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LIBRARY BUDGET, 1974/75:

The total increase to the operating budget for the fiscal year commencing April 1, exclusive of salary increases, will be $25,000. This whole amount will be allocated to the budget for collections, where inflation has taken a heavy toll. There will be no increase to the budget for supplies and other expenses, so the strictest economy must continue to be practised.

A review of present workloads was carried out by division and branch heads and the Library Administration. As a result, some vacant positions will be transferred from areas where the workload has diminished to others where it has increased. In addition, some staff time will be shared by divisions and branches. There will be no reduction in staff numbers.

LIBRARIAN'S REMARKS TO SENATE:

In presenting his Annual Report to the Senate, Mr. Stuart-Stubbs made the following statement:

Since this report covers a period which ended last summer, and since most Senators will have read it, I'll speak instead about conditions during the present academic year.

First, to deal with our two basic indicators of use, volumes loaned and reference questions asked.

Last year, probably as a result of lower enrollments, loans from the Main and Branch Libraries dropped. During the past fall term, they have risen again by an average of about 13%. There has also been a marked increase in reference use, up by 18% in the Main Library and 30% in the Branches. Some Branch Libraries are experiencing unprecedented activity: the Sedgewick Library dealt with 64% more questions in the fall months, the Woodward Library with 58% more. It thus appears that after a slight lull in library use last year, the upward trend is reasserting itself.

Not all of that increase can be attributed to our own students and faculty. In a limited consumer survey performed on a November Sunday, we learned that as high as 30% of the users of the Sedgewick Library were not U.B.C. students or faculty, but were from other universities, colleges and schools; there were also many members of the public, non-students engaged in research. A more extensive survey will be made next Sunday, including all libraries in the lower Mainland. However, we now have some confirmation of our importance to a community wider than our own. The reason for our importance is to be found in the strength of our resources, both our collections and our services.

To speak of the collections: the Library has acquired twice as many items in the last ten years as it did in the first half century of its existence. Today it is the largest and richest collection west of Toronto, and among academic library collections in Canada, it is the most heavily used. The greater part of this collection could not be duplicated today at any cost. Because of its scope and depth, students at other local institutions often must come here to complete their assignments, and they are being encouraged to do so by their respective instructors and librarians. At the same time, working professionals in the health and applied sciences are similarly dependent upon us. At other libraries throughout the province, acquisition policies are being formulated on the assumption that easy access to UBC's collections will always be possible, and will suffice for many titles. All of this, of course, makes excellent sense from the point of view of public expenditure on education.

I am sure that Senate will share with me my sense of frustration when I hear it said that the University is not fulfilling its responsibility to the community. In the Library, we find ourselves doing more and more for users across the province, and being asked to do yet more. At the same time, we are receiving budget increases that do not even compare

favourably with those the Library received during the Depression, an irony in a province that is, according to the Premier, enjoying great prosperity. In the fiscal year which ends next week, we received an additional $35,500 for operating purposes; all but $500 we allocated to the collections budget. In the coming year, we will have an additional $25,000 and this too will be allocated to the collections. It just isn't enough. Our rate of accessions is dropping precipitously. In 1970-71,we added 162,000 items to the collection; in 1971-72, 142,000 items; last year, 137,000 items; and this year the figure will be about 93,000 items. For next year, we estimate 82,000, about half of the figure for 1970/71. Within the budget for collections, the price of remaining current is rising just as dramatically, particularly where periodicals and continuations are concerned. Five years ago journal subscriptions consumed 17% of the collections budget; in the coming year the figure will have risen to 48%. This is directly attributable to inflation, not to any great increase in the number of our subscriptions; in fact, we have been cancelling them. In order to pay the bills for current periodicals and books, we are being forced to restrict our purchasing of retrospective materials, and of research sets and collections. We have gone about as far as we can go, and it will soon be necessary to cut the subscriptions list more drastically. The result of this will be terminated and broken runs, which we will have to repair later at a higher price, if the materials can still be found on the market. This is not only contrary to the best interests of the University, it is disastrous for all of education in the province. To end where I began, we are the resource library for the province, and will be into the future. It seems to me that the government must acknowledge this fact, and provide the University with sufficient funds to enable the Library to play the role that is expected of it.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC BUILDING NEEDS.

The report of this Committee was delivered to Senate on March 20th. As its first priority it recommends a building for the Faculty of Education which would include an Education Library. It was not convinced of the need for a Science Library until beyond 1980, but assigned fifteenth place in its list to a Storage Library. The Report, together with a transcript of the Senate discussion, will now be forwarded to the Board of Governors for its consideration.

B.C. LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

The Membership Committee is seeking a "contact person" to work with the Committee. Would any volunteers please submit their names to Basil Stuart-Stubbs?

'COMPREHENSIVE DISSERTATION INDEX, 1861-1972':

The Social Sciences Division wishes to announce that it has received the above-named subject and author index.

"RETIRED" REFERENCE BOOKS:

The following reference books have been superseded and are no longer wanted by the divisions which had them up to this point. If you wish that any of them should be transferred to your branch, division or reading room, please contact Gifts & Exchanges (local 2607).

Canadian Almanac & Directory: 1973 (AY 414 C2)
Canadian Trade Index: 1973 (HF 3223 C25)
CINDA: an index to the literature on microscopic neutron data: 1972, v.1-2 & Suppl. (ZQC 721 C55)
National Faculty Directory: 1973 (LA 2311 N38 F33)
United States Government Organization Manual: 1972/73 (JK 421 A3).

'LE SOLEIL DE VANCOUVER':

Il manque à la bibliothèque les numéros suivants de ce journal:
t.3, no. 10 et 28 (juin 1970 et février 1971)
t.4, no. 24 (octobre 1971)
t.5, no. 24 (octobre 1972).

Toute personne qui soit disposée à se débarrasser de ces numéros est priée de bien vouloir les présenter à Graham Elliston, Bibliography Division (tél. 2304), qui en serait très reconnaissant.

PERMANENDO VINCIMUS:

In January 1970 Maria Horvath asked for a xerox copy of an article through Interlibrary Loan. It proved difficult to trace a library which had the journal in question and, after extensive searching, ILL gave up. Not so the Mennonite Historical Library, of Bluffton, Ohio. After four years of trying they eventually traced the journal to the library of the University of Tübingen and, much to her surprise and delight, Maria received a copy of her article a short time ago. Where there's a will...

MINNESOTA, ANYONE?:

The University of Minnesota Library is seeking an Assistant Director for Public Services, responsible to the Reference Services Department, Interlibrary Services, Departmental Libraries, and the Circulation Department. Desirable qualifications: two M.A. degrees, administrative experience, and knowledge of or interest in systems, automation and media. Write to: Ralph H. Hopp, Director of Libraries, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. 55455.

OBATIONARY INCREASES:

The Director of Personnel has informed the Library that the University has made written application to the Labour Relations Board for permission to grant probationary increases.

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The following letter was recently received under the letter head of 'Orthagrafik Reform', - Palm Springs, Calif.:

GrEEtings;-

RE yUrs of Jan. 21st rEquesting that thE University bE rEmoved from our mAiling list.

From where wE sit, yUr statement that yU do not hav room in yUr curriculum for rEserch in thE fiEld of orthografik rEform, is tantamount to admitting that yUr Faculty of EducAtion is A groUp of academic racketeers, who ar bent on perpetUAting thE confUsion in thE interests of maximum employment (fetherbedding) than in solving Johnnys rEading problem. Perhaps they ar awAre of thE fact that pEples, having bAsically fonetik alfabets, dont Even hav rEading "tEachers" per se,-(just ALFABET tEachers!!!),-much less "remedial" [sic - and I dont mEn sik] tEachers and/or "counselors". Thus they dont intend to do anything that might [why not 'mite?] curtAil [sum pEples lyk tAl] their [shUdnt this bE 'thAr'?]profession.

YUr comments ar invited,

REalistically, LEO G. DAVIS.

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APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS, PROMOTIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Rowan Upton	Library Assistant I	Circulation
Elaine Maxymyshyn	Library Assistant I	Circulation
Sandra Edwards	Library Assistant I	Woodward Library
Caroline Milburn	Library Assistant I	Circulation
Barbara Saint	Library Assistant IV	Science
Donna Frantz	Library Assistant III	Circulation
Tongsook Chang	Library Assistant III	Original Cataloguing
Eva Fiszhaut	Library Assistant I	Circulation
Lenora Sattmann	Library Assistant I	Law Library
Madeleine Butler	Library Assistant I	Woodward Library

PROMOTIONS

Louise Axen	L.A. III (Circulation) to L.A. IV (Circulation)
Sylvia Woodcock	L.A. I (Cat. Prep.) to L.A. II (L.C. Cataloguing)
Laura Brechin	L.A. II (Reading Rooms) to L.A. III (L.C. Cat.)
Polly Walker	L.A. I (Circulation) to Stack Attendant (Circ.)
Susanne Douglas	Key Punch Operator I (Systems) to L.A. II (Cat. Prep.)

TRANSFERS

Marianne Ota	L.A. III (Asian Studies) to L.A. III (L.C. Cat.)

RESIGNATIONS

Chanjun Choe	Library Assistant III	Original Cataloguing
Desiree Cheung	Library Assistant II	Catalogue Preparations
Charlie Tully	Library Assistant III	L.C. Cataloguing
Li-Huen Kwan	Stack Attendant	Sedgewick Library
Paddi Wicks	Library Assistant II	Woodward Library
Kathy Fairley	Library Assistant I	Circulation
Patricia Scroggins	Library Assistant I	Law Library
Duane Lunden	Stack Attendant	Circulation
Alpha Demchuk	Library Assistant I	Original Cataloguing
Donna Liakakos	Library Assistant I	Woodward Library
Carelyn Shermann	Library Assistant I	Woodward Library
Petale Vermilyea	Library Assistant IV	MacMillan Library
Janice Yorke	Secretary II	Cataloguing Admin.
Judy Katz	Library Assistant I	Catalogue Preparations
Carol Sinclair	Secretary II	Administration
Rosemary Zwinge	Library Assistant IV	Marjorie Smith Library
Sharon Kenny	Clerk III	Administration