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ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

a) Committee Vacancies:

If a member of a committee is temporarily absent, the question arises as to whether or not such a short-term vacancy should be filled. The A.R.C. recommends the following: when the remaining committee members feel that they need a replacement, they may appoint a temporary replacement. However, in the case of someone resigning from a committee or leaving the Library, the chairman must notify the A.R.C., who will then decide how the replacement is to be chosen.

b) Feed-back:

The Committee on Salaries and Benefits of Supporting Staff (COSBOSS) recently expressed to the A.R.C. their feeling that all written communications merit a written response. They would apply this practice to communications both between individuals and committees and between committees and the Library administration. The A.R.C. intends to follow this policy, and expects that all committees, when receiving submissions or suggestions in writing, shall respond in writing, and the administration shall do likewise.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Jack McIntosh will become Science Bibliographer effective January 1, 1973. Mr. McIntosh graduated from U.B.C. with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics in 1962 and a M.A. in Slavonic studies in 1968. In between he taught school in England, studied at Moscow State University and worked as a Russian language laboratory instructor for the Slavonics Department at U.B.C. He was appointed to the Library staff at U.B.C. in June, 1970 as Mathematics Librarian and half-time Science Librarian, following graduation from the School of Librarianship.

Mrs. Joan Whitney will join the staff on February 1, 1973 as Reference Librarian in the Fine Arts Division. Mrs. Whitney graduated from U.B.C. in theatre and fine arts in 1968 and in library science in 1970. During the last two years she has worked at the Regina Public Library where she was responsible for fine arts and planning materials.

PENNY POWER:

Help support UNESCO's refugee aid programme by buying a beautiful IBM card Christmas wreath made by our keypunch staff for the Library Assistants' Association! Choice of two sizes and three colours; samples in Main Library Coffee Room. Please order from Claudia Chew, Floor 5, Main Library: tel. Local 2304.

TO EVERYBODY FROM EVERYBODY:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CANCELLATIONS OF EXPENSIVE SERIES:

Mr. R. Hamilton and Mr. G. Elliston are continuing to cast critical eyes on multiple subscriptions and expensive series which, as legacies of the affluent "Macmillan era", may no longer be justified under current conditions of retrenchment.

The following further cancellations are reported:

1) Early Icelandic manuscripts in facsimile. (Library's subscription cancelled with vol. 10, priced at $228.00)

2) U.S. Commerce Dept. National Technical Information Service. Government reports index. (Library's 4th set for cumulations and 3rd set for monthlies cancelled at a saving of approx. $100 per year).

Further suggestions will be welcomed by Mr. Hamilton from all sources, and may include moderately priced series, if we do not have a long run of them to maintain and if their potential value at U.B.C. is doubtful.

CURRENT AWARENESS SERVICE:

With the discontinuation of the general accessions list the Systems Division began to work on the possibility of providing listings of recently catalogued monographs in specific subject areas. Using a modified version of the CAN/SDI programmes, profiles for several subjects were developed and used to extract titles from the accessions record. The basis for extraction is the call number, but this can be influenced by key words in the title, the author's name and the location for which the item has been catalogued. Trials have now been conducted in Forestry/Agriculture, Social Work, Transportation, Marketing, Canadiana and Cartography. It is expected that the service will be offered to faculty in the spring, before which time it is hoped that at least one member of each reference division will have been trained to conduct this service.

TRIUL:

1) Cooperative purchase of a microfiche duplicator has been proposed. If funds are available, it will be located in our Government Publications Division to facilitate the lending of extensive microfiche sets, such as ERIC.

2) A Task Force on Indexing B.C. Periodicals has been established. By questionnaire it will determine which titles are being indexed at various B.C. libraries and will attempt to recommend steps to improve indexing coverage of periodicals published in the province. Marilyn Dutton is our representative on the task force.

3) A revised edition of the TRIUL directory is being prepared.

4) An experiment to determine whether sampling techniques can be used to provide our reference statistics will be conducted this spring. If a satisfactory basis can be found, the daily chore of counting questions will be considerably reduced.

5) Catalogue Data Base Study: the first step in determining a TRIUL approach to machine-readable catalogues will be taken when the Task Force on a Catalogue Data Base examines the feasibility of separating the locations and bibliographic functions of the Public Catalogue. Our representatives are Rita Butterfield, Elsie de Bruijn, Jack McIntosh and Margaret Price.

6) The Regional Interlibrary Loan Code has now been accepted and will be in effect for the spring term. It applies only to TRIUL libraries, permitting local access to a wider range of materials (some of which might be off limits to normal ILL traffic) and allowing undergraduates to place requests for items held in the TRIUL libraries.

The Simon Fraser experiment in providing xerox copies to undergraduates in B.C. colleges has now been confirmed as a normal service. The SFU staff have found it possible to provide almost all of the photocopies from their own collec-