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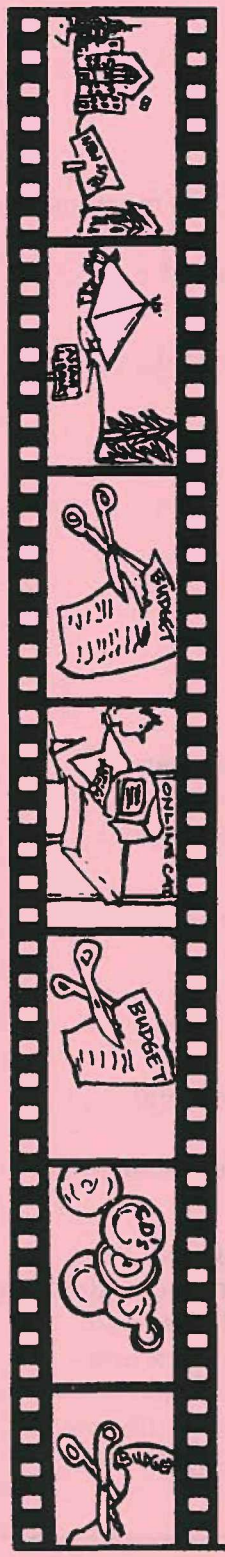
For Better or For Worse — the Eighties



1980

—We headed into the decade with optimism about a new central Library building; a President's Committee on Library Space Requirements recommended immediate action to develop new space.
—The collection had reached over two million catalogued volumes.
—The first B.C. Union Catalogue (BCUC) fiche with part of the holdings of 34 libraries was produced.
—AACR2 was implemented and DRS (now called Miscellaneous Materials file) was created.

1981

—With the stamp of approval by UBC Senate and Board of Governors, a proposal for a new Library building was submitted to the Universities Council.
—After 17 years as University Librarian, Basil Stuart-Stubbs resigned to become Director of the Library School.
—The Asian Library moved into the new Asian Centre.
—Over 6,000 library users (20% of UBC's population) responded to the Library Users' Survey.
—A special non-recurring allocation of $702,000 bolsters collections budget.
—Hiring freeze; $150,000 of journals cancelled.

1982

—Doug McInnes appointed as University Librarian.
—Major budget cuts result in a hiring freeze, the closure of the Reading Rooms Division and Ecology Library, and more serial cancellations.
—Health Sciences Network with the three hospital library branches established.
—Film Library joins the Library system.
—The first public services terminal installed at the Information Desk.

1983

—RECON (REtrospective CONversion of records from the card catalogue to online) project halted due to lack of funding from the province.
—Hiring and salary freeze continue.
—Collections budget cut.

1984

—Further budget cuts result in the merging of the Humanities and Social Sciences Divisions and a reduction in library hours.
—B. C. Library Network (also called the B.C. Union Catalogue Project) dies from lack of funding.
—Separate UBC Library computer purchased.
—Reference services for distance education students strengthened in Extension Library.
—Wilson Recordings Collection starts to buy compact discs.

1985

—Board of Governors approves old bookstore site for a new Library building.
—Collections budget increased for the first time since 1981/82 fiscal year.
—Salary budget cut.
—New cataloguing system implemented.
—Ritchie & Associates hired by the University to review Library processing divisions among other campus units.
—ILL moves from telex to electronic mail.
—Faculty of Commerce open David Lam Library after receiving a major gift from David Lam.

1986

—In-process list goes online for public services.
—Collections budget increased by 8%.
—Salary budget cuts continue; more serial cancellations.
—Grant from the Woodward Foundation buys 4 telefacsimile (FAX) machines for the Health Sciences Network libraries.
—PATSCAN, funded through a federal-provincial grant, established.

1987

—Collections budget increases by 5% after further cuts to salary budget.
—Catalogue and circulation files added to LDMS.
—DRS name changed to Miscellaneous Materials.
—Copy cards for photocopying introduced.
—Sprinkler system installed in Main Library.
—Provincial grant received for online development.

1988

—OPAC's (Online Public Access Catalogues) introduced.
—External review of Library.
—More budget cuts and serial cancellations.
—Acting part-time Preservation librarian appointed.
—Doug McInnes does not seek reappointment as University Librarian.
—Friends Advisory Council created.
—First CD-ROM products installed in Woodward and hospital branches.

1989

—Remote access to the online catalogue extended to all UBC cardholders.
—Bill Watson named as Acting University Librarian.
—More budget cuts.
—New library for St Paul's Hospital being built.
—Plans for new Library on the old bookstore site shelved.
—Provincial government announces grant for establishing a provincial electronic library network.
—We slipped from being the 2nd largest library in Canada to the 3rd largest.

What's Ahead?

We are entering the nineties with renewed optimism about a central library expansion. Yet another Library Building Committee is being formed and, once again, it looks promising. Before a new library is built, however, we will be out of space and more books will have to be put into storage. The Library is adjusting to further cuts to the salary budget. The search for a new University Librarian continues. The revival of some of the goals of the failed B.C. Union Catalogue project seems possible with the current proposals for a provincial electronic library network. Further technological developments will continue to change the way we work. The 3 millionth volume will be added to the collection in the next year or so.

You Can Help Make the Library a Hit at Open House! March 9-11

Posters of cows grazing in front of the 1925 Main Library, paperbacks, records and maps for sale; headlines from the day you were born; free computer searches; tours; displays celebrating the University's 75th anniversary; a multi-media "Parade through the Past"; and daily draws for a UBC library card or Wilson card are some of the highlights for this year's Open House, March 9, 10 and 11. The University expects more than 150,000 visitors to this special campus-wide Open House, the first of several public celebrations planned for the University's 75th anniversary year.

We need your paperbacks, old clothes, 1915 memorabilia and you. Graham Elliston in Gifts and Exchanges welcomes donations of paperbacks for the book sale. Martha Whitehead in Sedgewick Library is looking for period clothing from 1915 to 1960? (saddle shoes, crinolines) for their "Undergraduates through the ages" display. I & O would appreciate any 1915 or thereabouts memorabilia, especially of UBC or Vancouver, for the display cases in the front hall of Main. We also need volunteers to work at Open House and will send out a list next week of all the library events and information about when and where we need volunteers. And to everyone who has already spent time planning and working on Open House—thanks very much.

Ad-Hoc Committee Looks at CD-ROM Purchases

Just before Christmas, the Library Administration set up an ad-hoc committee to make recommendations for purchasing CD-ROM products. Because the purchases will be paid out of this year's budget, the Committee has been asked to report back by the end of January. All branch and division heads have been asked to submit a list of desired databases, backfiles and special equipment to the Committee. The Committee's terms of reference are:

(1) The Committee will report to the Library Administration through Tony Jeffreys, AUL for Collections.

(2) The Committee should recommend a prioritized list of the databases which it feels should be purchased and the locations in which each should be housed. None of these decisions should be regarded as irreversible—both databases and equipment can be moved at a later time if circumstances dictate. What we are looking for is a recommendation for an initial distribution. For the January 31st deadline, the Committee should recommend databases costing about $15,000 in terms of current subscriptions. (Some further, onetime, money could be made available for backfiles). The Committee should also recommend the placement of 6 new CD-ROM stations in the light of the databases it proposes.

In addition to the initial list of databases mentioned above, the Committee should also present a list of databases which it feels are essential to be included in the second round. This will give the Library Administration something to work with in terms of future budgets, although the second list will need to be reviewed prior to purchase, to take account of any new developments. Proposed locations should also be included. The second list could be submitted after January 31st if necessary.

(3) In determining equipment location proposals, the locations which already have grant-funded equipment should be considered on their merits along with others. It will be necessary to determine how heavily existing equipment is used.

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

Commercial Databases Ready for Testing

The Task Group on Commercially Produced Bibliographic Databases has been working with the Systems Division to develop software for searching commercial databases on LDMS, including ERIC, PsycINFO, MICROLOG and the Canadian News Index. The Task Group submitted a preliminary report to the Library Administration in December outlining development progress and problems.

One of the problems was that LDMS, designed initially for data input and known item searching, could not search large sets and some of the ERIC subject terms retrieve over 5,000 items. In addition, there was concern about the impact on system response time. LDMS has now been modified to accept larger intermediate search sets and the ERIC files (CIJE and RIE) may be temporarily split into pre and post 1980 segments, to help avoid such large result sets in subject searching.

The Task Group is about to work on a prototype menu similar to UBCLIB.

The following databases have been loaded and are ready for testing:

CIJE—Current Index to Journals in Education (**ERIC**) 1966-
RIE—Resources in Education (**ERIC**) 1966-
ERIC THESAURUS—thesaurus of subject terms used in the ERIC files (**RIE &CIJE**)
PsycINFO—Psychological Abstracts, a sample file of approximately 2 years
MICROLOG—Index to Canadian federal, provincial, & municipal government reports '82-
CNI—Canadian News Index 1982-

To access these databases on LDMS, type: **indexes**. Use **SHOw INDex** to see the indexes for each database. Remember this is a prototype using sample data so the databases are not necessarily current or complete.

Library staff are invited to search these new databases and to submit suggestions for changes or enhancements to members of the Task Group. Members are Jane Price (Chair), Lynn Copeland, Pia Christensen, Howard Hurt, Mary Mitchell, Keith Bunnell and Julie Stevens.

Employment Equity Census

In 1989 UBC established an Office of Employment Equity. Their mandate is to ensure fairness in employment opportunity for four groups—women, persons with disabilities, aboriginal people, and visible minorities.

During the first week in February, the Office of Employment Equity will be sending out a census questionnaire to all UBC faculty and staff. This campus-wide census will enable the Office to collect information on the composition of UBC's workforce, and thereby, address the goals of the employment equity program.

The census has four questions: whether you are male or female, an aboriginal person, a member of a visible minority, and have a disability that limits your employment opportunities.

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.

SYSTEMS UPDATE

Computer Upgrade

At the beginning of January, more memory was added to the Library's IBM 4381 computer. This expansion represented the least expensive and fastest way to obtain better response time. The response time is slightly improved compared to before Christmas. More substantial increases to capacity are critical and alternatives are being investigated.

One method to expand capacity is to purchase a more powerful model of the IBM 4381. This is a very expensive solution and not recommended because this hardware is now considered outdated technology. In addition, we do not have enough money to do it.

An alternative is to use a new class of computer designed as a 'server'. University Computing Services plans to use these machines to replace the large central computer and to change to a distributed approach to computing support. The Library is considering a similar approach and is participating in a Request For Proposal (RFP) to obtain prices and proposals for servers. More information will be provided in the next Bulletin.

Microsoft Word 4.0 and 5.0

The Library recently upgraded to Microsoft Word 4.0 under a special pricing arrangement for an 'academic' version. Now version 5.0 has been released and version 4.0 is no longer available. There is some difference between version 4.0 and 5.0, but either version should meet most word processing needs within the Library. Therefore, unless someone requires version 5.0 for special purposes, the Library will not be upgrading version 4.0. All new Microsoft Word users will receive version 5.0.

The Library has almost fifty microcomputers and expects to purchase more. Stay tuned for more software information in this column.

B.C. Local Histories Project

A project to produce an annotated bibliography of all local histories written about communities in British Columbia is underway. Funded by B.C. Heritage Trust through the B.C. Library Association, the project is being supervised by Jean Barman, Assistant Professor, and Linda Hale, Canadian Childhood History Project Bibliographer, at UBC's Dept. of Social and Educational Studies.

The bibliography, which will be available in published form and online through UBC Library, will greatly assist research and scholarship on B.C. At present, no systematic means exists to locate local histories, some of which have been privately printed. Many are long out of print. Local histories, while uneven in coverage and quality, contain a wealth of information concerning the many hundreds of small settlements that have existed over time, often in geographical isolation, across B.C. The bibliography will make it possible to examine a variety of subjects, including the distribution of non-Native settlement across B.C., actual means of livelihood, emergence of social institutions, and the everyday lives of women and children.

For the bibliography to be as complete as possible, assistance is sought from everyone—researchers, librarians, lovers of local history, authors, genealogists and all others—aware of the

existence of local histories about their community or some other area of B.C. **Can you help?** The project organizers are particularly concerned to learn about any smaller, older and more obscure publication that may be tucked away on a back book shelf.

If you know of any local histories, please send the basic bibliographic information (author, title, publisher, place and date of publication, actual location of a copy) to:

Jean Barman or Linda Hale
Dept. of Social and Educational Studies,
Faculty of Education, UBC
Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z5

All assistance will be acknowledged in the completed bibliography, to be available by the fall of 1990.

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS
FEATURE OF THE MONTH

WBIB & WPAM Files (Woodward Bibliography and Pamphlet files)

1990 marks the tenth anniversary of the Miscellaneous Materials system (formerly called DRS). The **WBIB** and **WPAM** files were among the first files to be loaded into DRS back in 1980. Both files list uncatalogued materials in the health & life sciences, biology, botany, dentistry, medicine, nutrition, pharmacy, zoology and other related subjects.

The **WPAM** file lists uncatalogued pamphlets in Woodward. This collection of 4,236 pamphlets is an excellent source of up-to-date, brief information, from wildlife management to consumer health. Some recent titles are *Emergency Planning, The High Cost of Garbage*, and *When Death Occurs at Home*.

The **WBIB** file, which has 584 records, lists Woodward's uncatalogued bibliographies. Of special interest are the *Current Bibliographies in Medicine,* a series of literature searches published by the National Library of Medicine. These searches are done on MEDLINE on specific medical topics of current interest, such as AIDS, the homeless and fraud in the life sciences.

Access to records in **WPAM** and **WBIB** is by corporate and personal author, title, series and keyword. Keyword searching is recommended as the best method for finding records in the Misc. Materials files. Try the following searches:

1. *Do you have any up-to-date bibliographies about radon gas as a source of air pollution?*

TRY: **F w=radon?** This will give you 18 hits. To narrow your results to items in Woodward*, enter after the prompt *Do you want to see them?* **and coll=wbib** This will give you two items.

2. *Do you have any examples of codes of ethics in medicine?*

TRY: **F w=ethic?** This will give you 132 hits. To narrow your results to the Woodward pamphlet collection* enter after the prompt *Do you want to see them?* **and coll=wpam** This will give you 38 items.

* To find the code for a particular collection in Misc. Materials, type: **sho cod=coll**

Please refer questions about the **WBIB** and **WPAM** files to Pat Lysyk in Woodward Library (4970). Remember to clip and save this article to add to your other descriptions of Misc. Materials collections.

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Friends of **Doug McInnes** will be glad to hear that he is coming along nicely after major surgery January 12. He is at the University Hospital, UBC site, and hoping mightily to go home as soon as possible. During Doug's absence, **Elsie de Bruijn** is Acting Head and **Margaret Price** is Acting Associate Head of the Woodward Library.

Bonnie Stableford has been named as the new Head of the Science Division. She is currently Chief of the Library Services Division, Health Protection Branch, Health and Welfare Canada, in Ottawa. Her previous experience includes working as Head, Health Sciences Resource Centre at the Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI—our National Science Library in Ottawa), Canadian MEDLARS Coordinator at CISTI, and Director of the Nursing Library at the University of Ottawa. She starts her new job on May 1st.

Dan Heino has been appointed as a Reference Librarian in Woodward Library. Dan has been working in Woodward in a temporary position since last April. He is replacing John Cole who moved to the University of Calgary in 1988. Dan has a B.Sc. (Honours) in Biology from McGill and MLS from UBC.

Patrick Willoughby has moved from the Fine Arts Library to the Government Publications Division, where he is working as a Reference Librarian.

Dean Giustini has been hired as a temporary Reference Librarian in the Music Library. A recent graduate of UBC's School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, Dean will be working part-time until the end of April.

Jan Johnson is working as a part-time Reference Librarian in Woodward Library until the end of April. Jan completed her BA and MLS at UBC. She worked in reference at Woodward last year.

Isabel Pitfield has been appointed as Library Community Affairs and Development Coordinator. This is a part-time position funded from the Friends of the Library. She will be assisting the Library Administration in the area of community relations and development work. Her appointment runs from January 2 to December 31, 1990.

David Winter, a recent graduate from the UBC MLS programme, has been appointed to work with the Systems Division to develop, design, and implement an interlibrary loan workstation. This appointment, which runs from December 11, 1989 to December 10, 1990, has been made possible through special funding for support services to the university colleges.

We are sad to report that **Anne M. Smith**, former Assistant University Librarian in charge of reference and information services, died Monday, January 22nd. She was ninety years old.

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Miscellaneous Materials is Ten Years Old

The Miscellaneous Materials file has approximately 84,000 records, covering forty collections throughout the library system. It was developed in 1980 as a better method to control and retrieve ephemeral materials. Materials listed in the file include pamphlets, government publications, films, videos, exhibition catalogues and other specialized collections, such as IEEE publications and the Curriculum Laboratory's historical textbook collection.

Initially called DRS, the name was changed to Miscellaneous Materials in 1987. That same year, some of the largest collections in the file, such as the Canadian Politics Bibliography and B.C. Theses, were moved to a separate Bibliography file. Misc Materials is produced quarterly on fiche and is available online on both LDMS and UBCLIB. For further information about the collections listed in Misc Materials, see the regular column, *Misc Materials Feature of the Month*, in this newsletter.

Woodward's Tower of Power

To allow more than one user at a time to search the CD-ROM version of MEDLINE, Woodward Library has installed two additional microcomputers and a Meridian tower. Pete Edgar, Systems Division, and William Lee, University Computing Services, installed the tower containing five compact disc drives. The tower allows users from the three microcomputer workstations to search MEDLINE on CD-ROM simultaneously. The system is interconnected by a Novell Local Area Network (LAN) which also allows a laser printer to be shared.

At present, only three of the tower's five disc drives can be used with the CD-Plus software. Three discs covering 1986 to the latest update of MEDLINE are mounted on the tower. If users want to search files before 1986, it is necessary to disconnect from the tower and search on the microcomputer with separate disc drives.

Woodward users love the system. The three micros and printer are operating at full capacity; a reservation system is in place for one of the micros and will be in place soon for a second. This success has resulted in an increased workload for Woodward staff—particularly in training and equipment maintenance. There is also concern about the amount of paper being used for printing. To meet the growing demand for more facilities, it will be necessary to impose charges for printing.

A Great Big Ugly Man Came Up and Tied His Horse to Me

There's still time to submit your entries to I & O's contest. We're looking for books with interesting titles (like the one above), authors with unusual names and combinations thereof. Entries must be in UBC's collection. A selection of entries will be printed in future issues of the *Bulletin*, and prizes will be awarded.

ALPS

Academic Librarians - Public Services (ALPS) was formed in 1988 to provide a forum to discuss public service issues in B.C. university, college and institute libraries, to promote communication between public services librarians and to increase awareness among librarians about collections, services and facilities within B.C. post-secondary libraries.

ALPS meets twice a year, in November and at the annual BCLA conference in the spring. Some topics discussed so far include online bibliographic instruction for faculty, the Media-Exchange Co-operative database proposal, policy and services for students of other institutions (Leonora Crema has surveyed 21 libraries), the CD-ROM union catalogue feasibility study, and the provincial electronic library network study. Minutes of the meetings are on file in the Humanities and Social Sciences Reference Division.

Librarians interested in joining ALPS or learning more about its activities should contact Linda Prince to get on the mailing list (ENVOY: L.PRINCE or call 324-5383).

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