SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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SPACE HORROR STORY

The ogre, Overfull Space, leaps ever closer to the Library. The Provincial Government has frozen new University construction, leaving the Library Processing Centre a mere set of architectural drawings. On the basis of the freeze, the University has repossessed the million dollars that had been allocated to the project. Whether the centre is quite dead or just temporarily in suspension is anyone's guess.

The Provincial restriction would appear to have consigned the Education extension to the same limbo. This has the effect of keeping the Curriculum Laboratory in its present quarters, inadequate and getting worse. As a side effect, it prevents the transfer of some 30,000 volumes in the 'L' classification from the Main Stacks to the Curric Lab.

To round out the gloom, the state of the economy and what can only be viewed as simple bad luck have left the Asian Centre half finished. This means that the Asian Studies Division has to stay in the south wing of the Main Library, its shelves full and its collections split.

All of which adds up to a dismaying space prospect for the Library system generally and the Main Library in particular. Until a major development takes place, the situation can only retrogress, and library service will deteriorate with it. Of course there are short-term solutions and patches that will be applied to minimize the impact of the situation on the user. They will cost a lot in effort and in wages, but this is unavoidable.

The next step is likely to be the conversion of the room formerly occupied by the Museum into a closed-access storage area. The project has not been provided with an allocation of funds, and it will be fairly costly. The double-tiered shelving installation will come to almost $30,000 and there will be renovation and relocation expenses as well. It is hoped that the project can be carried out quickly and be ready for books by the end of the summer.

Meanwhile, a solution is being sought to the problem of providing decent working space for the staff of the Processing Divisions. The irony is that one branch of the Provincial Government tells the University that their present space is not up to standard, and another branch forbids the University to develop new space.

LATE RETURNS

The tradition of late and roundabout returns is an old one for libraries. One of the great library users of all time, Karl Marx, reputedly bequeathed to the English people - and so to the British Museum - all the books he'd borrowed from the B.M. years before. Everybody wants a clear conscience when it comes to libraries.

H.R. Kemp's Canadian Marketing Problems (HB 31. T 62. v.3) was last signed out from the UBC Library on September 25, 1945. In March, this year, it was turned in to the Interlibrary Loans Division by the Fraser Valley Regional Library who noted that it had recently been given to them as a gift.

SFU ARCHIVES WORKSHOP IN OCTOBER

The History Department at Simon Fraser University will host a workshop on archives, October 5th and 6th. Among the distinguished speakers will be the Dominion Archivist from Ottawa, The Keeper of the Public Records from London, The Keeper of the Records of Scotland, and archivists from the B.C. Provincial Archives and Washington's Smithsonian Institute. The presentation will be titled "The Use of Archives"; admission will be free.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES

Reference materials have been vanishing from the bibliographic searching area on floor 7 of the Main Library...and reappearing after absences of several days or even weeks. This is causing a lot of inconvenience, concern, and delays (as, for example, when CANADIAN BOOKS IN PRINT went missing) to those working daily with these tools. Everyone is reminded that all reference material is freely available for use 'in situ' and, should temporary removal from floor 7 be necessary, please contact Janet Yuan.

BUDGET BUSTERS

One of the thorniest problems facing money managers in the Library is how to handle those high price items which consume forty times their weight in budget chunks. In the recent budget decisions, some duplicate sets of expensive titles were dropped... but certain materials remain indispensable...and curious but unavoidable situations arise.

For instance: Of the Government Publications $50,000 continuations fund, nearly half, $24,000, is spent on seven items - $2,000 pays for the U.S. N.T.I.S. Reports; $2,000 for the U.S. ERIC Reports; $1,200 for ProFile; $8,000 for microprint U.S. Government Publications; $2,000 for the U.S. Congress Serial Set; $8,000 for U.S. Library of Congress catalogues; $800 for Index Medicus.

BROADSIDE

Last year it was poetry readings; the Library's next excursion into cultural provocation will involve the publication and distribution of broadsides...short prose or poetry by UBC writers, illustrated perhaps, printed on poster-size paper and posted around campus. LOCAL TALENT BROADSIDES, a new subsidiary of the Library cartel, with money from the Friends of the Library fund, will undertake the job. Texts will be hand-set, on the flat-bed press in the Library School. Illustrations may be provided, in ways as yet undetermined.

Anyone interested in working on the series - which will probably begin around September - please contact Michael Kasper, I & O Division. Especially needed are people willing to devote some time (perhaps outside working hours; perhaps work-time, if it can be arranged with division heads) to typesetting, presswork, and poster hanging... No experience necessary.

Advertisements for writing and art submissions will go out in September.

NEW LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS

Asian Studies Division. List of Catalogued Books No. 31.

Forbes, Jennifer. Reference Guide to Reviews. (Reference publication no. 55; revision of nos. 31 [1970] and 24 [1968])

Karpinski, Les. Religious Studies without Tears, Part V: Supernatural. (Reference publication no. 48)

Main Library Information Sheet; Sedgewick Library Information Sheet; Woodward Library Information Sheet...a series of 8½"x11" handouts with basic user information.

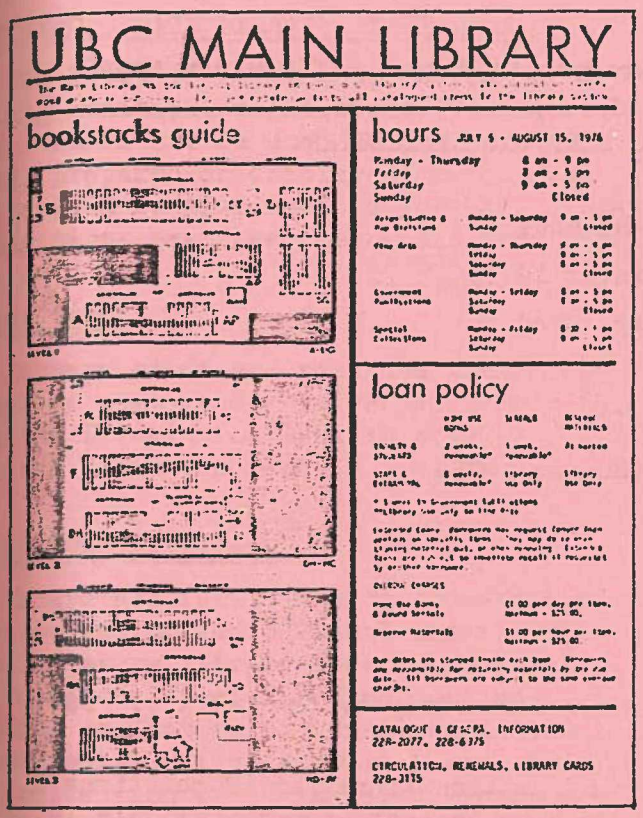
RECENTLY READ & RECOMMENDED

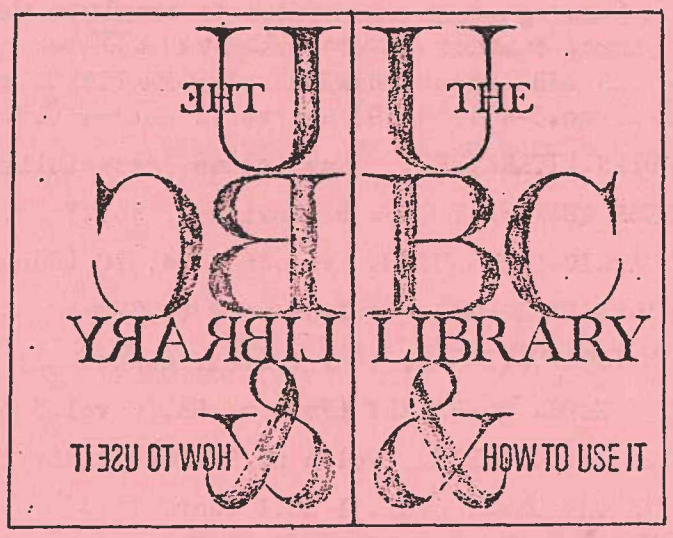
Submissions have inexplicably fallen off. Just when vacation readers might want advice. Send suggestions to Michael Kasper, I & O Division for the next issue.

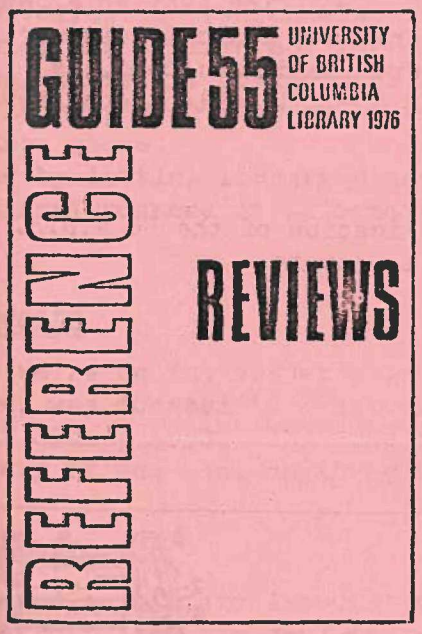
Bruno Pruno, I & O: ENZENSBERGER, Hans Magnus. The Consciousness Industry. (Essays)
PT 2609. N 9. C 6. 1974. Main Stacks.

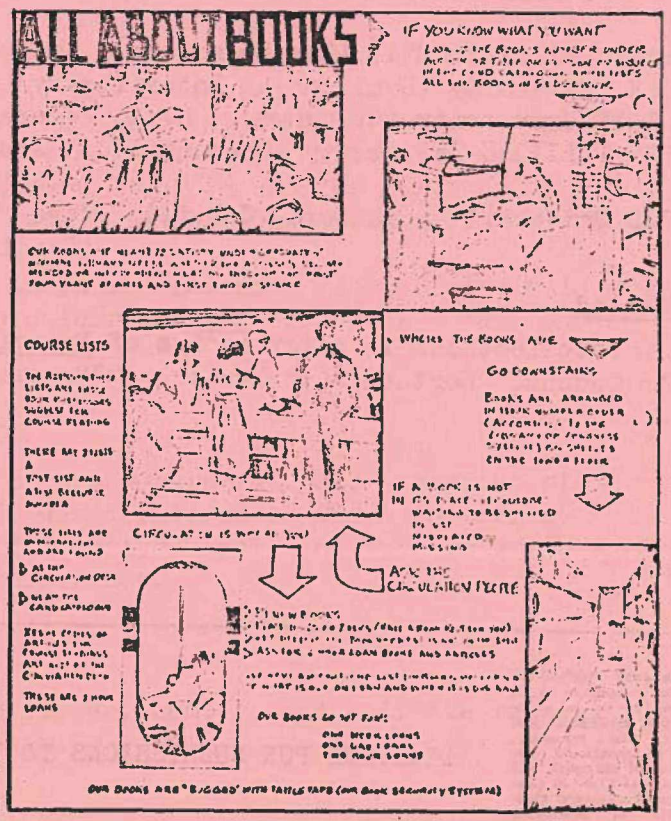
GRAPHIC SYSTEMS

Bianca Barnes has been the Library's Graphic Artist for nearly six years. Her nimble fingers, ingenuity, and honest vision have produced scores of clear, helpful signs and displays...against considerable odds. She is hereby awarded the first annual Library Bulletin Pink Ribbon for Unrelenting Pursuit of Excellence. Below, in tribute, are four relatively recent designs for Library publications.









ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maps

Remember your friendly mapeople when you're ready to discard your travel literature or maps. The Map Division accepts charity...Main Library, south wing, level 2.

Wanted

The following items are needed to complete the Library's holdings. If you can supply any of them, contact Graham Elliston, x2304.

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. INFORMATION SERVICES SECTION. NEWSLETTER. vol.1 no.3-4(1968/69) and vol.2 no.2-4 (1969/70)

CANADIAN LITERATURE. Any issues, especially recent ones

ENGLISH QUARTERLY (New Brunswick). vol.3 no.4 (Winter 1970)

GEOGRAPHICAL MAGAZINE. vol.46 no.4, 10 (Jan., July 1974)

MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN. vol.41 no.2 (1975)

PRISM INTERNATIONAL. Any issues, especially 1971-74.

SCHOOL MEDIA QUARTERLY (Fulton, Mo.) vol.3 no.4 (Summer 1975)

SOLEIL DE COLOMBIE. vol.6 no.51 (April 26, 1974)

TOP OF THE NEWS. vol.31 no.1 (Nov. 1974)

WESTERN LIVING. vol.1 no.6 (1971)

Upward Mobility

The following job recruitment notices have been received recently by the Library. For details, see M. Kasper, I & O Division.

BRITISH COLUMBIA Institute of Technology (Burnaby). Information Librarian [2 positions]; Systems Analyst. (Deadline: July 19)

University of CALIFORNIA (San Francisco). University Librarian. (Deadline: August 1)

McMASTER University (Hamilton). Interlibrary Loan Librarian. (Letter dated June 24)

OHIO STATE University (Columbus). Head, Reference Department. (Position available Sept. 1)

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS University (Carbondale). Asst. Science Librarian; Music Cataloguer; Science Cataloguer. (Deadline: Sept. 15)

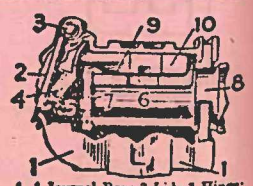
STANFORD University (Stanford, Calif.). Rare Book Librarian; Special Collections Librarian. (Deadline: August 1)

Also Wanted

Special Collections is after copies of Priorities, the publication of the BC N.D.P. Women's Caucus. Contact Anne Yandle, 4879, if you have any to donate.

jour'nal-ese' (jûr'nəl-ēz'; -ēs'), *n.* English of a style featured by use of colloquialisms, superficiality of thought and reasoning, clever or sensational presentation of material, and evidences of haste in composition, considered characteristic of newspaper writing. *Colloq.* — **jour'nal-ese'**, *adj.* *Colloq.*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE NEXT ISSUE: July 23



1, 1 Journal Box; 2 Lid; 3 Hinge; 4 Spring; 5 Chamber for lubricant and tow or cotton waste; 6 Journal; 7 Collar; 8 Hub Seat; 9 Journal Bearing, or Brass; 10 Key.