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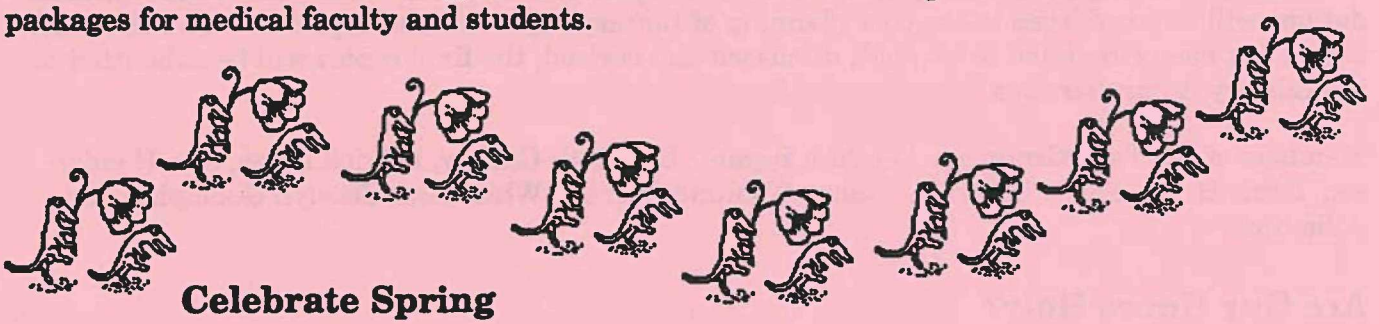
New Library for St. Paul's Hospital

Construction of a ten-storey tower at St. Paul's Hospital is now underway. The new Library will be located on the first level, next to Biomedical Communications and the Drug and Poison Information Centre. Due for completion in the summer of 1990, the Library will be 3600 square feet including a separate scanning room to house current journals and new books. The tower is the second phase of a three-part redevelopment of the hospital. The first phase was an identical tower completed in 1987. This second phase is being funded by the province and the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

The Library at St. Paul's and Hamber Library at the Children's Hospital joined the U.B.C. Library system in 1982 when they teamed up with the Biomedical Library at VGH and Woodward Library to form the U.B.C. Health Sciences Library Network.

Health Sciences Receive Money for Information Technology

A joint proposal by the Library and Faculty of Medicine has yielded $120,000 over two years from the Vancouver and Woodward Foundations. The money will be used for improvements in information technology for the UBC health sciences libraries. Possible purchases from the grant include more CD-ROM technology, OPAC terminals and CAI (Computer-Assisted Instruction) packages for medical faculty and students.



Celebrate Spring

At long last, Spring has arrived and with it, the Library Party. This annual event is your opportunity to meet new staff, quaff a few beer with friends and colleagues, dance up a storm, and, generally, eat and be merry.

The party is on Thursday, May 4th starting at 5:00pm at the Grad Centre (the building adjacent to the Faculty Club). Don't forget to send your form to Josie Lazar in the Librarians' Office by April 28th. See you there!

P.S. If anyone would like to donate a door prize, please call Julie Stevens (2076).

Selection Committee Update

The closing date for applications for the position of University Librarian was March 31st. Twenty applications from Canadian librarians have been received. The President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of the University Librarian will meet on May 1st to discuss the preparation of a short list of candidates.

Special Award for Crane Library

Crane Library has received $150,000 from GO B.C. and the Kinsmen Clubs of Vancouver to replace and upgrade its high-speed tape and cassette duplicating equipment. The equipment used in Crane Library for duplicating transcriptions of books for visually impaired students at U.B.C is over fifteen years old and in much need of repair. In making the award, Bill Reid, minister responsible for the Premier's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities, praised the excellent services and unique facilities provided by Crane Library. Go B.C. is a capital funding programme which uses proceeds from the B.C. lotteries.

OmniCommittee Meet About Omnicat

The Public Services Task Group on Online Database Development is now working on the first draft of its recommendations. Following the procedures set out in the Task Group's terms of reference, this draft will be sent to Systems and Technical Services for review and then circulated to all Library staff.

Jocelyn Godolphin and Julie Stevens, as co-chairs, will also arrange some information meetings to discuss the Task Group's draft report. Although they have received several submissions and have had informal discussions with some staff, the members of the Task Group want everyone to read the report. Please send your comments to either Jocelyn or Julie or come to one of the information meetings.

The Task Group's terms of reference were to make recommendations for developing the Library's online public databases so as to provide users with optimal access to information. The recommendations will be considered in the core planning of Library's systems development. After the draft report has been circulated to all staff, discussed and revised, the final report will be submitted to the Library Administration.

Members of the Task Group are Lee Ann Bryant, Elizabeth Caskey, Patrick Dunn, Jim Henderson, Chris Hives, Peggy McBride, Joanne Naslund, Martha Whitehead, Jocelyn Godolphin and Julie Stevens.

Are Our Hours Holy?

The Library Administration has established a Library Hours Task Force to review Library access and services, and to recommend changes that may be necessary to improve access to the Library and its facilities and services. At present, most of our libraries have several different sets of hours throughout the year.

The Task Force will look at the changing needs of the U.B.C. community on a year-round basis. It will consider how the Library might satisfy the increasing demands of the general public with minimal cost to U.B.C. faculty, students and staff.

The Task Force is preparing a questionnaire and its members will be interviewing appropriate branch and division heads and staff in May. The Task Force has been asked to report by September 1, 1989.

Members of the Task Force are Margaret Price, chair, Mary Banham, Lee Ann Bryant, Elizabeth Caskey, Howard Hurt, Joan Sandilands and Tom Shorthouse.

SYSTEMS UPDATE

More files for UBCLIB

The public now has access to three more files on UBCLIB. The Patents database which provides information about Canadian patents is now available through command mode. A guide to searching the Patents file is available from Ron Simmer, PATSCAN Librarian (5404).

Added to both the menu mode and command mode are the new Course Reserve file and the Old Card Catalogue Conversion (OLDCAT) file. The Course Reserve file contains all course materials in Main Library Reserve Book Collection, Sedgewick and Woodward Library Reserve Collection. Access is by author, title, course name and call number. The OLDCAT file is an incomplete listing (with errors and omissions) of the Library's ongoing retrospective conversion (RECON) project. The file contains most materials acquired from 1969 to 1977 and some earlier materials in Law, Medicine, Social Work and Canadian Literature.

Index and Abstract Databases on the Way

The Library is planning to introduce some index and abstract databases which will be loaded on the Library's computer, searched with LDMS software and available to all Library users.

Two databases have already been ordered – Microlog and the Canadian Newspaper Index. In addition, the Library is working with the Faculty of Education to obtain the use of two ERIC databases and PsychINFO from Psychological Abstracts. Each database is subject to a separate license or lease agreement which covers conditions of use and the cost. Generally, database tape services are offered as an annual subscription and require prepayment of a fixed amount for unlimited use by a specified user community, typically within an organization or institution. Royalties are usually not charged for the organization's users but may be required when access is given to users outside the defined user group. Access to some users may be denied by the terms of the lease.

The Library plans to load these databases and make them available to reference staff for an evaluation period of 2-3 months. This period is needed to determine what kind of enhancements are needed for the LDMS software, to assess the additional load on the computer system (i.e. response time), and to arrange facilities for providing printouts. When the evaluation period is completed there will likely be a subsequent period for introducing and testing any software changes.

Eventually, online access will be extended to faculty and students, subject to adequate computer capacity. Access for other users must also be considered in terms of computer capacity and the license agreements. While it is not expected that online usage charges will be necessary, it is probable that we will charge users for printouts.

The introduction of these databases is part of the overall plan for improved online services, including a better user interface. Features and facilities needed for the index and abstract databases will also be available for other online files.

STAFF NEWS

Retirements

Bianca Barnes, the Library's Graphic Artist since 1970, has taken early retirement. In doing so, she has switched from signmaker to filmmaker and is now working full-time from her home in Steveston on her films. We will miss her good humour and warm manner. Bianca's art will be with the Library for years to come. She always insisted on brevity, diplomacy, accuracy and good design. We'll be following her new endeavors with great interest and know her muses will continue to be joyful and creative.

Why is **Doug Kaye** whistling a happy tune? Why does he beam like the cat that's eaten the canary? Because, after 31 years at UBC as the Record Man he is taking early retirement to indulge his tastes for travel, music, lawn bowls and some of the other finer things in life. Doug's career included a youthful stretch on the bounding main and some time as proprietor of a Vancouver bookshop. At UBC, he developed the Wilson Recordings Collection, shaping it into the unique and highly valued library it is today. Life here will not be the same without him. May he flourish in a lengthy and happy retirement!

Hellos

Len McIver is the new Reference Librarian in the Curriculum Laboratory. Len obtained his undergraduate degree in Physical Education at UBC and his MLS at the University of Western Ontario. Prior to coming to UBC, he was working as temporary Technical Services Librarian at Forintek Canada Corporation. Len started his new position on April 3rd.

Dan Heino has been appointed as temporary Reference Librarian at Woodward Library. He has a B.Sc. (Honours) in Biology from McGill and MLS from UBC. His library experience includes working as an Academic Assistant at Woodward and as a librarian for the B.C. Medical Library Service, the UBC Dept. of Psychiatry, the Health Sciences Library of Memorial University and Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops. His one-year appointment started on April 17th.

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Roger Quick, LA1 (Sessional), Curric Lab
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Francesca Hollander, LA2, Circ
Elizabeth Stack, LA2, Acquisitions

Goodbyes

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Transfers

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