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TRANQUILITY SHATTERED IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

It hasn't been a good summer for the Special Collections Division where staff are still recovering their composure after several accidents during June and July as well as a burglary over the July 1st weekend.

The first accident took place on June 10th after a night of heavy rain. Water leaked through the ceiling in more than a dozen areas of the division (mostly in rooms 861 and 863). It was discovered first thing in the morning and staff and students worked quickly to move books, put up plastic sheets and begin the process of drying wet materials. Their fast action prevented further damage since the rain continued to come through the roof throughout the morning. The cost of the cleanup and replacement of ruined books is approximately $5,000. The flooding occurred because the roof had been left unsealed by workmen the day before.

Only four days later, at around 10:00am, two large glass panels, which join the wall partitions to the ceiling, fell and shattered on the floor in the Special Collections office area and reading room. Several hours later, while three men from Physical Plant were inspecting the accident, a third panel came crashing down. Although staff were quite shaken, luckily no one was injured. Since the rest of the panels appeared to be unstable, all of them were removed from the wall partitions. A full investigation is still underway, but it appears that the glass became loose from a combination of work on the roof and improper installation of the glass panels.

Shortly after 1:00am on July 4th, Traffic and Security phoned Frances Woodward to report a burglary in Special Collections. The night cleaning staff had discovered the break-in and contacted Security and the RCMP. The burglar(s) entered the Library by breaking a window in Mary Banham's office in the Circulation Division. They forced open the double doors leading into Special Collections and smashed the glass display counter and coin cases, taking the complete Canadian Coin collection, the Ethiopian gold coins and the medals from the UBC memorabilia case. The approximate value of the stolen coins and medals is $41,000.00. The RCMP is still investigating the case.

Frances Woodward received another late evening phone call from Traffic and Security on July 6th. Again, water was leaking into the division. The leaks had shorted the smoke detector alarm in the vault, the area where their main collection is stored. Frances and Chuck Forbes came out to the Library and covered the bookshelves with plastic sheets and moved books away from the leaks. Fortunately, the rain stopped and no further damage resulted. They went home at around 1:30am. Once again, the leaks were caused through inadequacies in the re-roofing process.

We hope for Special Collections that August will be a better month.

UBCLIB NEWS

The Library Administration has decided to extend remote access to all UBC graduate students and to disabled undergraduate students. It is expected that the addition of 4,000 more potential users will not overload the library computer. At present, the system can accommodate a maximum of about 120 simultaneous users before the response time begins to deteriorate. To ensure a reasonable response time, the system will deny access to faculty/student users if the response time reaches a maximum of 3 seconds. Currently, the average response time is 1/4 to 3/4's of a second, occasionally reaching 1 second or more. A public announcement about the extended access will be made as soon as the details for sign-on procedures have been worked out.

Seven of the ten public terminals have been installed - three in Main, two in Sedgewick and one each in Law and the Curriculum Lab. Telephone line problems have delayed the installation of the terminals in MacMillan and Woodward. The terminal for MacMillan should be installed soon and we hope that the Woodward terminals will be in by the beginning of September.

On August 19th, you'll see a new version of the user interface for UBCLIB. Many of the improvements in the new version are in response to user suggestions. The major changes include:

- a new combined author/title search which searches both the IN-PROCESS and CATALOGUE files.

-in the menu mode, a new option which allows you to go back to the browse list **after** you've selected items from the list (right now, you have to enter your search again).

-new displays and wording changes.

-in the command mode, a few more files: PHOTOS, STORAGE, MARC and SPE (Special Collections private papers and UBC archives, formerly called ARCHIVES).

WHAT DO WE WANT FOR OUR FUTURE OPAC?

To best serve our public online users, what changes should we make to our present online system? Should we combine some of our files (e.g. CATALOG, IN-PROCESS and SERIALS)? Should we combine some of our indexes (e.g. author and title)?. Should we be adding some new outside databases to our system (e.g. indexing and abstracting publications)?

These are some of the questions that will be reviewed over the next year. Our present online system was designed primarily to serve the needs of the Library's processing tasks. It is time to place more emphasis on the requirements of reference services and public access. Since the current organization of the databases imposes some limitations on access, it is important to investigate ways of improving it. A review of what we want in an online system is the first step towards the development of our future online public access catalogue (OPAC).

The Administration wants input from all Library staff in determining what changes are needed. There will be a meeting for all staff in September to discuss some of the general questions. A small task group will be appointed to work out the details of the proposed changes. For more information on the review process, see Bob MacDonald's memorandum to branches and divisions dated July 28th.

SYSTEMS UPDATE

NEW INDEX FOR MISC MATERIALS FILE

Have you done a word search in the MISC MATERIALS file recently? There's a new way to limit your search results by collection, using the **COLL** index. For example, if you want to know if the Library has any videos on the topic of aids, go into the MISC MATERIALS file and type: **F w=aids and coll=flvi**

This will retrieve items on aids held in the Film Library's video collection (flvi).

The COLL index is called a "virtual" index because the system creates it only at the time the search is being done and only for an existing hit list. This means that you can not use it by itself. For example, you will receive an error message if you type: **F coll=flvi**

In order to use the COLL index, you need to know the abbreviated names of the collections in the MISC MATERIALS file. To list them, type: **sho cod=col**

Systems advises using the COLL index sparingly since it places a heavy load on the system. For more information about the index, see System's Technical Note TN-011 which was sent out in July.

NEW COMBO SEARCH IN LDMS AND UBCLIB

You can now do combined author/title searches which search both the IN-PROCESS and CATALOGUE files. The combined searches can be very helpful when you are searching for a general title by a prolific author (e.g. a Bach sonata). To use the combined search, type: **combo** and then follow the online instructions. If you are signed on to the ACQUISITIONS or CATALOG tasks, type **ldms** and then **combo**. If you do not find the item(s) you are looking for, consider browsing. This may indicate language and spelling variations as well as typing errors.

NAME CHANGE FOR ARCHIVES FILE

The new name for the ARCHIVES file is SPE. The SPE file lists Special Collections personal papers and UBC archives. The name change was necessary because the abbreviated form of ARCHIVES (arc) is a systems command; so while .arc worked fine, arc alone produced quite unexpected results.

LDMS TRAINING

Information & Orientation will be scheduling a LDMS BASICS session in the next few weeks. If you are a newcomer or want a review of LDMS, please call Brenda in I & O before August 24th (x2076 or send a message to INBP).

STAFF NEWS

We have lost yet another of the Library's distinguished veterans. After twenty-three years at UBC, **Betty Misewich** has taken early retirement. Prior to coming to UBC, Betty worked at both Vancouver Public Library and Victoria Public Library. Betty started as an original cataloguer at UBC in 1963. She was Head of Preparations in Cataloguing from 1966 to 1969 and has been Head of the Science Unit in the Catalogue Records Division for the last ten years.

With Betty's departure, the Science Unit has been combined with the Biosciences Unit to form the Sciences Unit. **Jim Sharpe** is Head of the new Sciences Unit (6838).

Judith Phillips, Head of the Social Work Library, has resigned. Judith started working in Woodward Library in 1979 and became Head of the Social Work Library in 1983. Judith's last day was July 4th.

The position in Social Work is now under review. **Beverley Scott** has been named as Acting Head of the Social Work Library on a term appointment from August 2, 1988 to January 31, 1989. Bev worked as a full-time reference librarian in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division during the past year.

The new Head of the Data Library is **Hilde Colenbrander**. Hilde has recently moved to Canada from South Africa. Her previous experience includes working as a map librarian for the State Library in Pretoria, a reference librarian for the University of South Africa Library, and Information Analyst and Head of the Research and Development Division of SABINET, the South African Bibliographic and Information Network. Hilde started her new position on August 2nd.

John Cole has been named as the Acting Associate Head of Woodward Library from August 15 to December 31, 1988. He is replacing **Elsie de Bruijn** who is Acting Head.

Lynn Redenbach has been appointed part-time librarian in the Government Publications Division. This job was created to replace the time that Suzanne Dodson will be spending in her position as Acting Preservation Librarian. Lynn has been working in the division since the beginning of May.

Angela Schiwy has been appointed as Project Archivist in the Special Collections Division from July 18, 1988 to July 17, 1989. Angela will be working on the recently donated MacMillan-Bloedel papers. This position is being funded by MacMillan-Bloedel.

Connie Fitzpatrick is temporarily leaving the Government Publications Division to work for Statistics Canada in Vancouver. Connie will be gone from August 1, 1988 to March 31, 1989.

STAFF MOVES

HELLOS

Kerry-Jane Hutcheon, LA1, Cat Products
Nancy Fedewich, LA1 (sess), Curric
Heather Sauer, LA1 (sess), Curric
Sonja Loukko, LA1, Circ

PROMOTIONS

Lieselotte Illichman, reclass to LA4, Acq

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Wendy Swift, LA1, Cat Products
Carl Wiens, LA1, MacMillan
Alfred Leung, LA1, HSSD-Per
Jean Dyer, LA1, Circ
Shirley Tam, LA3, Cat Products

TRANSFERS

Daniel Chernenkoff, LA1, Sedgewick to ILL
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Patti Roy, LA1, Circ to MacMillan

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