



NEWS

SEPTEMBER/94

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I have just returned from summer vacation, and if your vacations are anything like mine you will understand it when I state that there is an amazing similarity between summer vacation and library school. At the time everything is stressful, and you are constantly asking yourself "is it worth it?" However, once it is over you look back on that time with nostalgia, and think what a great time it was! While summer vacations come to a definite end, you can choose to "continue the experience" of library school by becoming a member of LISAA.

Through membership in LISAA alumni can maintain contact with former classmates and the School. LISAA produces a quarterly newsletter which reports on the activities of alumni, the Association, and the School. LISAA also sponsors events such as the Reunion Weekend Open House, the Calgary Reception, and the Welcome to the Profession Reception following Professional Development Day. All alumni are invited to attend these events. Membership dues go toward funding these events, with a portion paid into the annual LISAA Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a first year student who has demonstrated academic excellence, and has shown professional promise.

LISAA recognizes the professional accomplishments of alumni and

supporters through Honorary Memberships, and the Distinguished Alumni Award. LISAA members are encouraged to place nominations for these awards.

Lastly, membership in LISAA allows alumni to show support for the School of Library and Information Studies. This is particularly important in this time of budgetary cutbacks to post secondary education. A membership form is included on the last page of this newsletter. All alumni and supporters are encouraged to join LISAA, and share our motto to "continue the experience".

COMING EVENTS

Reunion Weekend Open House
Saturday, October 1st

LISAA would like to invite all alumni and supporters to attend their Open House to be held in conjunction with Reunion Weekend at the University of Alberta. Please join us to show your support for the School and to reminisce with faculty and friends. The Open House will be held on October 1st at Henderson Hall, Rutherford South 1-17, from 3:00 to 5:00 with refreshments being provided by LISAA. A reminder to the Class of '69 that this Open House marks their "official" 25th anniversary, and the School will mount a display profiling "The Class of '69".

Third Annual Calgary Wine and Cheese Reception
Thursday, October 20th

Over one hundred and twenty-five of the School's alumni reside in the Calgary area. These alumni are invited to join members of the executive of LISAA to socialize with friends and acquaintances, and to

make new contacts. Alumni will also be able to catch up on what is new with the Association and the School. The reception is being planned for October 20th, 7:00 - 9:00, at the Nose Hill Branch of the Calgary Public Library. Calgary area members of the School's alumni will receive an invitation to the reception in the mail. Many thanks to Angela Jones who has agreed to organize this event.

Retirement of Dr. Robert Brundin

Dr. Brundin will be retiring from the School of Library and Information Studies as of July 1, 1995. The School and LISAA will be planning a special event in his honour. More details on this event will be announced in the next issue of the newsletter.

MEET YOUR LISAA EXECUTIVE

President/Kerri Calvert

Kerri graduated with her MLIS in 1991, and is employed as the Librarian for the Population Research Laboratory, and the Department of Sociology at the University of Alberta. As the mother of a two and half year old, she does not have much time for leisure but remembers that she used to enjoy cycling, cross country skiing, and travel in the "old days" She is looking forward to serving on LISAA's executive this year, and it is her goal to increase the membership in the Association, and to get more alumni involved in its activities. Therefore, do not be alarmed if you receive a phone call from her or another executive member at some point this year!

Vice-President/Caron Rollins

Caron Rollins is employed as a Reference Librarian at the University of Alberta in the John A. Weir Memorial Law Library. She has been active on the executive of the Edmonton Law Librarians Association.

Past President/Pilar Martinez

Pilar has been employed at the Yellowhead Regional Library as the Head of the Reference and Interlibrary Loan Department since 1992. After receiving her MLIS in 1990, Pilar worked as the Resource Librarian at the Lloydminster Public Library/Northern Lights Library System for two years. Pilar is very active in library associations. She has served on the executive of LISAA for the past two years, and she is the Publicity Coordinator for GELA. In her spare time, Pilar enjoys hiking and spending time with her husband Tim, and their dog, Missy. Pilar recently attended the Snowbird Leadership Institute, and more details on this experience will be provided in the next issue of the newsletter.

Secretary/Lisa-Jane Watson

Lisa-Jane is the Western Sales Representative with CanebSCO Subscription Service travelling in British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan. Like Pilar, Lisa-Jane is very active in library organizations. This is her second year as Secretary for LISAA, and she also serves on the executive of the Special Library Association's Western Canada Chapter, and has served as GELA's treasurer. Lisa-Jane has a baby boy, Patrick, who was born in April. If she had any spare time she would to continue to add to her Beatles collection of music, books and paraphernalia.

Treasurer /Kathy Carter

Since graduating in 1974 Kathy has "toiled happily" in the Cataloguing

Division at the University of Alberta Library. In recent years she has worked on various projects such as retroconversion and the installation of DRA, which in the integrated system software used by the University and its NEOS consortium partners. Over the years she has also enjoyed giving whirlwind tours of the Cataloguing Division to several "Organization of Knowledge and Information" classes.

Continuing Student Rep./Jill Cerezke

Jill is beginning her second year in the Library and Information Studies Program at the University of Alberta. She hopes to graduate in the Spring of 1995. Jill lives in Edmonton with her husband (also a student) and her two dogs.

Entering Student Rep./ Erika Radenovich-Banski

Erika received her B.A. in 1987 from the University of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia. In the same year she began work in the Matica Srpska Library, the Central Library of the Province of Vojvodina, Novi Sad. In 1989 she was recognized as a professional librarian by passing the Provincial Professional Examination. She came to Canada in 1993 with her husband and daughter because of the "history" that happens right now in Yugoslavia. During the 1993/94 academic year she completed her M.A. in German Language and Literature at the University of Alberta.

Faculty Rep./ Dr. Sheila Bertram

Dr. Bertram is the Director of the School of Library and Information Studies. She is the senior member of the faculty in terms of time at the School (and soon to be senior in age as well when Dr. Brundin retires!). She is married to Edward and has two children, one at the U. of A., and one at NYU, and has two fifteen year old cats. She is looking forward to another "interesting" year continuing to cope with all the changes to the

School, the MLIS program, the profession, the University, life...

"Retiring" Executive Members

A big thank you to Maureen Beristain, Sue Colp, and Eliane Jones for all of their hard work as members of the executive of LISAA.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

25th Anniversary Big Celebration

The final activity for the 25th Anniversary year of the School of Library and Information Studies was held on June 11, 1994. Referred to as the BIG CELEBRATION, a casual dinner followed by some reminiscences by the faculty was attended by over 125 people. The weather was wonderful, allowing everyone to wander about outside, enjoying the wonderful food, the pond with its fountain and the peaceful setting of the Alberta Research Council. (The bicycle race being held at the same time was an added attraction). A complementary glass of champagne, courtesy of DRA, added to the festivities. Everyone then adjourned to the auditorium where faculty members, accompanied by a slide show, told us more about the history and development of the School than we ever wanted to know. Highlights included Shirley Wright's tales of the old Orientation Program, the presentation of the first Distinguished Alumni Award to Keith Turnbull (BLS 1969), and words in person from John G. Wright (Dean 1984-1987) and by tape from MEP (Betty Henderson (Director/Dean 1971-1976) and Charles (Chuck) Davis (Dean 1976-1979).

A number of friends and alumni who could not attend sent donations instead and enough money was raised to purchase a scanner for the LAN and to provide \$500.00 to the Canadian children's literature collection.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the various 25th Anniversary Celebrations. Watch for the 50th!

For further information, contact Sheila Bertram at 403-492-3932 or sbertram@slis.ualberta.ca

The 25th Anniversary Big Celebration was closed with the singing of the School Song, lyrics by Michael Dudley, MLIS '93.

"You Must Remember SLIS"

You must remember this
Our SLIS is quite a SLIS
At convocation you see why
Degrees are LC classified
As grads go by.

When students pay their cash
To wear that yellow sash
It's a call one can't deny
You should see them line up to apply
As time goes by.

The Hall is filled with textbooks
Rarely out-of- date
The Lab is filled with stressed looks,
So papers aren't in late
Students must have their LAN
And LAN must have its GATE
The ROMance never fading...

We knew at first we'd need
Sarah Rebecca Reed
Her energy made us sigh
In her spare time she would split
nuclei
As time goes by.

Then later we heard
We'd be moved to Rutherford
Students stacked boxes 'till they'd cry
"Where the heck are we, on the River
Kwai?"

Yes, time goes by.

The walls are filled with photos
From former years and dates
Interesting hairstyles
And interesting fates
With two or three professors
And Joe Farmer's latex pate
The colour's barely fading...

Although it may seem grim
I'll learn every acronym
It's either LISSA or UI.
If there's a Catch here then my
name's Yossarian
And though I'm an
antidisestablishmentarian
The world will always welcome
librarians
As our grads go by.

"From the Codex to the Computer:
Twenty-Five Years of
the School of Library & Information
Studies" by Robert E. Brundin

This book is planned for publication in the fall of 1994. This short illustrated history will tell you all you ever wanted to know (or maybe didn't want/need to know) about the history of our School, and its place in the development of education for librarianship on the prairies. Relive old memories with a copy of this book, published in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the School. This publication will be available from the School, and order forms will be included in the next newsletter.

Placement and Salary Survey, 1993

In 1993, the School graduated 38 students from its Master of Library and Information Studies Program. A total of 30 graduates responded to our sixth annual survey, for a response rate of 80%. The survey was conducted in March 1994 with follow-up in April.

The majority of 1993 graduates managed to find placements in library and information services, but they

took longer to do so and secured fewer permanent positions than in previous years. Graduates also found that fewer placements were available in public, academic, and school libraries than in previous years.

The average salary reported by 1993 graduates employed in full-time positions was \$31,443 per year, a decrease of 4% over the average earnings of 1991 graduates. Almost all of the 1993 graduates found placements in Alberta, and half stayed in Edmonton. All graduates, employed or not, reported having library work experience by the time they graduated.

For more information please contact Professor Alvin M. Schrader at aschrader@slis.ualberta.ca

Graduate Program Reviews

The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research has given notice that it will be conducting an external evaluation of all graduate programs and research at the University of Alberta over the next several years. The two purposes of the evaluation are to provide academic units with information to assist in improving the quality of programs, and to provide University policy-makers with information to support resource allocation decisions.

The School of Library and Information Studies has agreed to be among the first group of departments to participate in the review process, and we have asked that the external review committee (whose membership has not yet been announced) conduct their on-site visit in late January or early February 1995.

The first phase of the review requires that the School produce a self-study report, which will then be forwarded to the members of the external review committee.

In order to guide the development of the report, we have established a Steering Committee consisting of 2 faculty (Professors Sheila Bertram and Anna Altmann), 2 students (Ms. Tina Burns and Mr. Brent Roe), 2 alumni (LISAA President Kerri Calvert and Past President Pilar Martinez), 2 library association presidents (CLA President Pat Cavil and LAA President Linda Cook), and Professor Alvin Schrader acting as chair. The Steering Committee's first meeting will be held in early November.

It is planned that a series of meetings will be held with employers of the School's graduates, with alumni and other practitioners, with local library associations, and with current students, to ensure that all voices are heard.

The School plans to incorporate as much of its regular accreditation review documentation as possible into the University's process, in order to avoid duplication of time and resources.

For further information please contact: Steering Committee Chair Alvin Schrader at aschrader@slis.ualberta.ca or Director Sheila Bertram at sbertram@slis.ualberta.ca

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD 1994

Keith Turnbull was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award at the School's 25th Anniversary "Big Event" on June 11th. Keith Turnbull was a member of the first class to graduate from the School, and has held a number of positions including that of Library Consultant for Saskatchewan Provincial Library, Chief Librarian for Chinook Regional Library, Assistant Provincial Librarian for Saskatchewan

Provincial Library, and Program Director for the Gabrielle Dumont Institute of Native Studies. He is currently Deputy Director for the Edmonton Public Library where he administers public services at the Centennial Library and the twelve branches of the EPL.

Keith is well known for his volunteer work, and his work with library associations. He is the Past President of the Library Association of Alberta, and has worked hard to promote the importance of equal access to information for all people, and the value of libraries and librarians. It was a pleasure to present him with the first Distinguished Alumni Award. Congratulations Keith!

The Distinguished Alumni award was established to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the School, and is presented on an annual basis to an alumni who has made a significant contribution to the profession. If you know of an alumni who should be considered for such an award, please enter their name on the membership form on the last page of this newsletter.

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP IN LISAA 1994

MEP (Betty) Henderson was awarded an Honourary Membership in LISAA at the Annual General Meeting on June 2nd. Betty Henderson was the Director/Dean of the library school from 1971 to 1976. She now resides in PEI, and could not attend the AGM. Betty Henderson has been a strong supporter of the School and its alumni, and it is a pleasure to have her as a member of our Association.

Honourary Memberships in LISAA are awarded to people who have made significant contributions to the field of librarianship, to the School of

Library and Information Studies or the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association. If you know of a candidate for a honorary membership in LISAA, please enter their name on the membership form on the last page of the newsletter.

NEWS FROM THE CLASS OF '94

Congratulations to the Class of '94 on their graduation! As new graduates you will receive a complimentary membership in LISAA for one year. Sue Colp was kind enough to track down some of the recent graduates and sends this report.

Deb Bakker filled in for Suzan Hebditch at Canada Justice for six weeks in May and June. Chista Ciglan disappeared to the Czech Republic to travel and 'pick-up' some work teaching English. Claudette Cloutier landed a term position as an information broker in Calgary with IGW. Sue Colp spend her summer setting up a Resource Centre for the Corporate Communications Office at the City of Edmonton, and is looking forward to the "hatching" of a little Colp in February.

Karen Dixon took a much-deserved holiday to Hawaii, and is reported to be back in Calgary. Richard (Barfly) Farrelly was spotted at the movies with main squeeze Marina Verhoeven, debating over snack-food. Thyra Ferguson worked on an archives project for the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses. Sue Fisher took a whirlwind trip to Europe, and can now be found at the U. of A. as chief editor for a database project converting medical literature into hypertext.

Damian Hayden is being pursued by potential employers in the U.S. Wayne Hoffman has a "real" job with the City of Calgary's Planning Department. Christine Irving can be

seen at the SLIS office most afternoons, where she may or may not be accompanied by the newest Irving, her son, Samuel Fisher. Melanie Johnson got married, and honeymooned in Paris (among other places), and is back in Edmonton doing some cataloguing for EPL. Heidi Julien is off to earn her PhD at Western.

Lynette Kaup had an "intimate" wedding (around two hundred guests), and has been volunteering with the Fort McMurray Public Library. Georgia Makowski is hard at work with the Health Knowledge Network at the U. of A., a project designed to provide access to medical literature to health care professionals throughout the province. Colleen Schalm Mares continued her position with Cook, Duke & Cox into the early part of the summer, and has been enjoying some time off since.

Sonia Mathews got bit by the travel bug, and headed back to India and Europe. Steve Ozar returned to the City of Edmonton, and worked at the City Clerk's Office. He is to be married September 1st. Pauline Rennick has continued on with her position at the Alberta Agriculture Library. Mark Roesner was hired by EPL, and is involved in the Edmonton Free Net and GELA in his spare time. Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins "summered" at Canadian Utilities, and will soon be leaving for England where she will be living for the next few years.

Joann Staicesku is back at Theatre Alberta. Scott Stanley is currently at the Public Works Library in Edmonton, and is the proud father of a baby girl, Larissa, born in June. Marshall Sumka was hired by CPL in May. Lisa Tjosvold worked at the Alberta Energy Company in Calgary for the summer. And our humble class president, James Vincent, stayed close to "home" at the U. of A. Map Library.

Many of us survived the mud bath that was the Edmonton Folk Festival, while others have been observed doing what many of us do best - haunting the malls, lounges, and coffee shops of Alberta. Of course, this being the '90s, we will all have had two career changes by the next time you hear from us. So keep those ears tuned for juicy rumours...

NEWS FROM THE CLASS OF '95

Jill Cerezke sends this report on the activities of the students in the second year of the program.

September 1994 saw the reunification of the continuing SLIS students after what seemed like a pitifully short summer. Most of the students managed to find employment in the field after a couple of tense weeks. Some even found time for a short holiday before gearing up for another gruelling eight month stretch.

Some of the students chose to take as many spring and summer session courses as possible in order to lighten the load this year, or to be able to graduate by Christmas. Hopefully these students are good at endurance type activities! This year there are 56 returning students here to welcome the 38 new faces. All are looking forward to another exciting year.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to Mary Jane Starr (BLS '74) on her appointment to Director General of Research and Information Services (RIS - formerly the Public Services Branch) at the National Library of Canada.

LISAA SCHOLARSHIP 1994

Congratulations to Erika Radenovich-Banski, this years recipient of the LISAA Scholarship.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT THE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!

News is the official newsletter of the University of Alberta Library and Information Studies Alumni Association. The mandate for NEWS includes reporting the activities of LISAA and highlighting the activities of members and individuals of interest to LISAA. Kathy Carter will be producing the next issue of NEWS. Please send newsletter submissions to Kathy Carter, Cataloguing Division, Cameron Library, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2J8 or kcarter@library.ualberta.ca.

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1994 - AUGUST 31, 1995

LISAA membership dues go towards funding the events that LISAA sponsors such as the *Reunion Weekend Open House*, the *Calgary Reception*, and the *Welcome to the Profession Reception*. A portion of dues are paid directly into the *LISAA Scholarship*.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN IT WITH THE
APPROPRIATE FEE TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone No: _____

Are you interested in serving on the executive of LISAA or Committees? _____

Your nomination for Distinguished Alumni Award 1995: _____

Your nomination for LISAA Honourary Membership 1995: _____

I have enclosed \$25.00 membership fee: _____

I have enclosed \$15.00 associate fee (non-SLIS graduates): _____

I have enclosed \$5.00 student fee: _____

Please return this form along with your cheque payable to the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association to:

Kathy Carter
Cataloguing Division
Cameron Library
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