA1 Koerner Borrower
Services (Feb 28, 2000 – April 15, 2000)
Greg Elliott as above
Samantha-Julia Thokle as above
Kim Ewacha as above
Raymond Adams as above
Daniel Brendle-Moczuk Temp LA3 Map
(Jan 4, 2000 – April 4, 2000)

Promotions

Alexis Kalberg LA2 Koerner Borrower Services
Shaun Wang LA3 Asian
Jung won Whang LA4 Asian

Transfers

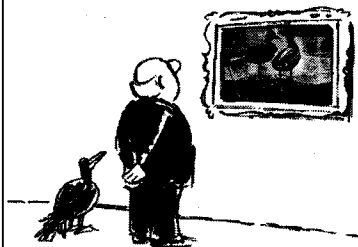
Elsa Dickson from sessional LA1 Main
to LA1 Main
Richard Moore from LA4 Education
to Temp Admin Clerk Facilities
Steven Sparling LA2 MacMillan from DRC

Goodbyes

Edita Kaiser from LA3 RSS to Applied Science
Tara Drews from Koerner Circ to ELI
Continuing Studies
Hailund Praseuth temp LA2 HSS
Aleteia Greenwood Sessional LA1 Education
Anastasia Leontieva LA1 Koerner Circ
Maisie Hatch LA2 HSS

Contributed by Julie Clarke

Staff Happenings



Arlene Kofol (St. Paul's) is a member of a trio of artists who call themselves *The Pop Tarts of pop art*. Arlene will be appearing in April @ the Brickyard in Gastown, 315 Carrall Street, 685-3922.

Terry Horner (Music) will be appearing in Royal City Musical Theatre Co.'s production of *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Massey Theatre. The show runs through April. You can check with Ticketmaster (or Terry) for show dates and times.

Merry Meredith (Graphics) has had a painting accepted into a juried art show. *Spring Open Watermedia Show*, April 11-23 @ Federation Gallery, 1241 Cartwright Street, Granville Island.

For those of you who can't wait for her annual Christmas show, pottery by **Christiane Fortier** (HSS) is now available @ the Circle Craft Gallery, Granville Island.

Diana Cooper's (FAL) and **Brenda Peterson's** (FAL) are among the beautiful gardens featured in **Wendy Varner's** (FAL) husband Colin Varner's new book *Gardens of Vancouver* (Vancouver, Raincoast Books, 1999). Colin's book was included in the recent UBC Authors' Reception.

Contributed by Nancy Forhan

