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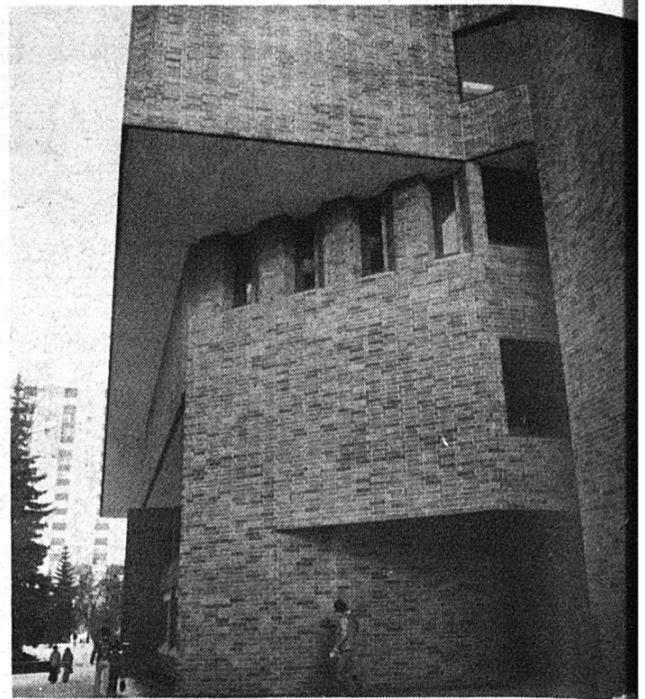
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FACULTY	BUILDING	ROOM	TIME
Agriculture & Forestry	Agriculture	250	March 15-April 15
Arts	Humanities	6-7	March 15-April 30
Business Administration & Commerce	Central Academic	325	March 15-April 20
Education	Education	Lobby	March 15-20
Engineering			March 15-April 15
Current 2nd & 3rd Year Students			Consult Respective Departments For Specific Times
Chemical	Chemical & Mineral Engineering	536	
Civil	Civil & Electrical Engineering	220	
Electrical	Civil & Electrical Engineering	238	
Mechanical	Mechanical Engineering	4-9	
Mineral	Chemical & Mineral Engineering	606	
Home Economics	Home Economics	115	March 15-April 25
Physical Education & Recreation			
Physical Education Students	Physical Education	E-125	March 15-30
Recreation Administration Students	Physical Education	WI-08	March 15-30
Science	Biological Sciences	CW223	March 15-April 30
Faculté Saint-Jean	8406-91e rue		à la Réception du 15 Mars au 15 Juin
<b>Other Faculties</b> — Forms will be distributed as described in the Course Registration Procedure Booklets which are available at your Faculty Office.			



### LIBRARIES

## In 3 years the real crunch til then fewer books, staff

by Randy Read

The university's chief librarian says that last year's cutbacks at the library are going to be followed by even more severe reductions in acquisitions, services and library hours this year.

According to Bruce Peel, the problem is that last year's low budget is unlikely to be increased. In fact, he has been asked to prepare budgets for up to a 3% cut in funding.

This year, \$80,000 was cut from the acquisitions budget. The attached table shows how little the library's money bought in 1977-78 compared to 1969-70. These estimates are based on American book prices; the situation is even worse for European books, which account for 33% of acquisitions.

Mr. Peel said that the library's purchasing power is down because of the recent devaluation of the Canadian dollar as well as a 10% annual inflation in book prices.

As a result, over the past year, the library has totally committed its book fund of \$2.2 million. It has also spent a carryover of \$300,000, and exhausted the \$380,000 which remained in the MacCosham fund, an endowment for acquisitions.

At the same time, book acquisitions were cut to about 92,000 from 100,000. And 1375 periodicals subscriptions were cut, leaving about 15,000.

The carryover is gone, the MacCosham fund is gone, and the book fund is still only \$2.2 million. Without the Heritage Trust Fund the library's purchasing power would have been down

about 40%. "That situation would have been disastrous," Peel said.

But even with the university's expected share of this \$3 million grant to secondary libraries, purchasing power will still be down by 10%. And this, said Mr. Peel, means fewer books and periodicals.

The real crunch, said Peel, will come in three years when the special grant expires and there will be nothing in the base budget to replace badly needed funds.

Cutbacks are also occurring in staff. Over the past year, non-professional positions have been cut. Three professional positions have been left unfilled.

Mr. Peel said that the time staff budget will be the most seriously affected. While the budget that is most flexible (ie. most easily reduced), it is the budget that determines library hours will be.

Next year the library will be \$120,000 short of its \$400,000 budget, even before accounting for wage increases. The result—drastically reduced library hours.

Technological improvements to the library could in the long run save money. For example, Mr. Peel would like to implement a computerized library management system which would be more efficient, speed up service and make more information available to users.

There are a lot of people in the library who would like to do—improve service, extend hours and expand the present level of acquisitions. But they can't. The money just is not there.

### Decline in Purchasing Power 1969/70 to 1977/78

	1969/70	1975/76	1976/77	1977/78
Book Price Index (1969=100)	100	184.6	212.3	241.5
U of A Expenditure for books (to nearest, 000)	1,955,000	1,180,000	1,147,000	1,109,000
Value in 1969 Book Market Dollars (to nearest, 000)	1,955,000	639,000	540,000	413,000