SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

ubc library bulletin

No. 123 July 11, 1975

MACHINE SCENES

With the recent distribution of COM readers, and the imminent switchover from print-out to microfiche versions of various Library files, some explanation of what's involved in the preparation of the fiches seems in order.

Different files are converted to machine-readable data in different ways. Circulation transactions and acquisitions orders are regularly fed into the mini-computers which live in the Main Library Circulation Division, and from there the information is transferred to and stored in the University's central computers. Serials orders are keypunched in the Library and then they too go to the central computers for storage.

Up until now, the Library has retrieved these files in the form of print-outs, produced by the University computers after the information has been sorted and arranged according to Library needs. Under the new system, the computers' output will detour to Com Consultants - a local data processing firm - who will reproduce the information on microfiche and supply the Library.

For months now, the Systems Division has been preparing for the change. They've been overhauling the programs which determine what comes out of the computers...modifying the forms of entry - introducing or discarding elements, revising codes - to better meet the needs of the various technical and public service divisions which will use the COM system. It is expected that the new programs will be ready sometime next week, and then COM Consultants will get the go-ahead.

The COM system is intended to be less expensive and more convenient than the printouts. Clarity of reproduction, hitherto a problem, will be assured. Smudged fingers will be a pest of the past. And coverage and currency will continue as before. COM won't affect the computers' operations, however, and so computer malfunctions - those periodic plagues - will also continue. Maybe that's not so bad... unmitigated efficiency is, after all, a terrifying prospect.

MAIN STACKS SHELF-READING

Of the 284 sections of the Main Stacks which were divvied-up for shelf-reading, all but 60 have been reported as reduced to order. Somewhere in the neighbourhood of 900 work-hours have been spent on the project.

A wide assortment of missing, mis-labelled, and mis-classified books turned up over the weeks...the more familiar the shelf-reader was with the subject being shelf-read, the more errors she or he discovered.

There were some grievances, some complaints, but the majority of people involved seem to have at least tolerated, at best enjoyed the break from their usual routines. Several people have suggested that the most untidy parts of the Stacks should be identified and individuals given the opportunity to volunteer to keep in order some classification of particular interest to them.

LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION

Last Tuesday, 18 librarians met and ratified a constitution for the newly formed University of British Columbia Librarians' Association. The objects of the Association are:

(1) To keep the membership informed of university affairs outside the Library, and with regard to specific issues which affect librarians:

a) to discover and define the point of view of all Board of Governors appointees in the Library system and
b) to communicate that point of view to the appropriate body (ies) outside the Library.

(2) To act as a clearinghouse for ideas regarding internal Library matters put forth by librarians, and to communicate the consensus to the appropriate administration.

(3) To promote and encourage means of continuing education and professional development for librarians.

Among its specific functions, the Association will be responsible for the annual elections of the Librarians' Salary Committee, and the Librarians' Ombudsman Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPWARD MOBILITY

The following recruitment notices have been received recently by the Library. For more complete job descriptions and contact addresses, contact Michael Kasper, I & O Division.

University of COLORADO at Denver. Director, Auraria Learning Resources Library (Deadline: October 1st).
University of MANITOBA. Winnipeg. Original Cataloguer (Notice dated: June 30th).
NEW YORK University. New York City. Head, Institute of Fine Arts Library (Notice dated: June 26th).
University of NORTH CAROLINA. Chapel Hill. Curator, Southern Historical Collection (Deadline: August 1st).
WASHINGTON STATE University. Pullman. Director of Libraries (Notice dated: June 18th).
WASHINGTON University. St. Louis, Missouri. Art & Architecture Librarian (Deadline: September 1st).

NEW APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, RESIGNATIONS (May-July) *(There were no transfers during this period.)*

NEW APPOINTMENTS

R. Anton	L.A.II	Humanities Division
T. Davidowicz	L.A.I	MacMillan Library
E. Enomoto	L.A.II	Reading Rooms Div.
M. Fukuyama	L.A.I	Catalogue Preparations
C. Hermus	L.A.I	Woodward Library
M. Hudson	L.A.I	Woodward Library
G. Ioannou	L.A.I	Curriculum Laboratory
V. Koda	L.A.I	Original Cataloguing
L. Loberg	L.A.I	Interlibrary Loans
T. Murray	L.A.I	Woodward Library
D. Plenert	KPO.I	Acquisitions Division
N. Smith	Clk.II	Crane Library
P. Swanson	L.A.II	Woodward Library
G. Rogozinsky	L.A.II	Acquisitions Division
F. Yu	L.A.I	Woodward Library

PROMOTIONS

J. Boenisch	L.A.II Reading Rooms Division to L.A.III Woodward Library
M. Williamson	L.A.II to L.A.III Serials Division
L. Worner	L.A.II to L.A.III Woodward Library

RESIGNATIONS

S. Ahokangas	L.A.II	Law Library
J. Ainsworth	L.A.I	Woodward Library
P. Barnes	L.A.I	Woodward Library
G. Crompton	L.A.II	Woodward Library
W. Davidson	L.A.I	Woodward Library
M. Gelfand	KPO.I	Acquisitions Division
A. Harris	L.A.I	Law Library
E. Kenny	L.A.III	Serials Division
D. King	L.A.I	Original Cataloguing
A. Logue	L.A.II	Humanities Division
M. McLeod	L.A.II	Acquisitions Division
J. Neamtan	L.A.II	Government Publications
D. Needley	L.A.IV	Catalogue Preparations
J. Quin	L.A.I	Sedgewick Library
D. Sawatzky	L.A.I	Circulation Division
D. Shepherd(retired)	L.A.III	Collections (Woodward)
V. Siegel	L.A.I	Woodward Library
J. Sim	L.A.IV	Serials Division
C. Trites	L.A.I	Woodward Library
G. Williams	L.A.III	Woodward Library

RECLASSIFICATIONS

S. Douglas	L.A.II to L.A.III Catalogue Preparations
D. Needley	L.A.III to L.A.IV Catalogue Preparations
L. Thiessen	L.A.III to L.A.IV Biomedical Branch
L. Hamilton	L.A.III to L.A.IV Fine Arts Division
S. Ng	L.A.III to L.A.IV Original Cataloguing
F. Wong	L.A.II to L.A.III Law Library

KC
2117
S744
1974
CaBVaU
Lw/
ja75nb

Stepan, Jan
The world's laws on contraceptives / Jan Stepan & Edmund H. Kellogg. - Medford, Mass. . Law and Population Programme, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, 1974.
vii, 105 p. ; 28 cm. - (Law and population monograph series ; no. 17)
1. British control - Law and legislation. 2. Contraceptives. I. Kellogg, Edmund H. II. Title. III. Series.