

Library suffers large book loss

by Janet Drysdale

In making use of the library resources at Acadia, students often notice that there are many books and periodicals missing from the shelves, while there is an apparent lack of a security system. Mrs. Isobel Horton, Head Librarian, stated that a commissaire is on duty at various times. Although it is a "spotty" system, it has been found as effective as in past years when a guard was posted at the checkpoint for a substantial part of the library's functioning hours.

Losses have been estimated at 1,000 books a year, with perhaps one-fifth of the lost books eventually finding their way back to the shelves. Missing book

lists are drawn up every year. The department heads receive a copy of this list so that they may re-order books which are essential to courses.

The Library has at present, about 300,000 books. Fifteen to twenty thousand new books are acquired each year. In this time of austerity the library has experienced no cutback in its book budget, although the equipment budget did not increase. Obviously, the administration attaches importance to this area of the university.

One alternative to the guard system is a mechanical or electronic system which would require a substantial expenditure of both money and time. This has not received serious consideration, owing to

its expense.

The original plans for the Vaughan Memorial Library envisioned the expansion of the Library to include the top two floors of the five story building, following evacuation into the new Arts Centre. This plan is now undergoing study by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. Until, or unless, approval is granted, the library facilities will be limited to the lower floors.

A new librarian, Mr. Iain Bates, has recently begun work in his position as Deputy University Librarian. Mr. Bates attended Algoma College in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. And finally, the new Library cards have arrived. They are available to all students.

News Briefs

Bus. seminar

Mr. Lawrin Armstrong, Acting Regional Manager, Trade Practices Branch, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Department will open the Fred C. Manning School of Business and the Student Chapter of the American Marketing Association 1976-77 series of seminars at Wheelock Hall on Wednesday, November 10, 1976 at 7 p.m.

The theme of these seminars is "Business operations, Consumers, the legal environment and the survival of our economy". The objective is to promote communication and interaction between the various sectors of our society with a view to understanding each sector and learning from each for the betterment of all.

Mr. Armstrong's topic is "Changes in the Anti-Combines Legislation as applied to false and misleading advertising". This legislation is part of phase one of the Government's new competition policy.

Mr. Armstrong was born in Halifax and spent six years as an officer of the Ontario Provincial Police. Mr. Armstrong was the Merchandising Manager of a large retailing company in Ontario for four and one-half years before going to the trade practices branch as an investigator of false and misleading advertising. He spent five years in this position and was appointed recently as Acting Regional Manager, Trade Practices Branch, Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Atlantic Region.

The Valley community and general public are invited to these seminars.

The Fred C. Manning School of Business Administration and the Acadia University Students Marketing Chapter extend a special invitation to businessmen and consumers.

Baha'i Club

The Baha'i Club of Acadia sponsored its first project for this year, Saturday evening, October 23, in the Manning Memorial Chapel, United Nations Day, which occurred October 24, was observed with an Inter-Faith Service, with readings from the Zoroastrian, Buddhist, Christian, Moslem, and Baha'i religions. Then followed a minute of silent prayer for peace between nations, and harmony and accord amongst mankind. In order to engender the spirit of brotherhood in the campus community, all who attended the service were invited to share an International Buffet in the chapel meeting room on the lower level.

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Either/Or sponsors craft fair Nov. 13

The Either/Or fall and spring Craft Fairs have become a tradition at Acadia, and seem to become more popular every year. This year's fair is the largest yet, the number of requests for booths has risen from sixty-five last November to over eighty. For this reason, the fair will be extended to Michener Lounge this year, with displays in the cafeteria and the MacKeen Room of the Acadia Students' Centre as well. Thus almost all of the Students' Union Building will be devoted to the fair.

The doors open at 9 a.m. on Saturday,

November 13, and the fair will continue until 6 that evening. Crafts of all descriptions will be available. The largest groups are probably leather and pottery, but there will also be a number of woodworkers, weavers, painters, toymakers, candlemakers, and other artisans present. Almost anything handmade is available.

One of the reasons for the November fair's great popularity is the nearness of Christmas. Students and others often find excellent Christmas gifts as well as items for themselves.

The November issue of ALPHA Literary Journal, Either/Or's new monthly publication will also be available at this year's fair. Back copies of Either/Or magazine will be sold as well.

The fair is held in the Students' Union Building on the campus of Acadia University, Wolfville. It is hoped that everybody who can, will come out and support Nova Scotia's craftsmen as well as the creative talents of Acadia; for whose benefit Either/Or exists.

by Grant Buckler

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