

From Whelks to Whales

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Are the riddles of our world oceans puzzling you? If so, information about fish, invertebrates, marine mammals and the rest of the aquatic world will be discussed on Monday, November 24.

Dr. Murray Newman a pioneer in the study of live marine mammals in Canada's Pacific and Arctic coasts will give a talk and slide presentation at the University of New Brunswick in Room 146, Loring Bailey Hall at 8 p.m.

Dr. Murray, director of the Vancouver Aquarium will present "From Whelks to Whales": the Vancouver Aquarium Story, following which a question period will be open to the audience.

The riddles of the aquatic world include animals which have been studied such as "killer whales", narwhales, belugas, Pacific octopus. "LIVE" killer whales, belugas and pinnipeds such as seals and walruses are on display at "The Max Bell Marine Mammal Centre," a new aquarium consisting of outstanding live animal facilities.

One of the foremost authorities in the world in the field of public aquariums, Dr. Newman has been involved in most of the expeditions which have helped make the Vancouver Aquarium famous. All aspects of its development and activities will be described and illustrated.

In addition, expeditions to the Amazon for the development of the "Graham Amazon Gallery" at the aquarium, and to the Comoro Islands in the Indian Ocean in pursuit of the collocant (a fish long thought to be extinct) will also be discussed with slides.

The lecture and slide show are sponsored jointly by UNB and the New Brunswick Department of Fisheries. During Dr. Newman's two and a half day stay in New Brunswick, he will exchange views on running a public aquarium with government representatives and visit the Marine Centre and the Shipagan campus of the University of Moncton.

The public is welcome to attend and admission is free so for all you marine biologists and even for the regular aquatic enthusiasts, if you are interested, do attend and emerge enlightened about the depths and mysteries of the sea.



Murray Newman, an expert on marine animals and outstanding world authority on public aquariums, will give a public talk and slide presentation on the UNB campus, Nov. 24. In his presentation entitled From Whelks to Whales: the Vancouver Aquarium Story, the director of the Vancouver Aquarium will illustrate aspects of the aquarium's development and the expeditions which have helped make it famous.

New Assoc. Director of Libraries

Stretching scarce resources in nothing new for Rod Banks, the new associate director of libraries at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

Less than five months into the job, he finds the challenges similar to those he encountered as head of administrative services for the University of Alberta Library. The cost of operating and equipping a university research library is rising fast--faster than the budget.

"Funding is a problem, and not just at UNB," Mr. Banks says. "My emphasis will be on budgeting and trying to get our fair share of the money available."

One of his responsibilities is tackling the problem of differential pricing of periodicals, a great concern for all university libraries. He is also expanding the computer-based acquisitions system and administering a grant from the Maritime Provinces' Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) for renovations to the Harriet Irving Library.

Differential pricing means publishers charge libraries substantially more than individual subscribers for periodicals and journals. European and British publishers hit North American

libraries especially hard. And the more specialized and technical the publication, the higher the cost. For example, an annual subscription for a monthly chemistry journal averages \$400, while a literary journal may cost \$30. With the price of periodicals rising a minimum of 10 to 11 percent a year, the problem is acute. This year, periodicals are gobbling about 70 percent of UNB's budget for library acquisitions. Twenty years ago, they accounted for just 27 to 30 percent.

To help keep track of exactly how library funds are used, Mr. Banks has been working closely with UNB's Computing Centre and the comptroller's office to set up an acquisitions accounting system. ACQUIRE, as it is known, will "mesh with the comptroller's system and provide a full accounting of the library's spending," he says.

As well as trying to save money, Mr. Banks is also responsible for spending some. He and Alan Burk, head of public services for UNB libraries, are administering the \$402,000 MPHEC grant. The money will be used to install an air conditioning system to serve the university archives, and collections of rare books and historical newspapers; to improve circulation and inter-

library loans; and to move microfilming services from the basement of the Harriet Irving Library to the main floor. Mr. Banks says, "The first visible work will be done during the Christmas break so that library users will not be disrupted too much."

Mr. Banks has served several professional throughout his career, among them the Canadian American and Alberta Library Associations, and the Library Administration and Management Association.

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