

University NEWSBEAT

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Services now more efficient

IBR opens social science research centre

The Institute for Behavioural Research has recently opened a Resource Centre for the Social Sciences to further facilitate social science research at York University.

The Centre offers all members of the university community access to a wide range of resource materials and consulting services.

"None of the services are new," explained Lisa Lasko, Information Systems Manager for the IBR Data Bank, "but we felt they were being under-utilized because not enough people knew about them."

In the past, the various resources were located in separate offices and there was no guarantee that anyone would be on hand to help if a student wanted to use a particular resource.

Now, all the resources have been centralized in room 253A of the Administrative Studies Building.

"We're hoping this will make the operation more efficient," said Ms. Lasko, and we're now able to maintain a staff person at all

times in the Resource Centre."

Some of the services and materials available in the Centre are listed below:

- **Consulting Services:** assistance in the collection, management, and analysis of social science data both in classroom related activities and in independent research.

- **Computer Program Library:** a large library of computer programs oriented toward social science data analysis; assistance in the selection of programs, the acquisition of appropriate documentation, and initial advice on setting up job control cards for any accessible program.

- **Data Archives:** one of Canada's largest collections of numeric data generated by academic, governmental, and private institutions, and individuals. Most of the data has been edited to improve its usability for secondary analysis. The Institute also holds membership in the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Science Research (ICPSR) and has access to all of its data.

Among the data contained in the IBR archive are all the Gallup Polls conducted by the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion since 1945, major national election studies, data generated by special governmental commissions such as the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, and the Commission of Inquiry into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs (LeDain). Comprehensive indices of all IBR and ICPSR data holdings are maintained.

- **Canadian Census data:** Aggregate Data from the 1971 Canadian Census and the "1 in 100" Public Use Sample Tapes (data on individuals), edited for ease of access.

- **Social Science Information System:** assistance in using SSIS to obtain bibliographies of social science journal literature. SSIS is a computer based information retrieval system.

The Resource Centre is located in room 253A, Administrative Studies Building, and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Telephone 667-3026.



Lisa Lasko, Information Systems Manager for IBR's Data Bank, indicates some of the periodicals available in the new Resource Centre.

Footnotes

Burton site of crowded Fire

Internationally-known composer, Peter Maxwell Davies and his ensemble, The Fires of London, will perform at York University's Burton Auditorium on Monday, November 22 at 8:30 p.m.

York's Performing Arts Series is co-sponsoring this event with New Music Concerts.

In addition to Davies' "Antechrist" and his adaptation of Purcell's "Fantasia upon a Ground and Two Pavans", there will be a staged performance of Davies' "Miss Donnithorne's Maggot" with mezzo-soprano Mary Thomas.

The Fires of London have appeared in concert and on radio and television throughout Great Britain, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. They have produced several recordings and have appeared in such films as "The Devils", "The Boyfriend" and "Leo the Last". Their music combines twentieth century classics and serious contemporary chamber music with works of early composers.

Tickets for The Fires of London are available at the Burton Auditorium box office at the rate of \$5 (general), and \$3 (students). The box office is open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday to Friday. For reservations call 667-2370.

Can I give you a boost?

A battery booster service (through the York winter, a service indeed!) is available on the York Campus from 7 a.m. to 10:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, at a charge of \$3 per call. To obtain the service, call the Emergency Services Centre at 667-3333.

There are six external emergency phones on campus, in or near various parking lots. They are located at: the gatehouse on St. Lawrence Boulevard (the main entrance); the entrances to the visitors parking lots (FF lot, beside Burton Auditorium and DD lot, behind Scott Library); the entrance to C lot (north of Founders College); Niagara Boulevard opposite J lot (between the TTC bus stop and graduate residence four); and at the entrance to GG lot (behind Osgoode Hall Law School).

Howarth collection on view

Dr. Thomas Howarth, whose collection of art and artifacts from New Guinea, Indonesia and Australia is being exhibited at the Glendon Art Gallery, will give a slide show and talk Thursday, November 25, at 1:45 in Room 204, York Hall, Glendon campus.

A professor of architecture at the University of Toronto, Dr. Howarth also is the master-planner for Laurentian University, Sudbury, and planner for the Glendon campus and advisor to the Board of Governors for the York campus.

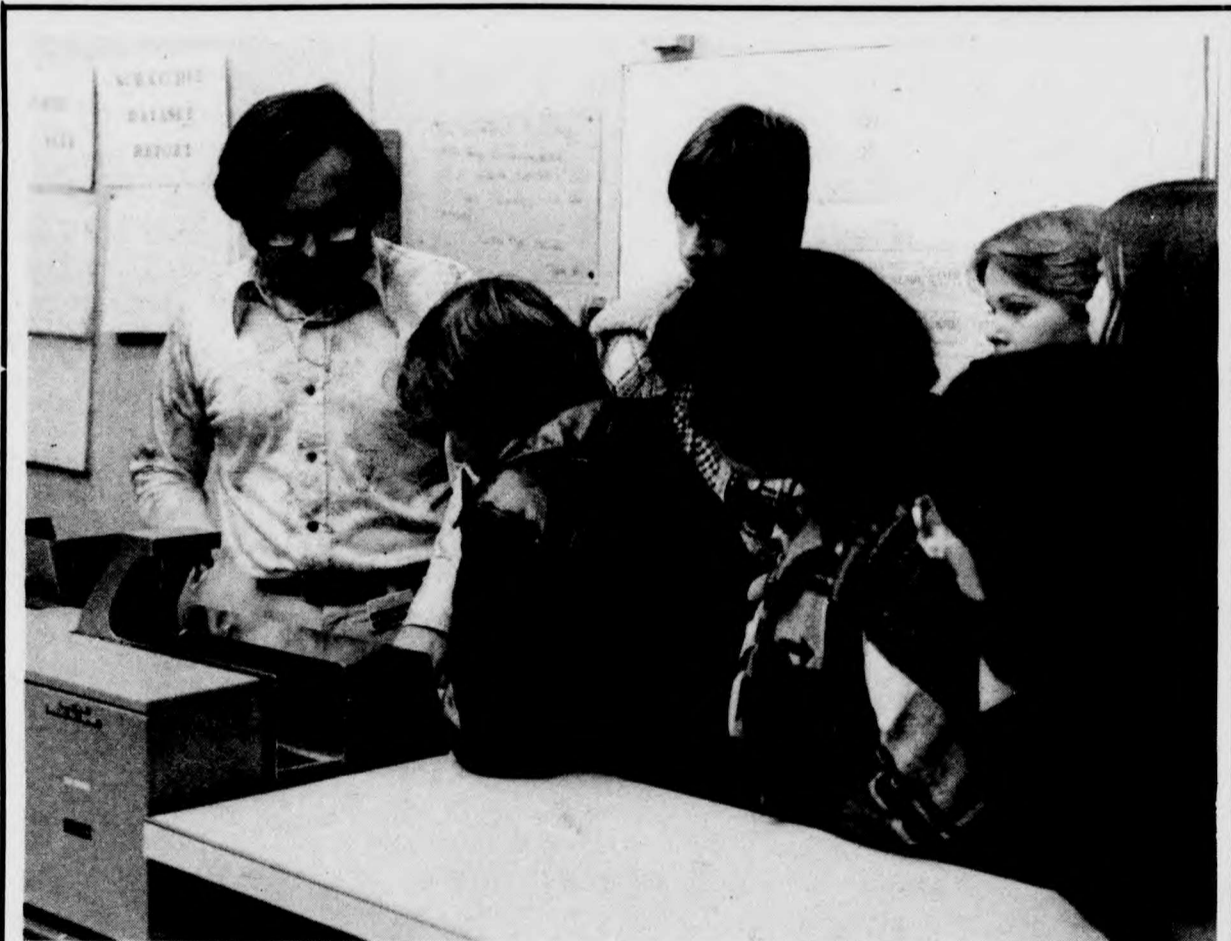
He is known as a collector of objets d'art and drawings by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. In recent years this has been supplemented by materials from different parts of the world.

The current gallery show of Dr. Howarth's Pacific collection opened November 18, and will continue through December 16. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

De Valois speaks today

Dame Ninette de Valois, founder of the Royal Ballet (formerly the Sadler's Wells Ballet) of London, will give a public lecture at York this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in room 312, Fine Arts Building.

Miss de Valois was awarded the RSA Gold Albert Medal in 1964, and became the first woman to receive the Erasmus Prize Foundation Award in 1974.



Drop-in-Days draws droves

Some 1,500 visitors accepted York's invitation to explore the campus during Drop-in-Days, last week. Among the many "Students for a Day" were a number of elementary and secondary school students, who took advantage of the November 11 holiday to view the university.

Above, one such group tours the computer facilities. Right, another group discovers the magic of television at York's TV studio in Stedman Lecture Halls.

The visitors attended more than 2,000 lectures and participated in many of the extracurricular social and cultural events during the week.

