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University Prepares For Cutbacks

UBC as a whole is about to start what the Library has recently completed: a review of all programs and services, and the development of a strategic plan for major restructuring.

In blunter terms, the University community is being told to prepare for the likely results of reduced federal funding to B.C. for higher education. The most hopeful outlook would be for a zero-increase budget over the next two fiscal years. A more likely scenario predicts successive funding cuts of around 3% for 1996/97 and 1997/98. Since most costs will continue to go up, the gap between funds available and funds needed will probably be even larger. A memo from the five UBC Vice Presidents dated January 8 outlines what to expect:

Constructive change will require a scale of planning and capacity for reallocation greater than in the past. We cannot calculate precisely the reallocation which may be necessary, but it is our judgment that, in addition to addressing increased costs, the need to re-order our priorities and to make essential changes requires us to establish a target of 20% over three years. We accept this as realistic, even if very painful.

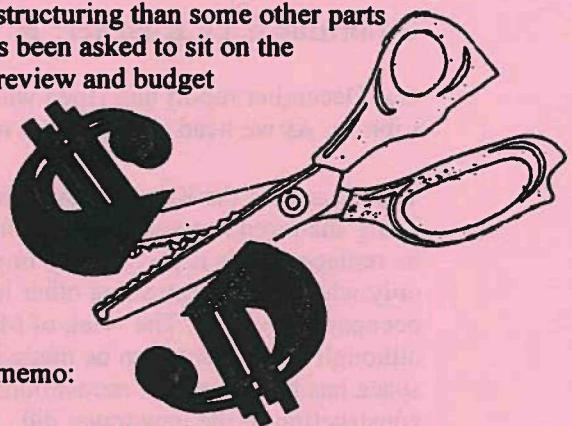
Maria Klawe, Vice President of Student and Academic Services, noted at a recent meeting that the Library has shown itself more ready to embark on serious cost-cutting and restructuring than some other parts of the University. Significantly, University Librarian Ruth Patrick has been asked to sit on the new Strategic Planning Subcommittee which will orchestrate UBC's review and budget planning process.

All librarians have now received copies of the January 8 memo. It calls for a three-year planning horizon, with the initial stage to be completed by March 31, 1996. This will focus on the University's present and future mission, and begin to identify its overall priorities.

Other tough questions needing to be addressed are spelled out in the memo:

- 1) *What should we be doing and on what scale should we be doing it? No current activity can be exempt from this question....*
- 2) *How can ... we combine resources across institutions for these purposes?*
- 3) *We must review the nature of our programs and services ... with a view to removing courses and regulations which are no longer useful and ... services ... which are not essential to supporting the University's mission (undergraduate, graduate and continuing education, research, and service to the community).*
- 4) *How do we ensure that we select appropriate technology and manage it effectively ... in supporting the achievement of our mission?*

Expect to be hearing more, much more, about these issues. We're told that "Structured input from students, staff and faculty is essential at every stage, including this one". Needless to say, it can only help to make sure that this input comes from library staff as well as other areas of the campus community.



And Now, the Good News ...

If it seems that the Library is beset with financial threats on every side, not so. (Well, not *entirely* so.). We continue to receive generous support from donors, and 1995 was no exception.

The big news had to be our unexpected Christmas present: \$82,896 donated by an unnamed friend of the Library. The gift was to be used for something we have long coveted: our next major installment of *The Eighteenth Century*, a monumental microfilming project reproducing English-language books and other printed materials published between 1701 and 1800. We already own the first 96 units, and the new funding allows us to add another 30. Many of the materials covered are unavailable for purchase in printed form.

A good index to the growing *Eighteenth Century* collection is the *Eighteenth Century Short Title Catalogue*, available in HSSD on CD-ROM. It allows for easy searching by author, title and imprint. Interested readers might want to know that an augmented version of the ECSTC, the *English Short Title Catalogue*, is about to go up on UBCLIB via Eureka for a trial period in March.

Through the December donation and the arrangements already in place for matching funding, the Library's Collection Enrichment Endowment Fund stood at just over \$400,000 by the end of 1995.

The new Walter C. Koerner Library Fund also had good news, with donations topping \$80,000 by year end. Thanks, everyone who participated in the 1995 Faculty and Staff Appeal and designated Koerner.

Although we were saddened to lose Lesley Ashford as the Library's Development Officer, she can take much credit for where we stand in terms of donor support. Her signoff message was: "Please thank all the staff who remembered the Library -- they helped make all of this happen."

Countdown To Koerner: II

Our December report described what library services and divisions would be relocated to the new Koerner Library. As we head into the final months of planning, here's more on construction news and move-in dates.

The glazing of the Koerner tower is on track, in spite of an accident which resulted in about 30% of the glass being shattered in transit. The manufacturer has supplied tempered glass to fill in until the broken glazing can be replaced. This is particularly important, since the building can't dry out until all the glass is in place, and only when it's dry can some other interior work start. If all goes well, the new tower should be ready for occupancy by May. The week of May 13 - 17 has been designated for Sedgewick's move into this space, although adjustments can be made if there are unexpected construction delays. Once the present Sedgewick space has been vacated, renovations can start there. These will likely proceed much more quickly than the construction of the new tower did.

Outside the building, the granite facing blocks are being installed. We're told that there are only eight stonemasons in B.C. capable of doing this very specialized work, and six of them are working on Koerner. The Library has embarked on a new venture -- rock collecting -- so that a stockpile of granite chips and offcuts will be available for souvenirs at opening time.

Meanwhile, back in Main, Margaret Friesen has mapped the entire HSS collection, identifying possible blocks of material to consider for Koerner and proposing alternatives for specific call number/subject sections. As Coordinator of the Collections Reorganization Project, Margaret is consulting with the HSS, Fine Arts and Sedgewick collections librarians and all other stakeholders in the Koerner collection.

The spring issue of the *UBC Library News* will be carrying still more updates on the Koerner move. If you have questions or suggestions, post them to the new Koerner bulletin board on UBCLIB's message system.

SYSTEMS UPDATE

RFP Update

By now most UBC Library staff have probably heard the name of the vendor recommended by the Library's RFP Evaluation Team. It was not possible to announce the outcome immediately after the Nov. 23, 1995 meeting, as the recommendation had to be reviewed by the UBC Purchasing Department and other important steps had to be completed. This included confirmation of costs and preparation of proposed payment strategies, identification of contractual issues that would require negotiation, and preliminary negotiations with the selected vendor.

This activity was completed by Jan. 19, 1996 with a formal notification from Purchasing to the vendor that UBC intends to negotiate a contract with them. There is still considerable detail needing to be covered during negotiations, and it is likely this will require another six to eight weeks. Until the final contract is signed, staff are asked to treat any information about the choice of vendor as confidential and keep it within the Library.

When the contract is completed and signed, we will be able to make a more public announcement and actually include the name of the vendor in the Systems Update column!

Workstation Software Updates Via The Network

Systems Division has implemented facilities that now enable us to do remote updates on most of the general purpose software (Netscape, Winspurs, Adobe Acrobat, virus checking, Gateway) installed on standard library workstations attached to a Local Area Network (LAN). Every time a workstation is turned off and then on again, the system checks for updated versions of software in use on that workstation and uploads them via the network connection. This requires between five and ten minutes because the system also performs a complete virus check at the same time.

Our standard practice has been to leave workstations turned on at all times. This is still recommended, but with one modification -- at least once a week, staff should routinely turn each machine off and on again to initiate the update of software on the workstation. This will ensure that you have the most recent version of Netscape and other general purpose software on all machines.

Some hints and other suggestions:

1. We suggest you do the workstation software update during a quiet or low-activity time. It will require five to ten minutes to complete.
2. On staff workstations, the virus checking program will prompt if you want to perform the virus check. We recommend that you respond with a Y or Yes.
3. A power outage in your building or on campus will also result in a workstation software update (assuming that power is eventually restored). This may explain why the prompt from the virus checking program may greet you when returning to your workstation.
4. Locally loaded or special software on your workstation such as word processors, spreadsheets, etc. will NOT be updated or affected in any way.
5. Software on workstations connected to the network by UBCNET ports will NOT be updated or affected in any way.

MORE SYSTEMS UPDATE



Equipment Installations Project 96-1

Systems has just received an order of 30 IBM 486 workstations. These machines have a DX4-100 processor; 8 MB RAM; 540 MB hard drive; IBM G50 monitor; and Ethernet card. They will be installed with some/all of the following standard software: Windows 3.1; LAN Workplace (for TCP/IP network/Winsock); Netscape; Adobe Acrobat; Winspurs; MacAfee anti-virus; and Automenu.

First priority for these Project 96-1 installations will be given to deferred equipment requests from 1995 equipment installation projects; Priority One workstation requests on the recently submitted budget "wish lists"; other systems-related projects with outstanding equipment requirements (e.g. UBCLINC to Aviso project); and replacement of old UBCNET attached devices.

Public-Use Network Connections In Koerner

Some recent campus publications highlighted the fact that the new Koerner Library will have 500 network connections available for public use. The general concept is that users will bring their laptop to the library; plug it into one of these connections conveniently located at many of the study carrels; and be off and running. However, a few qualifications are in order.

The new building WILL have the basic wiring in place to support over 500 such connections (581 at last count on the most recent plans). BUT it is likely that only a limited number will actually be activated and available for public use in the near future. As usage requirements increase, it will be possible for us to activate additional connections with relative ease and without undertaking massive rewiring projects.

In order for these "drop-in" ports to become a reality, there are some significant network access/user authentication issues that need to be addressed. Most of our database license agreements and Internet access policies require that we have some way of identifying and verifying our users. Systems Div., in conjunction with Computing & Communications, is currently working on a pilot project in David Lam Library to develop the required user authentication support for "drop-in" ports. We hope this project will provide us with practical experience that can also be applied to the Koerner Library.



MORE SYSTEMS AND E-NEWS

Coordinator's Term Expires

Hilde Colenbrander stepped down as half-time Coordinator of Electronic Information Services on December 31, 1995, when the two-year position officially came to an end.

This doesn't mean that we are returning to a state of non-coordination. Although Hilde is now back as fulltime head of the Data Library, she will continue to act as *pro tem* contact person for GENERAL e-information services such as FirstSearch and UnCover. At the same time she will work with Janice Kreider and the Collections Management Council on transferring responsibility for subject-related online information services out to the appropriate library areas. Hilde will also complete some ongoing assignments, such as work on the ELN Database Costsharing Task Group and the UBC Subcommittee for Scholarly Resources.

Please contact Hilde or Janice if you aren't sure who to deal with regarding one of our online resources.

Hi Ho SilverNet!

HSSD's SilverPlatter network, now christened SilverNet, is up and available on three workstations in the Division. The sign at each station lists the nine databases available: *EconLit*, *Geobase* (geography), *GeoRef* (geology), *LLBA* (*Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts*), *MLA Bibliography* (literature, linguistics and folklore), *PAIS International* (public affairs), *Social Work Abstracts*, and *Sport*. Stations will also be located in Education, David Lam, MacMillan, and Science & Engineering. Handouts are on the way, describing what can be accessed and how, including the somewhat complicated dial-in access.

Explore Multimedia In HSSD

The Main Library's first multimedia workstation is also ready for use. It's the result of a joint project between SLAIS and the Humanities and Social Sciences staff, financed by the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund. SLAIS students took part in the original selection process, prepared handouts, trained staff, and developed an evaluation form which users will be asked to complete. The seven new resources are:

- 1) **Amnesty Interactive** A history and atlas of human rights, from ancient times to the present. Covers the ideas of noted thinkers and political figures, integrated with period art and music, as well as many reference documents.
- 2) **Banga-Parichaya** A history of Bengal since 2000 B.C. A scholarly production with 50 biographies, a soundtrack of Bengali music, words and phrases, descriptions of festivals, etc.
- 3) **Her Heritage: A Biographical Encyclopedia of Famous American Women** Contains over 1,000 biographies. There are short film clips of some of the women, with hypertext links.
- 4) **Microsoft Encarta 1995** Based on *Funk & Wagnall's New Encyclopedia*, *Webster's Dictionary*, and *Webster's Thesaurus*. Includes music, speeches, foreign languages, animations, colour maps, photographs, illustrations and graphs.
- 5) **The New Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia** The electronic version of *Academic American Encyclopedia*. Has maps, pictures, sound and motion.
- 6) **Poetry in Motion** Contains video clips of 24 modern poets and interviews next to texts of their poems.
- 7) **Small Blue Planet: The Real Picture World Atlas 2.0** Combines multifaceted political, statistical and historical information about each country with global maps and a gallery of satellite images ranging from major cities to closeups of natural features.

MORE SYSTEMS AND E-NEWS

Plain Old CD-ROM's: More New Additions

Yes, the Humanities and Social Sciences Division is still buying non-interactive, non-networked products. The latest offerings include:

- 1) **Amérique Française: Histoire et Civilisation** Important new comprehensive, bilingual bibliography of Canadian history which also includes the French in the U.S.
- 2) **ASTIS Bibliography (Arctic Science and Technology)** Gives access to information about northern Canada, including bibliographic citations and research project descriptions. Subjects covered include natural sciences, indigenous knowledge, technology, social sciences and humanities.
- 3) **P.A.I.S. International (Public Affairs Information Service)** Also available on SilverNet, this service covers contemporary social, economic and political issues and the making and evaluating of public policy.
- 4) **International Political Science Abstracts** Indexes a wide variety of journals from 1989 on.
- 5) **Thesaurus Linguae Graecae** Full-text database of all Greek language works to 600 A.D.
- 6) **Packhard Humanities Institute Database** Full text of all Latin language works to 200 A.D.
- 7) **Database of Classical Bibliography** CD-ROM version of *L'Année Philologique*. Covers areas of the classical world such as archaeology, history, linguistics, literature, and law.

ELN UnCover Adds B.C. Locations

Users of the popular UnCover database now get a display which connects a given journal title to ELN library locations (B.C. universities, colleges and some public libraries). This is the new, improved version of a somewhat less than complete holdings file loaded in November. As of January 1996 UBC's records should all be in and correct, but ELN needs to know if we find any errors. The person to notify is Anita Cocchia at 431-3416 or <anitac@ola.bc.ca>.

Ulrich's Goes Public

Library patrons can now search *Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory* online. It's one of the resources under REF in the UBCLIB main menu, and lists full information for over 200,000 journals worldwide. Like the ELN holdings, this took two tries before it was felt that all information from the print version was retrievable and correct. However, please report discrepancies to Martha Whitehead in Systems.

Web Site For Library Conferences

A new listserv, LIBCAL, has just been opened. It's intended to bring together announcements of conferences, workshops, seminars and other events of interest to the international library and information science community. However, don't expect it to cover small-scale local or specialized gatherings. Postings are limited to events which might reasonably attract people from various regions of North America and/or overseas. The site address is: <<gopher://ash.palni.edu:70/lm/PALNI/News/libcal.new>>

MORE SYSTEMS AND E-NEWS

E-Journal Update

The Electronic Journal Pilot Project was set up in 1995 for the purpose of gaining experience with e-journals in the UBC Library setting. A dozen journals were selected, and seven more were later included in the project.

The report of the project team, *Electronic Journals at the UBC Library*, has now been accepted by the Administration and Public Services Heads, so recommended procedures can be put into effect. To read the report, look under "What's New" on the Library Gopher or Web site.

All project journals are listed on UBCLIB, but, until our new system is implemented, access is through the Library Gopher (for text-based journals) or Web site.

General information on citing and printing from e-journals has been included in the Electronic Journal FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) on the Gopher or Web site. Since e-journals differ in file structure and mode of access, and patrons have varied printing capabilities, more detailed printing instructions are difficult. For UBC Library public workstations, use the Save command to print from Gopher. If you have a Web workstation, save to a disk to be printed at the Print/Download station.

Most of the project e-journals are accessed by pointing to remote sites. Branches and divisions may also choose to point to additional journals from their own home pages. If, however, new technological requirements must be met, if fees or licenses are involved, or if you wish to suggest cataloguing or local storage of certain titles, please use the Electronic Journal Subscription Information Form which has been sent to all branches. Fill out as much as you can (in consultation with Systems if technical requirements are out of the ordinary), and give the form to your Collections person for further processing.

Procedures for automatic monitoring of links to remote sites are being developed. Please let Matt Hartman know if you have problems with e-journals listed on UBCLIB. Branches and divisions will be responsible for monitoring uncatalogued titles listed on their home pages.

Both the Subscription Form and the procedures outlined in the report are "under construction". Please give feedback and suggestions to members of the Project Team:

Hilde Colenbrander
Matt Hartman
Pat Lysyk
Brenda Peterson

Joe Jones
Kat McGrath
Jack McIntosh
Martha Whitehead

To print from Netscape (WWW):

From the UBC Library home page,

- choose Electronic Materials
- choose Electronic Journals
- choose desired e-journal title
- identify desired article
- choose File
- choose Save as
- choose a: drive
- choose Plain text
- WRITE DOWN FULL NAME OF FILE
- Take disk to Print/Download station

To print from Gopher:

From the UBCLIB main screen,

- choose Electronic Materials
- choose desired e-journal title
- identify desired article
- choose Save
- at prompt "Enter filename", type your filename
- when finished, type Save Stop
- print file at Print/Download station

To print from Lynx:

Since printing from Lynx depends on type of account, refer the patron to printed or online UCS FastFacts.

For online NetInfo information, from the UBCLIB Main screen

- choose Gop
- choose UBC Library
- choose NetInfo/Interchange:Printing

For online Interchange information,

- choose Gop
- choose View UBC
- choose Computing and Communications
- choose How To information
- choose Fast Facts
- choose Interchange: Printing



STAFF NEWS

Welcome

Graeme Clark, Program Analyst D, Systems

Paul Dawson, LA 1, Main Circulation

Marcel Fortin, reference librarian, HSSD (2-year term)

Joy Kirchner, reference librarian, Science & Engineering Division

Promotions

Tracey Douglas, to User Services Coordinator, Systems

Margaret Price, to Acting Head, Life Sciences Libraries (6-month term)

Confirmation of Appointment

Erwin Wodarczak, Records Analyst/Archivist, Special Collections & University Archives

Goodbye

Lesley Ashford, Development Officer, Administration

Leszek Karpinski, Western European Languages Bibliographer, HSSD

Joanne Scanlon, Clerk 2, Collections Accounting & Budget

Johann van Reenen, Head, Life Sciences Libraries

Notes of Appreciation

Three of the library staff who left UBC in recent weeks deserve special mention.

- Although **Lesley Ashford** spent just two years with us, her work contributed significantly to the Library's fundraising programs. She helped develop our present case statements, worked out fund-raising programs in support of the Koerner Library, and initiated several new donor recognition activities.
- **Leszek Karpinski's** early retirement marked the end of a 26-year professional career in the UBC Library. After graduating from SLAIS in 1969 he spent two years as a cataloguer before moving to the Humanities Division as a reference librarian. In 1985 he assumed responsibility for Western European Languages Bibliography as well. For many years Les also liaised with VST and the campus theological colleges, helping coordinate collection development. His unique breadth of subject knowledge ranged from religious studies through classical archaeology to linguistics, and he could work comfortably in at least six foreign languages. Patrons and colleagues have also come to rely on his knowledge of the European book trade, cataloguing practices and principles, and HSS bibliography and reference. It's not surprising that his division head, Jocelyn Godolphin, summed up Les as "a package of talent that the UBC Library will not see again."
- Losing **Johann van Reenen** left an equal gap in the four Life Sciences branches. In this case, it's the second time we've had to say goodbye to JvR. After taking his library degree in South Africa he worked for two years as a reference librarian in Woodward in the 1970's. Following a move to Victoria, he became steadily more involved with management, first in hospital libraries and later as Director of Human Resources Development and Education Services with the Greater Victoria Hospital Society. In 1991 he returned to UBC as head of the Life Sciences Libraries, and in four years virtually reshaped that area of the library system. However, a chance to work in the U.S. sunbelt proved too much to resist, so Johann is now the head of the Science Library at the University of New Mexico. We'll miss his energy, openness and vision.



MORE STAFF NEWS

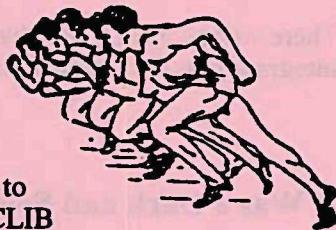
Been There, Done That

Conference Attendance: Janice Kreider and Kat McGrath , ALA Midwinter, San Antonio.

Kudos To: Ruth Patrick, who has been asked to serve on three UBC committees : the Committee to Review Plant Operations and, more recently, the President's Advisory Committee to select a new Dean of Graduate Studies and the University Strategic Planning Committee ... Ann Turner, named to the Review Committee for the Financial Services Department and both the Rates and Administration Subcommittees of VP Maria Klae's Advisory Committee on Information Technology ... Erik de Bruijn, now on the University Committee to Review the Human Resources Department ... Allan Soroka, who will be representing UBC librarians on Senate for a three-year term starting in September 1996 ... Tsuneharu Gonnami of the Asian Library, who recently published the second of two articles on the UBC Library's preservation microfilming of unique Japanese-Canadian newspapers. See the *Microform Review*, v. 24#3, pp. 117-123 ... Sci/Eng student assistant Lorne Madgett, whose play *Gen. 3:8* was performed at the Dorothy Somerset Studio in mid-February ... and the Special Collections & University Archives Division, whose loan of 56 rare children's books was pivotal in helping the Whatcom Museum of Bellingham mount a major exhibition covering 200 years of illustrated literature for children.

Been There, Done That, Now Let's Do It Again

If it's spring, Kat McGrath must be organizing another Sun Run team. This year we hope to break a record and show up at the April 21 start line with at least 20 Library runners, joggers and walkers -- that's 2 per kilometer. Family members are welcome, and everyone gets a T-shirt. To add your name to the lengthening list, call Kat at 2-5476 or send a message to SUNN on the UBCLIB system. Rumour has it this year's team will be called the Footnotes.



Staff Training and Development News

Library And SLAIS Sponsor Workshops

Between February and June, the Library plans to offer the following workshops for staff. Because of in-house demand, some are repeats. Watch for announcements in the next few weeks.

- 1) Introduction to the World Wide Web
- 2) Web Search Tools
- 3) Introduction to Searching Lexis-Nexis (repeat sessions)
- 4) Managing Personal Change and Transition (including repeats and followups)
- 5) Facilitating Change (ARL seminar with George Soete and Maureen Sullivan)
- 6) Disability Awareness
- 7) Cross-Cultural Awareness

The School of Library, Archival and Information Studies is also sponsoring three fee-based workshops, open to any interested library people. The lower of the prices quoted is for registration at least 30 days in advance of the course date. Please contact the SLAIS office for details and registration forms.

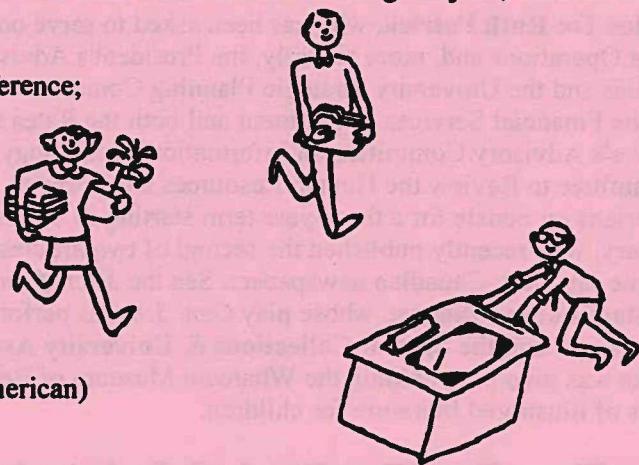
- 1) "Going It Alone": A Workshop About Freelance Opportunities (March 30, \$120/\$150)
- 2) Creating a Web Home Page (April 13 or 20, \$110/\$130)
- 3) Using Netscape for Information Retrieval and Organization (May 4, \$70/\$85)

AROUND THE LIBRARIES

Who's Where in HSS and Government Publications

Leszek Karpinski's retirement has generated a long list of adjustments in subject and liaison responsibilities. While all HSS and Government Publications librarians will continue with their regular jobs, consider clipping and saving the following changes:

- **Joe Jones:** religious studies and philosophy reference; liaison with VST and theological colleges
- **Helene Redding:** French language ordering
- **Keith Bunnell:** Italian language ordering
- **Mary Luebbe:** German language ordering
- **Susan Andrews:** Hispanic (European/Latin American) ordering and part-time HSS reference



There will be even more changes in the next few months, as these two divisions and Sedgewick prepare for integration in the Koerner Library. Stay tuned.

It Was a Dark and Soggy Night

By now most library staff have heard about the Main Library's brush with a real crisis on the night of January 18. "All hands to the pumps" became a serious rallying cry, as a burst pipe delivered more than two feet of water into the mechanical room housing the building's high-voltage electrical equipment. Avoiding an explosion (which is what would have happened if the water had reached the transformers) was of paramount importance, and at one point it seemed as though the power would have to be turned off to avoid a problem. In consultation with Suzanne Dodson, the building was evacuated at 8 p.m. just to be on the safe side. Fortunately, Plant Operations was able to keep the water level low enough that the power could be left on. This made a significant difference, since without power the only available pumps would also have shut down. Huge pumper trucks were rushed to the scene from off campus, but even so, it took over 24 hours to return the mechanical room to a reasonably safe state. This meant that on January 19, one of the coldest days of the winter, most of the Main Library was without heat. And three days later Murphy's Law cut in: the campus suffered a power failure, and since the flood had temporarily knocked out the building's emergency generator, Main was left without backup lighting or power.

Sincere thanks to Suzanne, who spent much of a cold night on site during the flood despite a bad case of bronchitis. Thanks also to all the Main Library staff who either cleared the building on the evening of the 18th or coped with its various heat and power problems.

The lesson: safety and disaster planning isn't just theory. In a crisis, things can go very wrong very fast. Expect some brush-up workshops soon on dealing with emergencies. Meanwhile, does your building have a disaster plan in place, and have your staff reviewed it lately?

AROUND STILL MORE LIBRARIES

Safety Issues Get Attention

A number of improvements have been made in campus safety and security following the October "YOUR UBC" forum on this topic. The Main Library has now been given a one-time grant of \$7,000 to upgrade its security monitoring system in the bookstacks. The forum also targeted campus lighting as a problem. One response has been to set up a new online message service which takes reports about burnt out exterior -- repeat, *exterior* -- light bulbs. The e-mail address is <lightsout@plantops.ubc.ca>.

A second security bus has also been added. Unlike the first one, which takes passengers to dropoff points as requested, bus #2 operates on a fixed route and timing. The route begins and ends in front of the Main Library on the hour and half hour between 6 p.m. and 2 a.m., weekdays only. For details on the 14 dropoff points and timing, see the large maps posted in most libraries. Please note: this is a four-month pilot project. Its future depends on the response received between now and the end of term.

Authors' Reception Returns

UBC's annual Authors' Reception is scheduled for March 21. Co-sponsored by the Office of the President and the Library since 1991, it has become a major occasion to celebrate the richness of the Library's holdings and to honour UBC authors and their books. The event, at Cecil Green Park, will feature a display of more than 100 publications. In addition to books, this year's "authors" have produced musical scores, compact disks, a CD-ROM, a cassette, and a documentary film. Although campus-wide mailings went out in January inviting responses, we'd like to know if anyone has inadvertently been left out. If you are the author of a 1995 publication, or know someone who may not be on the list, please notify Pauline Willems, c/o Main Library Information Division, at 2-2803.

"YOUR UBC" Forums Highlight Library Issues

UBC's Vice President for Student and Academic Services, Maria Klawe, has reached the halfway point in her 1995/96 forum series on issues of concern to the UBC community.

Mark your calendars: the February "YOUR UBC" forum will be entirely on the Library. It will be held on Tuesday, February 27 in the SUB auditorium, and will run from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Whether or not you're able to attend, please encourage patrons with views on library services to show up and speak out. From 4:30 to 6:30 that afternoon, Library staff are invited to join Maria and the panel members at an informal reception in the Brock Hall concourse.

The November 8 session on "Access to Information Technology" attracted close to 100 participants. Among the 11 panelists responding to questions were University Librarian Ruth Patrick and Undergraduate Library Services Coordinator Julie Stevens. Of the 16 major topics raised for discussion, several involved either use of library databases ["difficult to use -- command structures are different for each"] or disparities in access to computers, e-mail and the Internet. For a complete summary of the questions and replies, see the January 1996 issue of *Campus Computing and Communications* or request a reprint from Elsie de Bruijn (2-3393).

