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## LOST

If you have lost a wallet of sorts within the last month or so, please drop in at the general office and claim it and its contents.

## L. R. C. NOTES

One of the lesser luminaries in the dazzling history of libraries and librarians was a man named Napoleon Bonaparte.

He was also a part time soldier and emperor.

Napoleon collected books all his life and as a young officer served as librarian to a minor political society.

It happened this way. The president and secretary of the group were trying to decide which of the members should be given the task of organizing their collection of counter-culture tracts and broadsides.

"I wonder if that sawed-off Sardinian could do the job," mused the president.

"Corsican," asserted the other, and so young Bonaparte got the assignment. But he started reading the tracts instead of cataloguing them and decided he'd improve the lot of librarians everywhere by becoming emperor and halting the publication of such rubbish.

As his power increased he began to march his armies all over the place (even as far as Alexandria) just so he could poke around in the great libraries of the western world. Strangely enough, not one of the librarians noticed that he had neglected to sign out all the cartloads of books he borrowed from them.

Eventually Napoleon found it necessary to delegate some of his functions and duties and so he always kept a reference librarian busy with tricky questions, like determining the protocol for the crowning of emperors, or the weather patterns in Russia, etc. Unfortunately his writing was so bad that when he arrived at the gates of Moscow in 1812 and reached into his map case for a set of maps on central Russia, he discovered that he'd been sent Prussian maps and weather synopses instead of Russian ones. Naturally he promptly headed back to Paris to have a word with his librarian. Then Pravda got hold of the story and characteristically played it up as a great Russian victory.

Napoleon even had a special portable library set up for himself in a carriage, a kind of personal bookmobile which he took along with him wherever he went. Wellington, hearing of Napoleon's total absorption in good books, thoughtfully had a fine edition of Boccaccio's Decameron (unexpurgated) delivered to him two days before the battle of Waterloo. Decent chaps, these British!

After the battle, Napoleon realized that he had neglected his true vocation for too long, so the victors generously helped him secure the post of chief cataloguer of the St. Helena National Library, which happened to be vacant at the time. Thus ended the career of one of the better known bibliophiles and



### THE ANTI-MARKOVNIKOV SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Anti-Markovnikov Society was held on Thursday, January 30, 1975. More than thirty people heard Dr. Soper make a presentation on the use of computer programs to simulate the laboratory analysis of organic chemicals. Following this presentation Dave Bacon demonstrated and instructed how to use the program which he recently prepared.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 6 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 1408. The lecture will deal with the use of Infrared Spectroscopy in organic chemical analysis. All are welcome to attend.

#### Program

February 6	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
February 20	Chromatography
March 6	Mass Spectrometry
March 13	College Guest Weekend Chemistry Projects
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March 27	The Thrills and Spills of Research
April 3	Yearly Review

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### QUEENS PLACE 3RD IN FIRST A.C.A.C. VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The College Queens opened the first 1974-75 A.C.A.C. tournament, held at R.D.C. last weekend, with a fantastic 55 straight points, then had to hang on against stronger competition to finish third with a 12-4 won-lost record. Lethbridge and NAIT tied for first with 13-3 records, while favored Mount Royal won 11, lost 5 for fourth position.

Queens, with the help of some excellent serving, opened the tourney with two 15-0 wins over Grant MacEwan, then beat Vermillion 15-0, and led the second 10-0 before they gave up their first point. The feat may be a precedent in competitive volleyball, certainly a first in A.C.A.C. play.

Other Queens scores: Queens, 16, 11; Lethbridge 14, 15  
Queens 15, 15; SAIT 5, 6  
Queens 18, 11; MRC 16, 15  
Queens 7, 7; NAIT 15, 15  
Queens 15, 15; Olde 3, 1  
Queens 15, 15; Medicine Hat 12, 11.

The second A.C.A.C. tourney is scheduled for Medicine Hat this coming weekend.