The UWF Libraries’ New Head Honcho Answers the Important Questions about Life, Libraries, and the Integrity of the Album.

We at the UWF Libraries have a new Head Honcho. His name is Bob Dugan (though yours truly has begun to refer to him as the Dug-meister in certain, confidential, emails). He comes from Suffolk University in Boston, and is—it goes without saying!—smart, witty, well-polished, etc, or else we wouldn’t have hired him. So, I thought I’d try to get us an inside glimpse into the Man, the Myth, and the Legend, in the following interview:

If you could take only 3 things to a desert island, what would they be?

A case of beer, a boomerang—so I could play with it and it would, in theory, come back to me—, and a calendar to count the days until the semester begins.

What do you think the world would be like if it were run by librarians?

It’d be the ultimate conflict. Do we run it as our stereotypes or as we really are? Would it be the Tattooed Librarians and the Librarians in Leather or the Shushers? (an interesting side story ensues about Dugan working simultaneously as a firefighter and a librarian and some group called "Librarians in Heat.")

The library of your dreams would contain . . .

Walls. 3D Video Equipment. Microsoft Surfaces. (He takes time to enlighten me as to what these are and is very enthusiastic about them. They do sound too cool for school—or "wicked," as he says—, but he assures me they aren't science fiction.) It’s technology, but it’s content based. They are good for access, collaboration, and sharing.

What's your favorite music?

It changes so much. I've gone from Jimi Hendrix to the Who to fusion jazz to country. I like the Classic Vinyl station on XM. (Then, we talk about the cohesiveness of The Album, and how we don't "do" downloading of individual songs. I tell him he should talk to Andrea in the Circ Dept about the Stones. He reminisces about their concert, involving a Mayor bailing them out of jail so they don't miss the show and cause a riot. I think: we're on a roll now.)

So, are you gonna, like, fire everybody?

Yes. As soon as I can. Just kidding.

The author appreciates the good-sportedness of the interview, the bit of sarcasm, and that someone else on the planet knows that it’s "cheating" to skip a song on a CD. Then, the author stretched back and she hiccupped / and looked back on her busy day.