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$305,000 Budget Cut

As a result of the recent librarians' salary increase awarded by an Arbitration Board, the University has cut $305,000 from the Library's operating budget for 1990/91. The amount is the difference between the salary increase budgeted by the University and the amount awarded by the three-member Arbitration Board.

Bill Watson, Acting University Librarian, asked Division and Branch Heads to send suggestions to the Library Administration for ways to reduce the operating budget by $305,000 on a continuing basis. Because the collections budget is now separate from the rest of the Library's operating budget, the reductions were to come from salaries. The Library Administration met with Vice President Srivastava on January 23rd to discuss the implications of the cut and to determine if any reduction was possible. In addition, a letter from the President of the Faculty Association was written to President Strangway asking him not to implement the cutbacks.

The University Administration took the position that no reduction in the cutback was possible. As a result, effective April 1st, twelve positions will be retrenched as follows:

—nine positions, representing over seven full-time positions, from various divisions and branches that have been vacant for an extended period.

—two positions from the Film Library, which is closing.

—one position in Systems in which the librarian is taking early retirement.

Further salary reductions will be made from one person working a reduced workload, the replacement of a senior librarian, who is retiring, with a junior librarian, and four positions will be made self-supporting through revenues from photocopying, increased fees and charges, etc. Fortunately, there will be no layoffs. However, after the series of large budget cuts the Library absorbed during the past decade, this latest reduction hits hard. Our current staff resources are stretched to the limit. In his memorandum announcing the cuts, Bill Watson stated:

> I have reminded the Vice President for Student and Academic Services that the removal of these positions from the Library budget will reduce our opportunity to respond to thechanging demands for library services; they will seriously impede our progress on certain projects which should be promoted; and they will eliminate any staffing flexibility for the yet-to-be-appointed University Librarian.

University Librarian Update

The four candidates being interviewed during March and April for the position of University Librarian are:

Dr. Ruth Patrick, *Dean of Library Services, University of Montana*
Dr. William Birdsall, *University Librarian, Dalhousie University*
Ellen Hoffmann, *Director of Libraries, York University*
Dr. Joseph Boissé, *University Librarian, University of California at Santa Barbara*

Please remember to send your comments about the candidates to Nadine Baldwin or Joan Sandilands, the Library's representatives on the President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of a University Librarian, as soon as possible.

Hope Springs Eternal

The newly formed Main Library Renovations and Expansion Planning Committee met for the first time in February. The Committee is working with three consultants, Malcolm and Jacqueline Holt, who will be acting as the project managers, and John Graham, whose task will be to investigate the problems and possibilities of renovating the Main Library building.

The Committee's terms of reference include reviewing library space requirements for the next thirty years, with the next ten years as the focus for the first phase of the project, and determining how to plan the library facilities to take best advantage of new technologies, such as a fibre optics infrastructure, in providing library services for the future. They will also evaluate the Main Library building to determine the options for restoration, renovation and expansion, including full environmental, architectural and structural upgrading, and recommend a site for the expansion of Main Library.

At present, the new construction budget is $20 million and the estimated first phase of the renovation project is $4 million.

Members of the Committee are:
William Watson, *Acting University Librarian (Chair)*
Andrew Brown, *University Planner, Campus Planning and Development*
Erik de Bruijn, *Assistant Librarian for Administrative Services*
Sherrill E. Grace, *Department of English*
Heather Keate, *Assistant Librarian for Public Services, Branch Libraries*
Eileen McIntosh, *Development Office, Campus Planning and Development*
Irving Ozier, *Department of Physics*
Desmond Parker, *University Architect, Campus Planning and Development*
Richard Spencer, *Registrar*
Basil Stuart-Stubbs, *School of Library, Archival and Information Studies*

Major Collection of Dictionaries Donated to the Library

Dr. H. Rocke Robertson, UBC's first Professor of Surgery, 1950-59, recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science from UBC in 1964, and member of the UBC Library Friends Advisory Council, has donated his collection of about 500 English dictionaries and early encyclopedias. The collection, put together over the past thirty-five years, includes many titles unique in western Canada. Some highlights are the first four editions of Samuel Johnson's dictionary, 1755-1773; the first edition of Webster's *An American dictionary of the English language*, 1882; a first edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, published in Edinburgh in 1771; and a fragment of the *Catholicon*, an encyclopedic dictionary and the first secular book to be printed in the western world, 1460.

Coinciding with the donation of the Robertson collection, UBC Press has published *A Collection of dictionaries and related works* by H. Rocke Robertson and J. Wesley Robertson.

The Party's Over...

And we survived. Community Relations estimates that over 200,000 people visited the campus during Open House—and staff in Government Publications probably felt as if most of them showed up for a headline from the day they were born. Once again, this was one of the Library's most popular events. The Parade through the Past, the book sale, the anniversary poster and the free online demo searches were also big hits. The Main Library's entrance hall was crammed with people Saturday and Sunday afternoons listening to Tom Shorthouse's tape of World War I songs, looking at the photo-murals of UBC and displays showing Vancouver from 1915 to 1925, and visiting the theatre to watch *Tuum Est*, a history of UBC.

Everyone who works at Open House often has some particular visitor or incident or a general feeling about the day which stands out in their minds. For example, two young girls dancing to Tom's tunes; men, women and children jammed into Government Publications for their headlines; two women excited to be in the Main Library because their father had been the stone contractor for the building in 1925; and an elderly gentleman who came back last week thrilled he had won a library card.

Open House is a lot of work and could never succeed without help from many people throughout the Library, from both technical and public services. Thank you to everyone who participated in the preparation of Open House or volunteered to give tours, sell books, greet visitors, provide computer demos, etc. In particular, hats off to Maureen Carey and Merry Meredith in Graphics for their excellent work and enthusiasm which helped make Open House such a success.

There will be another, more detailed report on Open House library-wide in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

Pastoral Scene from the Past

If you missed seeing or purchasing the Library's souvenir poster of the 1925 Main Library building complete with grazing bovines in front, it's not too late. The next time the sun shines, stroll over to Main on your break and have a look. The poster is for sale ($2.00) at Copy Services, in Main Library.

SYSTEMS UPDATE

Computer Swap in Progress

In the ongoing struggle to improve system response time, an innovative change is in progress. Hitachi Data Systems proposed that the Library trade our IBM 4381 computer for a faster Hitachi computer, at no cost to the University. After giving IBM an opportunity to respond with an alternative, and an assessment by University Computing Services and the Library, the University agreed to the swap.

The Hitachi computer, which is IBM compatible, is now being tested and, if no problems arise, the IBM 4381 will be released on Friday, March 30th. The faster computer has the potential to improve response time. However, it will require some fine tuning. In addition, more memory may be acquired. This was not an option for the IBM 4381 model but it is with the Hitachi. The memory could be expanded from the current 32 megabytes to 48 or 64 megabytes.

More information about the Hitachi and other hardware planning will be provided in a future *Bulletin*.

New Files Added to UBCLIB Command Mode

The Canadian News Index (CNI) and Microlog are now available for public searching in command mode on UBCLIB. The Canadian News Index covers seven major Canadian newspapers from 1982 to the present. Microlog indexes Canadian federal, provincial and municipal records from 1982 to the present.

Indexes File Renamed Abstracts File

CNI, Microlog, ERIC and PsycINFO are available on LDMS in the ABSTRACTS file. The name was changed from INDEXES to avoid confusion. The PsycINFO file is still a two-year sample file. The Task Group on Commercially Produced Bibliographic Databases has already made a number of improvements for searching these files and still wants feedback from staff on further changes. They are also working on a menu prototype for searching the files. Watch for an announcement on LDMS asking you to test the menu system.

Online Dictionary Soon

The Library is purchasing the online version of the *American Heritage Dictionary* which will be loaded on LDMS and UBCLIB. It is being acquired on a five year lease agreement. There may be a need for some software development before it is loaded.

Remember QUICKINFO

The QUICKINFO file on LDMS contains information about the Library and the UBC campus as a whole. Want to know the hours of the Nitobe gardens, where the Lost and Found is, or how to find provincial Hansards on LDMS? Looking for a list of engineering schools in North America, old copies of exams, or foreign language newspapers for sale? QUICKINFO has the answers.

To open the QUICKINFO file on LDMS, type **q**

To search the file, type **b** or **f w=**

This is a small file and truncation is encouraged. For example, compare the results of these two searches: **f w=computer** **f w=comput?**

The QUICKINFO file depends on user input. If you find some incorrect information in the file or if you cannot find something you think should be in the file, call Sheryl Adam at 2076 or send a message on LDMS to Adam.

What's Spinning Your Way

The Ad-Hoc Committee on CD-ROM Purchases completed its report at the end of January. The Library Administration has accepted the recommendations of the Committee and the following CD-ROM products are being purchased:

Canadian Business and Current Affairs 1982- (Sedgewick)

ERIC 1983- (Curric Lab)

PsychLIT 1974- (HSSD)

Compendex Plus 1985- (Science)

Agricola/CAIN 1970- (MacMillan)

Biosis 1990- (Woodward)

Mathsci 1985- (Math)

Sportdiscus 1975- (HSSD)

CCOHS-CD (Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety) (Woodward)

CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) 1983- (Woodward)

Twenty-six other CD-ROM products which were requested by branches and divisions but are not being purchased at this time are listed at the end of the Committee's report.

Criteria used for selecting the CD-ROM Products included (1) size and needs of the user population; (2) ease or difficulty of use of the printed versions of indexes; (3) balanced distribution of subject coverage and location; (4) hours of access; and (5) opportunity to cancel duplicate subscriptions of printed indexes.

The Library is purchasing six CD-ROM workstations which will be located in the Curriculum Laboratory, Humanities and Social Sciences Reference Division, Science Division, Sedgewick, MacMillan and Woodward. The Mathematics Department has offered to purchase the workstation for the Math Library. The Library will be looking for money in next year's budget to buy more workstations.

The CD-ROM products are being purchased on a lease basis and require licensing agreements. The agreements determine how many terminals may access the CD-ROM at any one time. Unlike printed indexes, all superseded discs must be returned to the vendor. In addition, if we terminate a subscription, all discs must be returned.

Members of the Ad-hoc Committee were Joan Sandilands (Chair), Lore Brongers, Elsie de Bruijn, Jocelyn Godolphin and Howard Hurt.

Spring Party

Plans for a Library party are underway. This year the party will be held in one of the more elegant settings on campus, the Main Library concourse. Invitations will be sent out soon—the date is Thursday, May 10th. Party organizers are hoping for a big turnout from all branches and divisions. Anyone interested in helping with the party (selling bar tickets, decorating, etc.) or donating a door prize should contact Elsa Guarnaschelli at 6649.

STAFF NEWS

Effective April 1st, **Bob MacDonald,** Assistant University Librarian for Technical Services, will take a reduced-time appointment (80 percent). He will still be responsible for Systems, Library finances and the overall operation of Technical Services. **Tony Jeffreys** will assume responsibility for the day-to-day administrative tasks of running Technical Services, such as filling vacancies and handling applications for travel grants. These arrangements will be reviewed at the end of June.

Gerry Dobbin is taking early retirement at the end of May, ending an association with UBC Library that has lasted almost 37 years. Gerry was born in Kenya, attended high school in Ireland, and obtained her BA in English and Mathematics from Victoria College/UBC. She completed her teacher training at UBC, and in 1952/53 taught school in Cumberland, B.C. In 1955, she went to Library School at the University of Toronto, where she completed her BLS in 1956, graduating at the head of her class. She was appointed as a Catalogue Librarian at UBC Library in 1956 and, in 1962, became Head of the Cataloguing Division. In February 1967, she became Systems and Information Science Librarian, a position she has held since that time. We wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

Ann Doyle has been appointed as the new Librarian/Analyst in the Systems Division, a position which has been vacant since Kathy Scardellato left in June 1988. Ann obtained her BA at York University and MLS at the University of Western Ontario. She is currently Systems Librarian at the University of Saskatchewan. Her previous experience includes working as a reference librarian for the North York Board of Education, as a librarian for the publishing firm of Ginn and Company, as systems and circulation librarian at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and and as a freelance consultant in Vancouver. Ann starts her new position on May 1st.

Congratulations to **Mandakranta Bose**, Indic Bibliographic Associate in the Asian Library. Manda received her Ph.D. from Oxford University in early March. Her examiners have strongly recommended publication of her dissertation, *The Evolution of classical dance literature: a study of the Sanskritic tradition,* and two major publishers in the field have expressed interest in the work.

We have another published poet at work. **Sheila Weaver**, library assistant in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division, has recently written a book of poems and prose called *Sing the earth*. There's a copy in Special Collections.

We were saddened to hear of the death in February of Doria Tai, a long-time employee in the Catalogue Records Division. We extend our condolences to her family, friends and colleagues in the Library Processing Centre.

STAFF MOVES

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Employment Equity Census Update

So far only 50 percent of the census questionnaires sent to all UBC faculty and staff in February have been returned. In comparison, SFU received an 83 percent response rate for their census a few years ago; the University of Toronto last year achieved 78 percent; and Queen's University, which conducted their census at the same time as UBC, already has a response rate of 85 percent.

Some employees removed their identifying employee numbers before returning their questionnaires. By doing so, they invalidate their responses because the data provided by each employee must be updated when promotions and pay raises occur.

The success of the employment equity program depends on participation from all UBC employees. Please complete the questionnaire. All responses to the census will be kept confidential. If you have any questions or concerns about the UBC policy on employment equity or the census, please contact the Office of Employment Equity at 5339.

Where's the E.A.F.E. Index?

Life as a reference librarian specializing in business can be full of abstruse and complex questions. Fortunately, there is some comfort in numbers, according to Elizabeth Caskey, our business expert in the Humanities and Social Sciences Reference Division. During February and March, she exchanged visits with four of the six librarians in the Business and Economics Division at the central branch of the Vancouver Public Library (VPL). These visits allowed the librarians to look at the two collections in some depth and compare their different clientele.

One outcome of these exchanges will be more extensive co-operation in collection development. For example, because VPL serves the downtown business community, VPL's strengths are in product and company information, directories and their trade journal collection. HSSD will try not to duplicate these materials to any great extent. The visits have also helped to strengthen the information network and personal contact between the business librarians, which allows them to consult and share information about difficult reference enquiries.

Sex and Death in Protozoa: the History of an Obsession

Information and Orientation received lots of *interesting* submissions to the contest for amusing or amazing names of authors and titles of books in the Library. Many of these entries were of a nature unsuitable for repeating in public—in LDMS training sessions, for example, and we are a bit hesitant about printing them for fear of receiving book withdrawal requests from the more sensitive readers of the *Bulletin*.

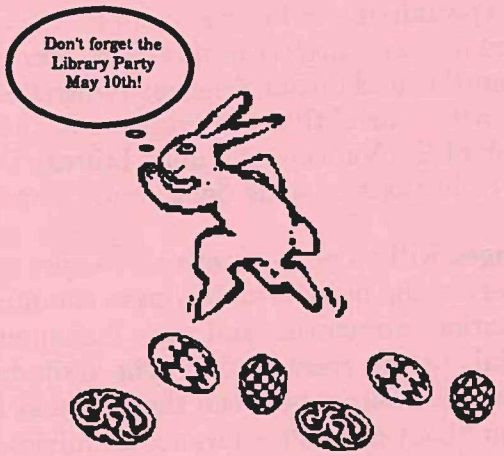
Because the quality of the entries was uniformly high, we decided to award the prize on the basis of a draw and to honour particularly memorable entries in a new monthly feature. The lucky winners of an extremely large bar of chocolate are Catherine Martell, Leslie Field and David Thomas of St. Paul's for their combined entry: *Why Literature Is Bad for You*; *Facts of Love in the Library* (a video!); *Why Males Exist* and the stunning title above.

Term Paper Clinic a Hit

During February, Sedgewick Library helped first and second year students beat the term paper blues with the annual Term Paper Clinic. Under the supervision of the Sedgewick librarians, students from the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies provided written research guides for 162 students. Each guide was tailored to a specific essay topic and included subject headings, bibliographies, reference sources, indexes, etc. Students were shown how to use these sources and encouraged to look for similar sources of information for other research assignments. For the first time, students were asked to evaluate the Term Paper Clinic by completing a short questionnaire. Responses were uniformly positive. Sedgewick also learned that most students heard about the Clinic from their professors.

Getting the Right FAX

The **new** FAX number for Woodward Library is 228-5596. Please do not use the FAX numbers listed in the campus phone directory (228-7788 and 228-7796). These numbers are for the Health Sciences Network machines and should be used for Network traffic only.



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