

# News

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Alumni Association



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## From the President's Desk ...

I think that people "who know" never tell you all you need to know when you are assuming a volunteer position. This is a great tactic to get people involved... and it works! As a student I benefitted from the LISAA scholarship and as a result became the LISAA student representative. Kit Wilson and Ila Scott, both presidents during my time as a student made the job look easy. Now I know just how hard they worked.

Since I graduated just a year and a half ago (it seems like much longer) I have been working in a succession of contract positions: researcher-librarian in a special library, community survey co-ordinator for a public library, records management overhauler in a park, and most recently substitute teacher-librarian in a high school. When I assumed the position as LISAA President I was only working part time and figured I'd have tons of time to devote to LISAA. Well, things got a little out of hand, and now I'm working full-time and still keeping my eyes and ears open (and my cover letters ready) for work that I may be interested in when the current money-providing and career-enhancing circumstances come to a close. So, what I am discovering is that I really need and appreciate the other executive committee members who are also taking time out of their busy lives to promote the School of Library and Information Studies and help its alumni stay in touch. Together we are learning the intricate details of running an alumni association executive.

Susan Colp is this year's recipient of our scholarship, and is our Entering Students' Representative (SLIS now classes students as *entering* and *continuing* rather than first and second year). To learn more about Susan, and the other LISAA Executive, see **Meet Your LISAA Executive** below.

I would like to thank you for making the efforts of the executive worthwhile. We are trying to become more responsive to the interests and ideas of our alumni, while still keeping the goal of promoting library education at the University of Alberta in mind. To this end, recently Linda Slater and myself attended a

great LISAA reception in Calgary hosted by two very well organized and capable Alumni: Pat Sandercock and Helen Lee Robertson. We were encouraged with the response, and are looking forward to hosting similar receptions in the future, and not just in Edmonton! Later in the newsletter you will read about the goings on of some of the people who were in attendance in Calgary.

By the time you receive this I will have attended a meeting of all the Constituent Assembly Presidents (presidents from alumni associations from the different faculties and schools across the U of A). I hope to gain a broader perspective of our role on campus as well as pick up some ideas from the other presidents as to how they keep in touch with people like you.

If you have any ideas whatsoever about what you think we should be doing or would like to find out about another alumnus you haven't heard from in a while, feel free to contact me and I'll see what we can do!

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**Heather Matson**

## Meet Your LISAA Executive ...

**PRESIDENT - Heather Matson** (see above)

**VICE-PRESIDENT - Pilar Martinez**

I graduated with my MLIS in 1990 and promptly began working as the Resource Librarian for the Lloydminster Public Library and the Northern Lights Library System. In July 1992, I joined the Yellowhead Regional Library team as Head of Reference and Interlibrary Loan, and I thoroughly enjoy this new, challenging position! I just got married in July, and I currently spend my spare time

packing boxes and moving. I also spend time futilely attempting to understand the behaviour of our cocker spaniel, Missy.

#### **PAST PRESIDENT - Jacqueline Girouard**

Jacqueline has been working at the Faculté Saint-Jean Library since May of 1986 when she was hired to work on a special project on a temporary basis. In '87 she became the principal cataloguer and in September '90 she was appointed Acting Head of Public Services.

#### **SECRETARY - Linda Slater**

I was a member of the MLIS class of 1988.5 (i.e. I convoked in the fall which meant I missed out being in the last class to be awarded the MLS). I have been working as a reference/collections librarian at the John W. Scott Health Sciences Library, University of Alberta for most of the time since I graduated, although I did spend a couple of months working part-time at the W.W. Cross Cancer Institute library in 1989. I am looking forward to teaching an online searching course for the Library Technician program at Grant MacEwan College in 1993. In my spare time I listen to a lot of weird (and not so-weird) ethnic folk music and am saving my pennies to buy a folk harp. Anyone having suggestions of weird ethnic folk artists I should be listening to or anyone having a harp to sell is encouraged to contact me (c/o John W. Scott Health Sciences Library, University of Alberta, Edmonton, T6G 2R7).

#### **TREASURER- Elaine Jones**

I graduated from library school in 1991 and began working at Yellowhead Regional Library in the fall of the same year. As a Library Consultant with approx. 55 school and public libraries 'under my wing' my days are always challenging - but I love it! I can't say I have any "spare" time, juggling my after work activities is every bit as challenging as being on the job, but at least I'm never bored! Whenever I get the chance I can usually be found at one of the restaurants around town indulging in my real passion: eating out!

#### **CONTINUING STUDENT REP**

##### **- Rae Hazelwood**

I have a background in the public school system in rural Alberta, both in the classroom and the school library. I have also worked as a research assistant in the Faculty of Extension at the U. of A. I plan to complete my MLIS

program with a case study of information-seeking behaviour and collection use of students in an Edmonton high school.

#### **ENTERING STUDENT REP - Susan Colp**

I was born in Montreal and, at the tender age of 3 1/2 years, moved to Edmonton where I have happily resided ever since. I obtained my first degree in Psychology and English from the U of A, and have returned to university for the MLIS newly married and a little wiser to the world of work. I am enjoying my first year, stress and all, and am proud to be serving on the Executive as the representative for the entering students.

### **News from the School ...**

#### **HENRIETTE AVRAM**

The School of Library and Information Studies is pleased to announce that Henriette Avram has agreed to be its next Distinguished Visitor. Mrs. Avram will be in the School March 15 - 26, 1993. During that time she will participate in regular classes and seminars, give an open lecture to the library community, and be the featured guest at the Library and Information Studies Student Association PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Mrs. Avram is the mother of MARC. She has been awarded the Margaret Mann citation in cataloguing and classification (1971), the Melvil Dewey Award (1981) and other honours from ANSI, LC, ALA and others. Mrs. Avram has recently retired from the Library of Congress where she was Associate Librarian for Collections Services.

#### **ACCREDITATION**

The Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association at its meeting during the ALA 1992 Annual Conference in San Francisco, voted to continue to accredit the program leading to the degree of Master of Library and Information Studies offered by the School of Library and Information Studies of the University of Alberta under the Standards for Accreditation adopted by the ALA Council, North American, June 27, 1972. Renewal of accreditation was based on the School's self-study and the visit by an official site team in March 1992.

According to the procedures currently in place, the date set for the next regularly



scheduled revisit by the COA to the School is Fall 1999.

#### NEW APPOINTMENT

The School of library and Information Studies is pleased to announce the appointment of Hope Olson to a tenure track, half-time position. She will remain with the University Library System in a half-time position as well. Due to a special arrangement however, she will be full-time with the School during 1992-1993.

Professor Olson will be teaching in the area of organization for access to information. She is presently a doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, School of Library and Information Studies. Her research interests include subject access to information and feminism and librarianship. She has published "Women's Studies in General Library Collections/ or, A Feminist Apologia for the Library of Congress", "Bulk Loading of Catalogue Records for Large Microform Sets" (with K. Carter and S. Aquila), and "Subject Access to Women's Studies Materials".

#### RETIREMENT

Professor Andre Nitecki will be retiring from the University of Alberta at the end of 1992: during the fall term, he will be on leave.

Andre Nitecki joined the (then) School of Library Science in 1975 as a visiting professor, on a moment's notice to fill a sudden vacancy. What began as a one term appointment became 17 years. Professor Nitecki taught in the areas of cataloguing, classification, indexing, collections in the humanities, and comparative librarianship. Recently, he planned, organized, and gave a paper at the International Conference on Library Classification and its Functions.

In addition to his love of libraries and classification theory, Andre has a special interest in Africa and spent three years, 1981-1984, as Head of the program at Bayero University in Ghana. His extensive knowledge of African art has lead to a long term relationship with the Glenbow Institute in Calgary, where much of his private collection is now housed.

On his retirement, he will become a Professor Emeritus of the University of Alberta.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** about the News from the School, contact Dr. Sheila Bertram, Director, at 492-3932 or sbertram@vm.usc.ualberta.ca .

#### Annual General Meeting 1992

The AGM was held on April 30th in Henderson Hall (formerly known as "the Lab"). We combined the welcoming event for the graduating students with the AGM so that we could give our new grads a taste of what LISAA is all about. Leslie Aitken was on hand to deliver a toast to the Graduating Class of 1992 and to offer them words of encouragement. Christina Andrews, president of the U of A Alumni Association, brought greetings from the Association to the Graduating Class.

This year's AGM also saw us welcome a second Honorary Member to our association, Mr. Alan Ridge. Ila Scott, LISAA past-president, presented Mr. Ridge with a gift of U of A bookends and a book on the history of our university. Professor Emeritus Gloria Strathern, a long-time friend of Mr. Ridge and his wife Geraldine, outlined the highlights of Mr. Ridge's distinguished career as an archivist. Mr. Ridge started his career in England, and then came to Canada where he spent some time in Montreal before settling here in Alberta where he served as the Provincial Archivist for many years. Mr. Ridge has served the School well and was a long-time member of the Faculty/School Council. Prof. Strathern also remarked on Mr. Ridge's great talent as a coiner of limericks!

Other special guests in attendance at our AGM/Welcoming Reception included Mrs. Louise Nordin, LISAA's first Honorary Member; Mr. Ernie Ingles, Chief Librarian and Director of Libraries of the University of Alberta; and Prof. Andre Nitecki, a long-time member of the faculty of the School of Library and Information Studies who will soon be retiring.

Previous AGM's have been held in Jasper in conjunction with the Library Association of Alberta Conference. Because attendance was always disappointing, the LISAA executive decided to have the AGM in Edmonton. This year's AGM had a pleasing turn-out, so plans are being made to continue to hold the AGM in Edmonton. (Any alumni having alternate suggestions regarding ways to bolster attendance at the AGM are encouraged to submit them to the LISAA executive).

## Calgary Wine and Cheese Reception, Sept. 26th, 1992

A wine and cheese reception was held in the Nosehill branch of the Calgary Public Library on September 26th, 1992. The reception came about as a result of the efforts of Pat Sandercock (Pat just finished serving on the LISAA executive as treasurer and membership coordinator), who suggested that Calgary alumni would be interested in getting together at a LISAA-sponsored function. Pat hooked up with Helen Lee Robertson, and the two of them put together a very enjoyable afternoon's worth of wine, cheese and catching-up. (Many thanks to Pat and Helen!).

About 20 alumni showed up for the event, representing graduating classes spanning two decades. LISAA President Heather Matson came down from Calgary's northern suburb, Edmonton, to address the group on behalf of the association and to encourage them to continue to seek opportunities to get together. Another Edmontonian making an appearance was none other than Dr. Sheila Bertram, Director of the School of Library and Information Studies, who gave an update on what was happening at the School and fielded questions from the group.

We hope the success of the Calgary get together encourages other groups of non-Edmontonian alumni to consider planning their own social events. Please feel free to contact the LISAA executive if you would like to discuss the possibilities.

## Who's Doing What ...?

*(featuring some of our alumni now living in Calgary)*

**Beth Barlow** (BLS '72) - Beth is now the Head of Public Services at Calgary Public Library and is enjoying the broader perspective of senior management in Canada's busiest public library.

**June (Marshall) Crichton** (BLS '72) - June is now working at the Alberta Energy Company in Calgary.

**Hazel Fry** (BLS '73) - Hazel was one of five members of the Class of '73 graduating class and is currently Project Officer for the Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries.

**Olga Kizlyk Scarpari** (BLS '76, MLS '82) - Olga is currently head of the Law Library at the

University of Calgary and is married to a fine Italian man (hence the Mediterranean ring to her name).

**Sandra Englehardt** (MLS '78) - Sandra is now working at the Law Society Library in Calgary.

**Laurie Moffat** (MLS '81) - Laurie is now at the University of Calgary Library.

**Thelma Wager** (MLS '83) - Thelma recently resigned from her former position and is planning to take up short-term contract work or part-time temporary work with a view to easing into retirement in the near future.

**Maeve Grant** (MLS '84) - Maeve is now at home full-time with her two pre-schoolers after working full-time for a number of years at Imperial Oil Resources Division (formerly ESSO Resources). Maeve and her family recently moved into a new home.

**Pat Sandercock** (MLS '86) - Pat transferred to Calgary two years ago to establish Revenue Canada's Library. She was married on January 17, 1992 to Don Childoie (a U of A grad from the Master of Education program).

**Teresa Zwierzchowski** (MLS '87) - Teresa has been working at Imperial Oil (formerly ESSO Resources) since she graduated. She is now working part-time and has a 2 year old son.

**Allison (Thomson) Inglis** (MLIS '90) - Allison is currently a music cataloguer at the Calgary Public Library. She enjoys her challenging position enormously and looks forward to the changes taking place as the Calgary Public Library continues to move forward.

**Diane King** (MLIS '90) - Diane has been working in the busy, one-person library at Suncor/NC and has recently been able to justify the acquisition of a contract library technician.

## Upcoming Events ...

### BUDDY DAY RECEPTION

As a means of observing the daily activities and duties of librarians 'on the job', SLIS students have initiated a Buddy Day where a student is matched with a librarian for half a day. To conclude the event a reception will be held Friday, January 29, 1993 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the University of Alberta Faculty Club. Even if you have not signed up as an 'official' buddy you are invited to come to the Faculty Club and meet with other professionals and students. This reception is co-sponsored by LISAA.



## WELCOMING RECEPTION FOR NEW GRADS

1993 Graduates will be welcomed to the profession at a reception sponsored by LISAA following the Library and Information Studies Professional Development Day on Friday, March 26, 1993. The reception will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Bibliography Room at the Humanities and Social Sciences Library (Rutherford North) at the U of A. All LISAA members are encouraged to attend.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1993

We have tentatively scheduled the AGM for Friday, May 14, 1993 in the Faculty Club. Watch for further details in the next issue of NEWS.

## LISAA T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS

The Library and Information Studies Student Association has developed a logo and will be reproducing it on T-shirts and sweatshirts to help raise awareness of the library program on campus and in the community. The T-shirts and sweatshirts will be sold on a cost recovery basis. Watch for information on how to purchase this hot fashion item in the next issue of NEWS.

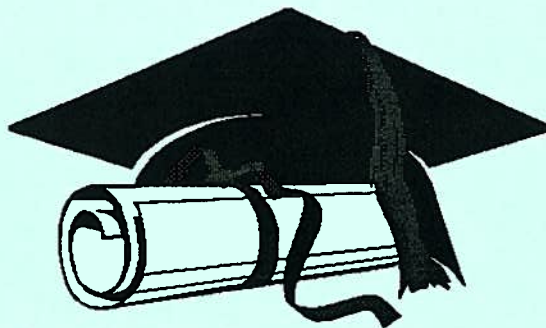
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**WANTED** *an enthusiastic and inspirational speaker to welcome the Graduating Class of 1993 at the Welcoming Reception to be held Friday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the Bibliography Room in HSS at the U of A. If you have a message to share with the new Grads, or know someone who does, please contact:*

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## *Are You Moving?*

If you're moving across the street or around the world, let us know! Please keep in touch. Your friends would like to know where you are and what you are doing.

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## ***ATTENTION LISAA MEMBERS.....***

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