

News

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Alumni Association



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.....

Normally this newsletter would only be sent to those who had renewed their memberships in the LISAA. However, this time for a number of reasons we are sending NEWS to everyone.

First, the Faculty is undergoing the accreditation process (which Dr. Bertram explains more fully in her message) and it is looking for input from you to include in the self-study. So warm up your word processor and send your responses to the questions on the separate enclosed sheet directly to the Faculty. In addition, Dean Bertram has asked that all alumni be made aware of the importance of recruiting a large class for the 1991-1992 academic year. As graduates, working in the field, you would know of persons who show professional potential and who have wanted to go to library school.

We also wish to tell you about the events past and future in this year's program and these have been delineated further in this edition of NEWS. Please show strong support for your Alumni Association by attending the upcoming meetings. We are very fortunate to belong to a small enough faculty and a fairly cohesive profession which allows us the opportunity to maintain good friendships with a large number of graduates and faculty.

MEET YOUR LISAA EXECUTIVE.....

We thought it would be a good idea if the current executive members attempted a small biographical sketch of themselves so you will know us better.

PRESIDENT - ILA SCOTT

"After a long career as an elementary school teacher, I decided to become a renaissance woman. But the closest I could come to that ideal was library school. After graduation in '87, I started work at the H.T. Coumts Library at the U of A. Since 1988, I have worked full-time as a reference librarian which has been both interesting and challenging. Sometimes however, it seems as though there is not really a great difference in instructing grade fours about author, title and subject access in the card catalogue and telling first

year university students about access files in the online catalogue. Sometimes fourth graders catch on more quickly! I signed up as your LISAA vice-president in 1988, not really aware that this was to be a three-year stint. However, at the two thirds mark I have to say that I've enjoyed it immensely".

V.P. - JACQUELINE GIROUARD

Jacqueline has been working at the Faculté Saint-Jean Library since May of 86 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. Jacqueline has two teenage children and her interests include reading, pottery, native art and dancing.

PAST PRESIDENT - KIT WILSON

"I began my stint as LISAA president back in 1988 and my term as past president expires this spring. I grew up in the "exciting States of America" but have been settled in Edmonton since 1975 when I was snapped up by the Edmonton Public Library System to work as a reference assistant. It's been library work ever since. In 1984, I felt it was time to join the ranks of librarians officially, so I enrolled in library school at the U of A. Since graduating in '86 I have been working in the campus library system, first as a cataloguer and now as the assistant collections librarian at the H.T. Coumts Library. I guess I've read too many book covers because I have an overwhelming urge to tell people that I live in Edmonton with my husband, Ross and our three children."

SECRETARY - ALISON NUSSBAUMER

Alison received her B.A. and MLS from the U. of A. She interrupted her educational progress twice, once with a year to Europe, in search of French and once with six months to California, in search of self. She enjoyed her three consecutive part-time jobs immediately after receiving her MLS and then joined NAIT and metamorphosed from a reference librarian to an audio-visual one. Alison thinks library associations are great, she can't exist without chocolate, she's still trying to learn French and she has found herself!

2ND YEAR STUDENT REP- HEATHER MATSON

"Hi. My name is Heather De Armond. No! Stop! The last name is now Matson; getting married takes a while to get used to. As the second year student rep on LISAA, I get to see 'library school' both from the participant and the survivor's perspective. This past summer I had my first opportunity to work in a library as intern at the University of Lethbridge library, the same place I had spent a lot of time getting to know a study carrel up close while doing my B.Ed. I appreciated what the staff there had to show me about how libraries really work. I am presently taking courses with a view to keeping my options open. I would like to work in an academic or special library, but with my background, public and school libraries also appeal. Bye for now and I hope to see you at the 'largest and most successful student-organized library conference on the Canadian prairies' on March 8th in the Faculty".

1ST YEAR STUDENT REP- ALISON HAMMOND

"I was born and raised in Edmonton and have a B.A. in art history from the University of Alberta. I have taken one library technician's course from Grant MacEwan Community College and plan to continue in the program. During the summers of 1988 and 1989, I worked as museum coordinator at the Junior League's C & E 1891 Station museum. This past summer I took a sociology course and planned my wedding. I also volunteered for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in helping design a cataloguing system for the new children's toy lending library which will serve blind and visually impaired children in northern Alberta. As my husband, Berland, and I are both U of A students, I help support us by working part-time at the circulation desk at NAIT and also part-time in our faculty library. We are both enjoying renovating our home and I love to cook and bake and am learning to garden. I'm looking forward to a challenging career in librarianship".

CANADA COUNCIL AUTHOR READING REPORT

Author/Illustrator team William Pasnak and Barbara Hartmann entertained approximately 30 listeners on Tues. Oct. 9th from 7:30 to 9:00 at the Edmonton Public Library. Ms.

Hartmann began with a visual display of slides from her most recent children's book, The Abaleda Voluntary Firehouse Band, with commentary on the intellectual process and discussion that went on between herself and the publisher, Treefrog Press. Mr. Pasnak followed up by relating anecdotes about the illustrations done for each of his published books. A reception followed and attendees were invited to view the original water colors done by Ms. Hartmann and chat with both Barb and Bill over coffee and dessert. Books were on sale courtesy of Volume II Bookstore.

HERB WHITE VISIT...

On November 20th, LISAA and GELA co-sponsored an evening talk by Herb White who was a distinguished visitor to the Faculty. Over fifty people turned out on a bitterly cold evening to hear this almost legendary figure in the world of librarianship. We were not disappointed as Herb exhorted us to take great professional pride in the things we can do so very well and at the same time to examine ways in which we can make our profession better. The hour lecture was filled with anecdotes and humorous stories and was finished up by a question period. Afterwards a reception gave us an opportunity to meet Herb informally.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY.....

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION

Every seven years, graduate library education programs in North America undergo the full COA re-accreditation process. In the intervening years, continual accreditation is granted based on annual reports filed with COA.

The Faculty of Library and Information Studies at the U of A is due for its regular seventh year site visit in March 1992 which means that the Self-Study Report is due in Chicago by Fall, 1991. The Steering Committee for the reporting process has Ila Scott as a member, representing LISAA. Each of six sub-committees also has a LISAA representative as follows:

- Goals & Objectives - Susan Fahy
- Curriculum - Josie Tong
- Faculty - Barbara Bulat
- Students - Alison Nussbaumer
- Governance - Kathleen DeLong

Resources & Facilities - Christine Andrews
This is a normal, routine process that all graduate library education accredited programs undergo every seven years. The accreditation process is based on the 1972 Standards for Accreditation. The first Standard deals with the goals and objectives developed by the individual program. The Self-Study Report questions are then based on how the remaining five standards reflect these stated goals and objectives.

A major change expected in the upcoming revision to the 1972 Standards is the additional requirement for a Faculty mission statement. The Standards require that the program goals and objectives be widely disseminated. We are therefore taking this opportunity to provide the alumni with a copy of the recently revised Goals and Objectives along with our new Mission Statement. Also enclosed is a sheet with two questions from the Self-Study which need input from our graduates. Please take a few minutes to send us your response. A broad range and number of responses will be most meaningful to our Self-Study. Additionally, we at the Faculty are very interested in what you are doing and how the MLIS program could be improved. The Faculty is planning to start an alumni/ae business card bulletin board. We are asking that you send us your business card to post on the board. The cards will serve to inform students where our graduates are employed.

RECRUITMENT.....

For a wide variety of reasons, we had a number of withdrawals between August 1 and the first day of classes this year. We therefore have a very small first year class for 1990-1991. We were not the only University of Alberta faculty so affected; in a year when emphasis was put on increasing graduate student enrolment, the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research reported a 2.6% decrease in full time enrolment. On the other hand, we have a very large full time second year class so our FTE (full time equivalent) enrollment remains almost the same as last year. We will have room for a large entering class in September 1991. A brochure about the Faculty is enclosed which we would like you to post or give to anyone whom you think could contribute to and would enjoy your profession. Please encourage them to apply to the MLIS program this year.

Sheila Bertram, Dean

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP.....

Do you know of anyone worthy of honorary membership in our organization? If you do, the executive would like to hear from you. The qualifications are as follows:

- an individual who has made a significant contribution to the Faculty of Library and Information Studies at U of A and/or the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association; an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of librarianship. This individual would normally be a graduate of the University of Alberta. Nominations must be supported by the signatures of at least two members of the Association along with documentation outlining the reasons for the nomination. Send your nominations to LISAA Executive, c/o 430 Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta, T6G 2E8 by February 25, 1991.

ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTION FOR NEW AND FORMER GRADUATES.....

Mark April 3, 1991 on your calendar immediately as this is the date for our annual welcome to the profession for members of the 1991 graduating class. Again, we would like to see a great turnout of former graduates as well so that old friendships can be renewed. The reception will be held in Heritage Lounge in Athabasca Hall from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with wine and goodies for all. Further notice will be forthcoming in March, but we hope that you, the graduates, will attend in record numbers. R.S.V.P. by March 25th, 1991 to Ila Scott (492-1463) or Kit Wilson (492-1454) and send your cheques (\$10.00 for former grads and \$5.00 for first year students) to either of us at the H.T. Coutts Library, Education South, University of Alberta, T6G 2G5.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.....

If you haven't renewed your membership in LISAA here's a second chance. Your support is vitally needed both to keep our scholarship fund healthy and to provide you with these issues of NEWS. Please remit \$25.00 to: The Library and Information Studies Alumni Association, 430 Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta, T6G 2E8. Alumni support is needed in order to maintain our university's rank among the best in Canada.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - LAA CONFERENCE JASPER.....

In accordance with our usual procedure, plans are under way to hold the LISAA AGM at the Jasper conference at LAA, May 3, 1991 at 5:00. We hope that many of our graduates are planning to attend this great conference and that you will take time for the AGM. It takes just a few minutes to accomplish the business part of the meeting wherein we review the events of the past year, look at the financial statement and elect the new members of the executive. A wine and cheese has been organized for afterwards. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to be there.

..... WHO'S DOING WHAT?.....

Jean Andruski ('80) - is working on a Ph.D. in linguistics (accoustic phonetics) at Brown University with support from the SSHRC and a fellowship from Brown.

Mary Lou Armstrong ('81) - has taken a long-planned early retirement from Red Deer College where she has been the chairperson of the Learning Resources Centre for the past 2 years, after many years as Reference Librarian. Now she is enjoying serving on cultural boards and committees and thoroughly enjoying herself as a "professional volunteer".

June Arnison ('84) - is self-employed on a semi-retired basis - promoting improved titles, abstracts and bibliographies in the process of scientific editing.

Sandra Barker ('89) - is now the Reference Librarian at Alberta Energy Co. in Calgary.

Kathy Carter ('74) is coordinating the U of A cataloguing recon project of 500,000 records.

Kim Christie-Milley ('87) is busy with the planning stages for the 1992 move of the City of Edmonton archives to the Prince of Wales Armouries.

Carol De Boeck ('86) - is working as the Children's Services Librarian at the Cloverdale Branch, Surrey Public Library in Surrey, B.C.

Lorraine Douglas - recently won at Canadian Images Canadiennes II children's literature conference in Winnipeg, a ticket to anywhere Air Canada flies on the continent. She is reportedly delighted.

Suzan Hebditch ('83) - is the law librarian for the Canada Dept. of Justice, Edmonton Regional Office. During the fall term she

taught Law 400: Introduction to law to first year law students in the Faculty of Law at U of A. During the winter session (1990-1991) she is teaching LIS 517 : Government Publications in the Faculty of Library and Information Studies.

Carol Hemrich ('79) is teaching as a sessional lecturer at U of A in the school libraries program.

Barbara Johnston ('74) - is with the Volume One bookstore in Duncan, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

John Lawrence ('86) - is now the Chief Librarian and Head of Electronic Information Services for the Hamilton Spectator. How's that for a job title?!

Diana Lee ('81) - tells us that she is preparing a report on fine arts libraries in Alberta and is working on fundraising strategies to re-open the Edmonton Art Gallery library.

Sylvia Martin ('81) and husband, Doug Carlyle, have a second child, Stuart, born July 12/90. Sylvia is on a one year leave from her position as Supervisor, Adult Reference Service, at Strathcona County Municipal Library.

Deanne Perreault nee Williamson ('79) - got married in March to husband Bill and 2 daughters, Raeanne, 6, and Ashlee, 3. Congratulations, Deanne!

Pat Sandercock ('86) - has moved to Calgary where she is establishing a library for Revenue Canada Taxation in the Calgary district office. Lots of fun! "It's amazing what you take for granted in existing libraries - like circulation procedures, cataloguing, etc.

Dev Yadev ('87) - is the Library Coordinator for the Alberta Vocational College, a book reviewer for the Edmonton Journal and the Calgary Herald and serves as a trustee for the Slave Lake Municipal Library Board.

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Faculty of Library and Information Studies

Mission Statement

Education

To prepare individuals for positions of responsibility in the profession of library and information service.

Scholarship

To carry out scholarly study and research that advances the discipline of library and information studies.

Service

To serve as a resource for libraries and information agencies, for their personnel, and for professional associations.

Goals of the MLIS Program

To provide the knowledge, understanding, and skills sufficient for the practice of library and information service at a basic professional level, including the foundation on which further competence and specialization may be built.

To examine the cultural and informational role in society of library and information services.

To emphasize, where appropriate, the Canadian geographic, cultural, social, and governmental context in which libraries and information agencies operate.

To stress the professional obligation to keep informed of social and technological developments, with particular emphasis on Canadian issues.

Objectives of the MLIS Program

Upon completion of the program:

Students will be familiar with the history, the philosophy, and the service orientation of libraries and librarianship.

Students will have an understanding of concepts of knowledge and concepts of information and of the methods of preservation and transmission of cultural records.

Students will be aware of the responsibility of librarians and information specialists with respect to the free flow of ideas and access to information.

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Students will have an understanding of the functions of librarians and information specialists within the larger societal framework, and of the factors influencing the creation, dissemination, and use of knowledge and information.

Students will be knowledgeable about basic principles of selection, acquisition, organization, storage, retrieval, and use of recorded knowledge and information resources of all kinds.

Students will be knowledgeable about the theories and concepts of administration and organizational behaviour and their application to the management of libraries and information agencies.

Students will possess the skills necessary to evaluate library and information systems and services.

Students will have an understanding of the principles of systems analysis and systems design for libraries and information agencies.

Students will understand current information technology as an integral part of the operations and services of libraries and information agencies.

Students will be able to evaluate published research in library and information studies and to apply basic principles and techniques of research in library and information studies.

Students will be aware of the links between library and information studies and other disciplines, including shared methodologies and common concerns.

Students will understand the importance of cooperation among libraries and information agencies and of the development and maintenance of collegial relationships with their fellow professionals.

Students will be aware of the need for continuing professional education and be ready to play an active role in associations and engage in other professional activities.

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COA SELF-STUDY QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet, with your business card attached, to Dr. Sheila Bertram, Dean, at the above address. Thank you!

1. *Please let us know what you are doing at present. If you are not working in the library/information services field at present, have you had jobs in this field in the past? If so, what were they?*

2. *Do you feel your library school education was good preparation for the work you are doing now, or have done in the past, in the library/information services field? What should have been included that was not? What was included that you feel was not needed?*

