

Library modernization goes on

by Alex Shetsen

First it was rows of cardfiles. Then it was microfiche in a binder placed beside a projection machine. And now the University of Alberta Library System's catalogue is computerized and can be accessed from terminals strategically placed in the libraries' reference rooms.

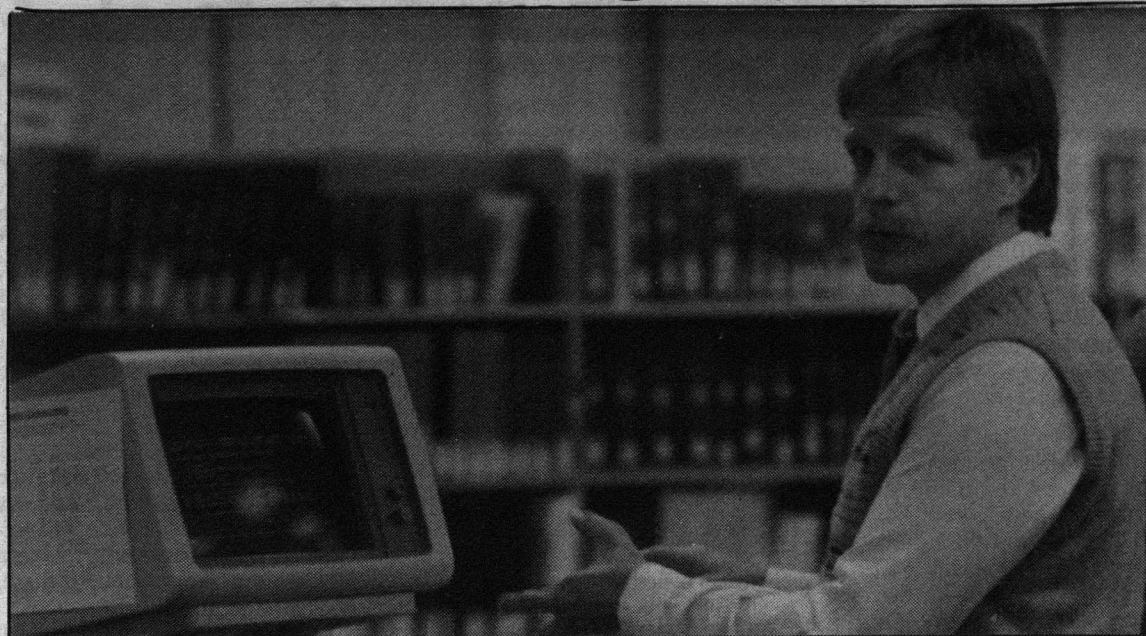
Though the terminals have been around for the last couple of years, two weeks ago the computer system replaced microfiche as the main data bank for the catalogue.

According to the library's General Information, the move to bring the catalogue on-line is being made "in the interests of efficiency". For example, in order to locate a book within the system, a user will no longer have to hassle with long drawers of 3 x 5 inch cards, or with thin plastic microfiche sheets. He or she will merely have to type in

the book's name, or its author, or its subject, and the computer will respond with a listing of all the library materials under that heading.

The microfiche catalogue, which has been in use since the mid-seventies, will continue to exist, being regularly updated to provide a backup in case the computer system goes down. And the card catalogue, which lists all library materials acquired before 1974, will eventually be eliminated after all the information it contains has been computerized. This phasing-out process, however, will take several years to complete.

While the card catalogue is still around, however, the more traditionally-minded students will be able to shuffle through its many drawers while marvelling at yet another incursion that computers are making into our daily lives.



One of many library terminals

photo Rob Schmidt

Quips 'n' Quotes

Total number of full time university teachers in Canada (except Quebec)

male 21,553
female 4,231

Median salaries of same group

male \$47,149/yr
female \$37,152/yr

— Statistics Canada Report 1983/84

Student Pugwash

by Greg Halinda

There is a place in Nova Scotia called Pugwash. Due north of Halifax on the peninsula's north coast, Pugwash is a small town of some significance. It was there in 1957 that Albert Einstein gathered with scientists from around the world to discuss the threat of nuclear weapons.

The legacy of this meeting exists in the form of the International Pugwash Movement, and closer to home as Canadian Student Pugwash. The Pugwash movement is interested in the survival of the human race and the betterment of the human condition, while maintaining a non-partisan stance.

"We're just here to get society to look at the morals used in science," said Sherry Gibbs, local co-ordinator for Canadian Student Pugwash. Gibbs is trying to assemble a group of interested persons on the U of A

campus to form a local chapter of Canadian Student Pugwash. "All students can get involved. We'd like to have debates, lectures, seminars on issues like genetic engineering, artificial intelligence, nuclear energy, and acid rain. Nuclear weapons is only one of many topics we're concerned with," said Gibbs.

Gibbs claims she has people interested in speaking. However, her current problem is a lack of membership. "I've put up 42 posters advertising Canadian Student Pugwash and had only two phone calls in response." Without members, Gibbs' group will receive no club funding.

Anyone can join Canadian Student Pugwash. Gibbs is holding an introductory meeting Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. at the International Student Centre, 11023 - 90 Ave. For more information call 487-6653.

OCTOBER 1, 1969

Students across Canada blockaded the U.S.-Canada border for an hour to protest the planned American atomic bomb test in the Aleutian Islands. Mitchell Sharp, the federal External Affairs Minister, sent a telegram of support to the student council of the University of Victoria, the organizers of the blockade. The test took place on Amchitka Island on October 2.

OCTOBER 16, 1959

Registration of automobiles for the school term showed that 2,100 students and staff members drove to school, while only 665 parking places on campus were available, thus making the car-to-space ratio slightly more than 3 to 1.

Gateway Archive

JANUARY 4, 1977

All 41 fourth-year Dentistry students refused to write their mid-term exams in December. Fourth-year dentistry class president Keith Ellis refused comment; the assistant dean of dentistry said that according to regulations, the students would receive a zero.

NOVEMBER 12, 1943

Morals of present-day university students are lower than they were ten years ago, according to the results of a debate held at the University of Western Ontario. Contributing factors cited for the decline were automobiles, liquor, and the styles of women's clothing.



FEES DUE By September 30

The last day for payment of fees is **September 30th**. If a student is paying by instalments (terms), the amount of the first instalment is the First Term assessment and the last day for payments is **September 30th**; the amount of the second instalment is the Second Term assessment plus a \$5.00 instalment charge and the last day for payment is **January 16th**.

A penalty of \$15.00 per month will be assessed for each month after the last day for regular payment of fees in which a student's fees remain outstanding. Students are reminded that the University cannot accept responsibility for the actions of the post office if payments are not received by a deadline date. Also, if payment is dishonored and not replaced by the appropriate deadline date, the penalty will apply.

If fees are to be paid from some form of student assistance, please refer to Section 15.2.3 of the 1986/87 TIMETABLE ADDENDUM AND FEE INFORMATION booklet. Heritage scholars may call the Fees Division, Office of the Comptroller for clarification of policy, if uncertain.

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