FIFTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF BENNINGTON COLLEGE

This has been a year in which the Library staff has suffered the loss of colleagues and maintained services in spite of it. We have also seriously looked at services and processes in an attempt to streamline procedures. We are restructuring vacated positions in order to use the positions and people to the fullest extent possible.

It has been a year in which we encountered some fairly heavy vandalism. Last summer the Library staff painted the night study rooms only to have a couple of the walls defaced when fall term began. Art books and periodicals suffered also. There was a rash of plates being razored out and even whole sections of books being ripped out. Many of these items are out of print and, therefore, unavailable. With the help of the art faculty members this matter was brought before the community in an attempt to inform people of its seriousness and of how devastating this was to our collection. With a few exceptions, the vandalism seems to have stopped.

The issue of library materials that are lost or stolen, however, continues. During inventory of the Dewey Decimal art collection in 1980 it was discovered that 125 volumes, or 1.8% of the collection, were missing. An inventory was completed in February 1986 of the same collection. The figures are even more alarming, as 283 volumes, or 4% of the art collection, were missing. Even with our security system, books continue to walk out of the library. The librarians are now at the point where books are evaluated in terms of cost. If a book costs over \$100, it is looked at with an eye to placing it in Closed Shelves, even if it is not a rare book.

Slides continue to be a problem area and a priority at the same time. Many slides that had been stolen were replaced: Rubens, David Smith, and many impressionist slides. Great lacunae are developing as a result of the loss of slides. Graphic Arts and Drawing have suffered noticeably. A total of 139 slides were missing in inventory, June 1986.

STAFF

We faced a potentially demoralizing situation this year in regards to staff. Toni Petersen resigned as director in January to continue her work full-time with the Art and Architecture Thesaurus. Kitsey Ellman resigned as night circulation supervisor and was replaced by Eileen Wilentz, who resigned in July. Kathie Groben resigned as secretary/periodicals assistant and was replaced by Marie Parker. We were assisted by a part-time temporary reference librarian, Martha Cordova, from January to June.

The Staff for 1985-86 was as follows:

Toni Petersen Librarian(until January 1986) Peggie Partello Assistant Librarian/Head of Public Services Susan Carpenter Head of Technical Services (until September 1985) Cindy Mangsen Head of Technical Services (from September 1985) Margaret Wehrung Circulation/Reserves Supervisor Kitsey Ellman Night Circulation Supervisor (until December 1985) Eileen Wilentz Night Circulation Supervisor (February - July 1986) Rosa Jorgens Cataloguing Assistant (from August 1985) Lois Stocking Acquisitions Assistant Anne Jorgensen Interlibrary Loan Assistant

Kathie Groben Marie Parker Secretary/Periodicals Assistant (until April 1986) Secretary/Periodicals Assistant (from June 1986)

With half the staff turning over in one year, it has been difficult to keep a sense of continuity and purpose. The Library seems to attract people who are willing to do what is necessary, above and beyond their job descriptions, to keep the operation running as smoothly as possible. With the turnover, this has not been easy. Much time is spent training new people to the neglect of other duties.

BUDGET

The book and periodical budget was \$8,300 less than last year's budget. Periodical subscription costs are escalating every year and, consequently, take up more of the available budget. In 1984-85, \$30,000 was spent on periodicals. This year \$37,000 was spent. This represents an increase of almost 23% just in the cost of maintaining our current periodicals. This decreases our available purchasing power for books to a mere \$28,000, as compared to \$43,000 in 84-85.

If the budget continues to decline, the librarians and faculty members will have to seriously consider cutting periodicals. Bear in mind that the cutting of periodical subscriptions usually has a direct correlation to the rise in interlibrary loan requests, which cost the library absorbs.

The American Library Association recommends that the Library be supported at a level of 6% of the college's total educational and general expenditures. Let it be duly noted that this percentage should be greater "if the library is attempting to overcome past deficiencies, or to meet the needs of new academic programs." (1)

YEAR	PERCENTAGE OF	THE STATE OF THE S	SUPPORT	TITLES	PROCESSED
1970-71	4.7			37	772
71-72	 4.6			34	+92
72-73	3.6			36	540
73-74	4.2			41	26
74-75	3.7			38	396
75-76	3.6			29	962
76-77	3.5			28	381
77-78	4.0			32	204
78-79	3.9			23	396
79-80	2.8			19	913
80-81	3.6			17	726
81-82	3.4			36	572
82-83	3.0			37	708
83-84	2.2			34	39
84-85	2.0				444
85-86	2.3			30)54

^{(1) &}quot;Standards for College Libraries, 1985," College and Research Libraries News 46 (5) May 1985: 251.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

The Library had another successful book sale this year, largely due to the efforts of Cindy Mangsen. It was an enjoyable experience and we are pleased to be of service to the community at large in this way. We have also established a profitable relationship with local book dealers.

The Technical Services Department continued reclassing the philosophy and language sections from Dewey Decimal to Library of Congress classification schemes, as well as handling the considerable Kirby, Japan Foundation and McHenry gift book collections. A section was also added to the card catalog, which necessitated its reorganization.

PUBLIC SERVICES

There was a noticeable decline in the number of books circulated to faculty and students. Faculty borrowed 780 books less than last year. Students borrowed 925 books less than last year, not including reserves. This could be due to the Library having purchased fewer new books. Slide circulation figures were about the same as last year.

The reduction in number of reference questions this year is due to the reduced staffing of the reference desk. With the fall term came a new cataloger. Consequently, evening and weekend coverage was cut back until she could be properly trained. During the spring term, these times were not covered by a librarian except under special circumstances because we were functioning without a director. Anne Jorgensen helped out as much as she could during the evenings and on Saturdays.

Online searching continued to be a useful research tool. Searches were screened heavily before they were performed in an effort to cut down expenditures. This seems to have resulted in fewer searches, however, the searches performed were longer. This service is being viewed, appropriately so, not as a way to get a piece of information quickly and with little trouble, as it is a serious research tool, used when the material is not available elsewhere in this library.

Interlibrary loan borrowing went down inexplicably to the level of 1983-84. I can only speculate that the reason for this is that we have available here materials needed by students and faculty. This conclusion, however, does not coincide with a possible reason why book circulation figures were down, i.e., fewer new books were purchased. One conclusion that surely can be drawn is that the Library was not used as much as last year.

CONCLUSION

This year has been a difficult and, yes, even dangerous one in the life of Crossett Library. Thanks to a loyal and hard-working staff and a supportive administration, we have emerged intact. The staff's morale is on an upswing and we hope we can successfully transmit our feeling to the students. We have hopes of having all positions filled soon and eagerly await the arrival of a new director on October 1. The restructuring of some positions promises to cut down on duplication of effort in some areas and will help us reach our goals in terms of library services.

We are also beginning to think about long range issues such as collection development, expansion of space and general space problems. In the last annual report, the librarian reported that the Dean's office assisted the Library in purchasing shelving units. This was just a bandaid, however, as it only took care of a shelving backlog. If the collection continues to grow at the present rate of approximately

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3300 volumes per year, we will again be out of space by FWT 1987. Intermediary measures have been taken, such as shifting books every term and moving some bound periodicals to archives in VAPA. At best, any response to the shelving problem is a temporary one. If we do get needed shelves by FWT 87, we also lose student study space. Each time shelves are added, study space is decreased. The permanent answer is obvious — a new building.

Collection development is becoming more of an issue than it has been in the past, partly due to the shelving situation. The Library is developing an unbalanced collection for many reasons. Some divisions simply purchase more books than others. Publishing rates in fields pertinent to our curriculum differ. For example, there are more books published each year in social science, than in dance.

Our policy of accepting gifts needs to be looked at in conjunction with collection development. Are we purchasing fewer books because we rely too much on gifts? In 1983-84, 63% of all new titles were gifts. In 84-85, 50% were gifts, and in 85-86, 70% were gifts. This large proportion warrants closer inspection. The American Library Association Standards say that "the best way to preserve or improve quality in a college library collection is to adhere to rigorous standards of discrimination in the selection of materials to be added, whether as purchases or gifts." (2)

These are problems that face many libraries and they are certainly not new to Crossett Library. Our hope is that we can again have a stable staff so we can begin attacking these problems

Peggie Partello Acting Librarian

(2)"Standards for College Libraries, 1985," p. 244.

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LIBRARY EXPENDITURES

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Salaries (staff) Salaries (student assistants)	\$103,615 25,000	\$106,872 22,000	\$111,026 22,000
Acquisitions (books, periodicals, microfilms, records, slides)	58,110	73,300	65,000
Travel	100	600	600
Supplies, equipment, maintenance	8,850	8,652	9,600
Computer network (including telephone costs)	16,000	17,000	20,800
Interlibrary loan charges	540	575	600
Postage		-	100
Miscellaneous (primarily binding)	1,000	1,500	1,500
Total expenditures	\$213,215	\$230,499	\$231,226
Cost per student *	\$355	\$407	\$425

 $[\]star$ The increase of 1984-85 over the previous year represents a 15% increase. The increase of 1985-86 over the previous year is less than 5%.

BUDGET EXPENDITURES--STUDENT ASSISTANTS

SUMMARY

		984-85		1985-86
Funds Allocat	ed: CWS:	\$8,000		\$8,000
Funds Used:	9	7,786.65		6,472.93
Number of Stu	dents Hire	ed:		
	Fall:	41		29
	Spring	g: <u>31</u>		27
Total:		72		56
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Funds Allocat	ed: Regular:	\$14,000	¥	\$14,000
Funds Used:		\$13,082.6	9	\$14,103.58
Number of Stu	dents Hire	ed:		
	Summer:	7		6
	Fall:	12		11
	Winter:	7		6
	Spring:	14		_9
Total		40		32
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Total Hours CWS & Regula	r	10,278		9,408.65

CATALOGING STATISTICS

JULY 1985-JUNE 1986

* *	1984-85		1985-86
BOOKS	VOLUMES	×	VOLUMES
Added Withdrawn Net Additions	$\frac{3,444}{440}$ $\frac{440}{3,004}$		3,054 272* 2,782
Total Books:	96,098		96,880
MICROFORMS			
Added Withdrawn Net Additions	93 0 93		103 0 103
Total Microforms:	5,149		5,252
RECORDS			
Added Withdrawn Net Additions	$(\frac{1}{1})$		2 0 2
Total Records:	632		634
SLIDES			
Added	335		
Total Slides: **	19,476		
TAPES			
Added Withdrawn Net Additions	1 <u>0</u> 1		0 <u>0</u> 0
Total Tapes:	184		184
RECLASS	1,686		1,591

^{*} Includes 78 titles (88 volumes) missing from shelves for at least three years and withdrawn from the card catalog.

Note: 67 hours of cataloging time were lost due to OCLC downtime.

^{**} This figure does not represent uncataloged slides.

CIRCULATION STATISTICS

Volumes lent to students	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	<u>5</u>
Regular Loans Reserve Books	18,886 10,490	15,082 12,203	14,157 	
Total Student Circulation	29,376	27,285	23,844	
Volumes lent to faculty	2,803	2,862	2,082	
Volumes lent to others				
Local Borrowers Summer Programs Summer Program Reserves	1,136 493 235	900 1,072 	989 982 284	
Total Volumes Lent to Others	1,864	2,167	2,255	
Total Circulation	34,043	32,314	28,181	
Per capita Student Circulation	49 (599 stu	48. udents) (565		students)
Slides Lent	3,201	2,000	2,102	

INTERLIBRARY LOAN - BORROWING

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Books	709	720	660
Journal Articles	359	596	347
TOTAL INTERLIBRARY LOAN (BORROWING) Per Capita	1,068	1,316	1,007**

** This includes 40 unifilled requests. Reasons for this include: Crossett Library has the desired book; the lending library could not supply the requested book; the patron cancelled the order; or the item did not exist as cited in the request form.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN REQUESTS BY TYPE OF BORROWER

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Faculty	222	326	176
Student	705	699	603
Other (Staff, Library, etc.)	141	291	228
TOTAL	1,068	1,316	1,007

INTERLIBRARY LOAN REQUESTS BY DIVISION

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Literature	306	282	195
Social Science	506	655	461
Visual Arts	87	148	114
Music	14	13	30
Science and Mathematics	105	100	103
Drama	18	13	22
Dance	2	1	1
Black Music	1	0	8
Other	29	104	73
TOTAL	1,068	1,316	1,007

Books Borrowed from Williams College by Special Arrangement

1983-84	8	1984-85	1985-86
329		255	284

Interlibrary Loan - Lending

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	
Books	281	278	286	
Journal Articles	_82	113	95	
TOTAL INTERLIBRARY LOANS (LENDING)	363	391	381*	

 $[\]star$ This includes 84 unfilled requests. Reasons for this include: book was in circulation or on reserve; not owned; too new; or a reference book.

REFERENCE STATISTICS

	1984-85	1985-86
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Telephone	144	144
Audio-Visual	300	190
Directional	165	109
Bibliographic	178	155
General	751	550
Reference	973	801
Extended Reference	73	44
Total	2,584	1,993

Key To Types Of Questions:

Telephone: Reference questions only received and answered over the telephone.

Audio-Visual: Questions about the use and operation of library machines; Slide Collection questions.

Directional: Questions about the building and the location of things.

Bibliographic: Questions concerning the use of the card catalog and the periodical list.

General: Questions concerning interlibrary loans, online searching; general questions which do not require the level of research that reference questions do.

Reference: Questions that involve research. Ex.: a student wants help locating periodical articles on

the "Greying of America."

Extended Reference: Questions that involve in-depth research. These can take as long as several days.

Ex.: a student wants to compile as much information as possible about a small town in Thailand.

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	1984-85	1985-86		1984-85	1985-86
Telephone	5.6	7.2	9-12	20.4	27
Audio-Visual	11.6	9.5	12-3	37.5	36.5
Directional	6.4	5.5	3-5	28.1	27.5
Bibliographic	6.9	7.8	5-7	5.9	3.8
General	29	27.6	7-9	8.1	5.2
Reference	37.7	40.2			
Extended Reference	2.8	2.2			

EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

JUNE 1985

Senior theses 1985

Tourist attractions in Vermont and Massachusetts

FALL 1985

September

Banned Books/Censorship through the ages.

Photos of Akiko Kanda.

October

Prints by Pedro Mendez.

Ansel Adams photos from Closed Shelves Collection.

LESS THAN ZERO and reviews, interviews with Bret Easton Ellis. November

Claude Simon-Nobel Prizewinner for Literature. December

SPRING 1986

March

Annual Booksale, March 5-6. Photos by Caitlin McCaffrey.

Tax Information.

April

Selected Student theses from 1985 for Applicants Day.

Photos/works by Mary Ruefle and Stephen Sandy. Emma Holmes: prints based on Pedro Paramo.

Staff Arts and Crafts Exhibit and reception. Participants included: Carol Holton, Bea Shapiro, Lee Mason, Diane Hart, Nancy Jones, Amie Witten, Mary Medvetz, Don Raina, Margaret Wehrung, Lois Stocking, Kathie Groben, Cindy Mangsen, Rosa Jorgens, Peggie Partello.

May

Works by John Ashbery

Alan MacWeeny photos from Closed Shelves Collection

photos by Kate Aichele.

Gift books in memory of Michael McHenry and the E.T. Kirby Collection.

June

Ansel Adams photos from Closed Shelves Collection.

Senior Theses: 1936 and 1986. Photos of Commencement 1936.

Gift books in memory of Vincent Ravi Booth.

In memorium: Bernard Malamud.

Alumni books, programs, wallhangings.

Permanent Display: New book jackets

Library guides. Lithograph by Pedro Mendez.

Paintings by David Cote, Carol Haerer, Pat Adams.

Peruvian rug from Ken Kensinger.

Professional Activities of the Staff

Toni Petersen (July 1, 1985 - Jan. 10, 1986)

Chair/commentator, session on "Authority Files in an Archival Context." Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas, October, 1985.

Chair, ARLIS/NA (Art Libraries Society of North America).

Reviewed several grant proposals for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Member, Southwestern Vermont Regional Archives Committee.

Member, Advisory Board for a list of Subject headings in numismatics, American Numismatics Society.

Peggie Partello

Advanced Dialog Online Searching Workshop, Albany, Feb. 1986.

BRS Online Searching Workshop, Albany, March, 1986.

OCLC Directors' Day, Albany, March, 1986.

SUNY/OCLC regional meeting, April, 1986.

Vermont Library Association meeting, May, 1986.

Member, American Library Association

Member, Association of College and Research Libraries

Member, Vermont Library Association.

Member, New England Archivists.

Member, Bennington Free Library Facilities Planning Committee

Indexer, Film Literature Index.

Authority Control Team Member, Art and Architecture Thesaurus.

Cindy Mangsen

SUNY/OCLC Regional Meeting, Albany, April, 1986.

Nelinet Serials tagging workshop, Newton, Mass., June, 1986.

Member, American Library Association.

Member, Association of College and Research Libraries.

DONORS OF BOOKS & PERIODICALS 1984-85

ADFD Publications AVI Publishing Co. Inc. Academic Therapy Publications Acropolis Books Ltd. Pat Adams Air Command and Staff College Maxwell A.F.B. Alaska Association of Small Presses Alchemy Books Alfred Publishing Co., Inc. Allyn & Bacon, Inc. Aloe Vera Research Institute American Biographical Institute American Express Publishing Corp. American Genealogical Research Institute Jamal Amiar Another Rainbow Publishing Co. Ardis Publishing Aris Books Auerbach Publishers, Inc. Aurora Publishing Bantam Books Jan Baron Lawrence Baschkin William Bauhan, Publisher Believers Bookshelf Best Selling Home Plans Blue Mountain Arts Muriel Bohne Book-Lab R.R. Bowker Karen Johnson Boyd Brethers Press Vincent V. R. Booth Bull Publishing Co. Susan Burack The C.R.C. Law List Co., Inc. Sally Cahill Cardiff Publications Co. Jose Cordova Carnegie Office Park Ceramic Arts & Crafts Chanticleer Press The Charles Franklin Press J.C. Choate Publications Circulation Service, Inc. Clear Creek Publishing Mary K. Clyde Cecilia Collett Comp Care Publishers Dorothea Smith Coryell

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