UBC Library Staff
BULLETIN

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The Rime of the Ancient Catalogue (with apologies to Coleridge)

by Elaine Thorson

It is an ancient card catalogue
That was assigned to me
With its endless drawers and countless cards
Now why assign this to me!

I volunteered? Sat on a chair
I cannot chuse but hear;
And thus was told the ancient tales
And taught the ancient rules

The hour set, the desk was cleared
Merrily did I learn
I worked like one that hath been stunned
How slow my brain, how glazed my eye,
how long that hour seemed

Down dropt the cards, the cards dropt down
It was a sight to see
And I did speak only to break
The endless monotony

Recon, recon every day
And all the staff did groan
Recon, recon every day
Leave not those z's alone

Day after day, day after day
I searched, I copied, I saved
And just as soon as I was done
Another drawer came my way

Yet some in dreams assured me
That this would end some day
I looked to the heavens, and tried to pray
Oh, let it be today

Students hired for the summer to do recon: Jennifer Forhan, Thomas Long, Katherine Chan, Helen Chan, Desiree Baron

Thanks to the determined effort of staff in Koerner, Main, Asian, Law and Music, plus those in the Library Processing Centre (some of whom are pictured here), we are closer to finding our complete catalogue online.

Since December 1998 the staff drafted to the Recon project and the SWAT teams have completed 372 shelf list drawers and reduced the number of records containing the infamous title "ZZZ" from over 360,000 to 140,000. Over 70% of the shelf list has now been completed. Yes, there is an end in sight.

Contributed by Elaine Thorson

See the Recon Progress Report on the Web at **www.library.ubc.ca/home/sl-summ.html**.

Editor's Note:

Pam Niblock, a major player in serials clean-up in Woodward, was missing from the SWAT team list in our Spring 2000 issue.

Other Catalogue News

Check out the redesign of the UBC Library Web, and send feedback before its mid-August release:
www.library.ubc.ca/home/test/redesign.html

Where are they now?

We tracked down **Leah Gordon**, who retired from Cataloguing in March '99. Of retirement, she says, "I even enjoy grocery shopping now, planning meals and cooking for friends." She's found time to do chores she's put off for 20 years, "which gives great satisfaction," such as cleaning out the basement! The highlight of her day is "to go back to bed with a cup of coffee, a cat, and a book," after her still-working husband leaves in the morning. She says she reads better books now, having more time to focus on her interests.

For projects, she's doing some cataloguing with **Dana McFarland** and **Rosie Crofts** (formerly of Education Library) at Royal Roads University, a campus she describes as "small and really fun, surrounded by wild peacocks". She is also keeping busy with an online indexing project, and working on the Vancouver Bibliography Project with **Isabel Pitfield** in Special Collections.

What does she miss about the Library? She misses seeing her friends on a regular basis but says that she gets to meet with them for a longer time when she does see them now. She repeated how much she enjoyed working with all the good people at UBC!

Contributed by Merry Meredith

Referral Puzzlers

"Where can I do my email?"
It's conference time again, and visitors to UBC want to stay in touch with their families and colleagues back home. Let them know about:

- Student Union Building
  6 stations (Free!)
- Gage Lobby
  2 ($1.00 for 10 min)
- Vanier Lobby
  2 ($1.00 for 10 min)

Admission Tests

Students preparing for one of the numerous admissions tests should not be sent automatically to Education Library! Here's a rough guide:

- GRE (Graduate Record Exam) Koerner
- LSAT (Law School Aptitude Test) Law
- G-MAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) Lam and Koerner
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) Education

Always check online before referring people. These are popular materials and are often all checked out.

Contributed by Sheryl Adam

Place the Face

Try your hand at identifying these long-time staff members from various Library branches.

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Answers:

1. Ray Galbraith, LPC 2. Nancy Forhan, Koerner 3. Allen Sorokа, Law 4. Elizabeth Caskey, Lam 5. Nadine Baldwin, LPC 6. Suzan Zagar, Woodward

STAFF UPDATE

Hellos

Grace Chan Temp. LTA-1 Graphics
Gary Chen Temp. User Services Advisor Systems
Melanie Hardbattle Temp. Archivist Special Collections
Alan Ho Temp. User Services Advisor Systems
Raymond Mah Temp. LA1 Reference & Processing
Sarah Moore Temp. LA1 Information Services
Gina Prokopchuk Librarian Education
Tim Savage Temp. Archivist Special Collections
Carrie Stevenson Temp. Archivist Special Collections

Goodbyes

Tim Atkinson Head Education
Graeme Clark Programmer Analyst D Systems
Curtis Freeman Temp. LA 1 Woodward
Tracy Ko Temp. LA2 HSS
Frances Wong LA4 Law

Contributed by Julie Clarke

Staff Happenings

Olympics here we come . . .

Congratulations to Vancouver's local children's choir 'Academy West Schola Cantorum' ! They have been invited to take part in the pre-Olympic torch festivities and Arts festival in Australia this summer. The 35 member group is busy packing and raising funds. If you'd like more information on their tour or on how you can help, call **Trudy Korth** in Main Circ @2-2701.

Contributed by Nancy Forhan

New Arrival !

Arriving on June 7th, Andy is the second son for **Thomas Long** (LPC) and wife Karen, and baby brother for Charlie (and no, they're not named after the Royals). Andy and his family are tired but doing well. Being a true new millennium baby, Andy has his very own web page at www.isitaboyoragirl.com.

Contributed by Nancy Forhan

Happy Retirement, Frances

Frances Wong touched and influenced the lives of many during her 32 1/2 years of excellent service in the Law Library circulation unit. Frances' expertise and friendship were invaluable to all, from first year law students through to deans and judges. We wish her well in the future and will be thinking of her as she continues one of her favorite pastimes – travelling.

Contributed by Sandra Wilkins

Goodbye, Graeme

Systems bids a fond farewell to **Graeme Clark** on August 4th. Graeme joined UBC Library in January, 1996 as a senior programmer/analyst. One of Graeme's first projects was the migration of LDMS and UBCLIB to DRA, involving very complex merging of records. Senior staff at DRA considered our data migration one of their largest and most complex projects ever, and were extremely impressed by the expertise of UBC staff, including Graeme.

Graeme, together with **Bill Ng**, handled a number of file conversions and system migrations, including RSS, Bib & Other, CIHM/Microlog and (who could forget) WebNG. Most recently, Graeme was working with staff in Information Services and ITServices on the Library's portion of the MyUBC portal project. Graeme will be working in Richmond with OpenText Corp. as a member of the Distributed Systems group. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues in Systems and staff throughout the Library. Good luck, Graeme!

Contributed by Doug Brigham

Upcoming Courses July-December 2000

Dates/times tba, look for fall calendars and updates online
www.library.ubc.ca/staff/stdc/training.html

LIBRARY

- Circulation Plus Series
- Customer Services Series
- Electronic Resources Training Series
- Orientation Program
- DRA Basic Bib Training: Contact Rick Welch (**welch@interchange.ubc.ca**)
- Financial Information Training Series: Tame the Budget. Contact Ann Turner(**aturner@interchange.ubc.ca**)

MOST PROGRAM

Calendar July-December 2000

- Selection Interviewing for Managers (Human Resources) November 24, 2000
  Contact Margaret Friesen **(mfriesen@interchange.ubc.ca)**

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Continuing Studies – Fall 2000

Questions? Contact Margaret Friesen, ST&D Coordinator,
mfriesen@interchange.ubc.ca

Contributed by Margaret Friesen

An Amazing Sight

Darrell Bailie, Richard Moore, hired movers and **Dr. Wallace B. Chung** himself, were recently seen carrying the Chung Collection's very heavy four meter long model of the Empress of Asia up the Main library's stairs. The model is stored away now, while the collection move from the Chungs' home proceeds.

Library News

Filled to Capacity

Attention to library space needs continues. **Catherine Quinlan** and Senate Library Committee Chair **Herbert Rosengarten** continue to bring this issue to the university's attention. The Library's proposal to address library as well as other campus space needs has been discussed by the President's Advisory Council at its May and June meetings. As well, Herbert Rosengarten and Catherine Quinlan are meeting with the Deans, VPs and chairs of library advisory committees throughout the summer to discuss this proposal further and answer any questions.

Planning Strategy

With our Strategic Plan completed (see **www.library.ubc.ca/home/planning.html**), the next important step is devising an implementation strategy. An Implementation Steering Committee (**Nadine Baldwin, Elizabeth Caskey, Leonora Crema, Jocelyn Godolphin, Brian Owen, Catherine Quinlan** (chair), **Bonnie Stableford, Martha Whitehead**), assisted by consultant **Harriett Lemer**, will begin work in early September.

The Sutherland Foundation

The Library has received a $1M donation from the Sutherland Foundation in memory of Mrs. Peggy Sutherland. This gift will be used to establish an endowment supporting online resources relating to nursing and breast cancer. The Sutherland Foundation also donated $1M in 1998 to establish the Rodger Stanton Memorial Library Endowment at UBC. Catherine Quinlan observes, "With these gifts, the Foundation has made clear their belief in the enduring value and benefit of libraries. I think we can all be proud as the Foundation again demonstrates their faith in our mission and our staff."

Contributed by Martha Whitehead

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