



NEWS

May 1995

From the President's Desk *Kerri Calvert*

As my term as president of LISAA draws to a close I realize that it has all gone by very quickly. It has been great fun, and I would encourage anyone interested in keeping in touch with the School and its Alumni to volunteer as a LISAA executive member. I intend to enjoy my new position of Past-President, and wish our incoming president lots of success and fun in her new role!

Events to take part in this spring include LISAA's Annual General Meeting on May 12th, with guest speaker is James Marsh. Not to be missed is a special celebration sponsored by the School and LISAA in honour of Dr. Robert (Bob) Brundin at on May 27th, 4:30 to 9:00 at the Alberta Research Council. This celebration is being held to allow Dr. Brundin to say thank-you to his many colleagues and friends, and to allow the School to thank everyone who has contributed to the MLIS program this past year. The event will be very informal (no speeches!) and I really encourage everyone to come and wish Dr. Brundin well on his retirement.

Annual General Meeting *May 12, 1995*

Please attend LISAA's Annual General Meeting which will be held on May 12th at 5:30 in the Arts Building (Student Lounge Room 232) at the University of Alberta. The Arts Building is located directly west of HUB, and visitor parking is available in Lots N & U directly east of HUB (\$3.00). On the agenda will be the yearly financial statement, and the election of a new executive. the recipients(s) of the 1995 Honourary Membership in LISAA will also be announced, s/he will be in attendance. As well, James Marsh will be speaking on the Information Highway." James Marsh is the editor of the Canadian Encyclopedia, now going into its second CD-Rom version. Mr. Marsh is also involved in setting policy for Canada's "information highway". Refreshments will be served following the short meeting.

Interview with Dr. Brundin

Caron Rollins

Dr. Robert Brundin retires this spring after twenty years with the School of Library and Information Studies. Dr. Brundin first came to our School as a visiting professor for the 1972/73 academic year. Dr. Brundin had recently received his Ph.D. from Berkeley, and wanting to teach, had inquired to all Canadian library schools and those in the northwestern U.S. Fortunately for alumni Betty Henderson, then Director of our School, needed a sessional instructor. The call was made, and the rest

Dr. Brundin took a leave from his directorship of the Library of San Jose City College and brought his family here. Though greatly enjoying the courses he taught, the students in the program, and despite the School's request that he stay Dr. Brundin and his family returned to San Jose as planned. Two years later, Betty Henderson called Dr. Brundin. The School was again in need of an instructor for the same courses as he had taught in the 1972/73 year. This time the Brundin's formally immigrated to Canada and have since become Canadian citizens. Dr. Brundin's twenty year tenure with the School began.

Dr. Brundin had taught the *Reference Sources (Library Materials and Information Services)* course during his visiting year and resumed teaching of this course in 1975. The 1975/76 academic year, Dr. Brundin's first year as a permanent member of the School's staff, was the last year of

the single year BLS program. The University of Alberta was the last accredited school in Canada to change to the two year MLS program. The new curriculum started with 1976/77 school year and the first MLS class graduated in 1978. By the time of the School's twenty-fifth Anniversary in 1993/94, Dr. Brundin taught the basic reference course in twenty of its fall sessions to three-quarters of its graduates. The 1994/95 class was taught by Prof. Toni Samek, as Dr. Brundin felt that twenty offerings was enough! (And by this time he was on a half-time appointment).

Dr. Brundin has designed new courses for the School, one of his most famous being the *Library Buildings* course. He began this course in 1977/78 and is instructing it to this term. He began *Special Collections Librarianship and Advanced Information Services* (now split into two courses, *Online Searching and Reference Service Theory and Field Placement*). He took over the *Canadian Materials* course in the summer of 1987. Dr. Brundin has also taught *Collections in the Social Sciences*, *Collections in the Humanities*, and *Academic Libraries*. In all of the courses there has been a great growth in Canadian sources since the seventies. The new third edition of Canadian Reference Sources: A Selective Guide is ten times the size of the 1981 edition, as is the new third edition of the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1994).

The growth and change in information sources underscores a concern for

alumni, that of keeping up with change. Dr. Brundin agrees that change is definitely more rapid now. He feels that alumni, as well as library school faculty, should participate in continuing professional education to keep up with changes in information sources and formats. However, our profession's basic skills do not change and can and should continue to be applied to current problems. Librarians are concerned with people and relationships as for example, during a reference interview. The ability to conduct a reference interview is still a basic skill even though the information sources a patron is referred to are continually changing. The planning concepts for the design and use of library facilities are basic and will still apply no matter the changes to architectural and engineering standards.

The latest change to the Library and Information Studies program has been the placement of it with the Faculty of Education. Dr. Brundin feels the School is well placed with the Faculty as there is a natural link between education, learning and libraries.

Dr. Brundin's history of the School From the Codex to the Computer will be published this spring. As well a new edition of his Price Guide to Books on Canada and the Canadian Arctic, expanded to include all northern circumpolar areas and titled Books on Canada and the Arctic: A Bibliography and Price Index, will be forthcoming.

He plans to continue his research activities following retirement, which include study and writing in the fields of bibliography, library history and biography, rare books and special collections, and facilities planning-- and maybe have a small book-selling business on the side! And he also would like to work in a lot of cycling, cross-country skiing, gardening and travel, all of which interests he shares with his wife Gretchen.

Dr. Brundin has enjoyed immensely his thirty-six years in the profession and his twenty years with the School. He would not change a single bit of it, particularly the teaching part of his career. He has learned much from his students, and continues to learn from them each year. And he has found it greatly rewarding to see former students find successful careers in librarianship, and to think that he might have had some small part in preparing them for such enjoyable, interesting and useful work.

*School of Library and Information Studies
Library and Information Studies Alumni Association*

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
CELEBRATION



in honor of
Dr. Robert (Bob) Brundin

Dr. Brundin will be retiring June 30, 1995
and would like to take this opportunity to say
THANK YOU to all of
his many many colleagues and friends

and the School would like to thank everyone
who contributed to the MLIS program this past year

Saturday, May 27, 1995
4:30 - 9:00 p.m.

at the

ALBERTA RESEARCH COUNCIL
south end of the Edmonton Research Park
enter at 23 Ave / 99 Street or 23 Ave / 94 Street
and proceed to the parking lot at the south end of the building

dress, food, and entertainment will be very informal

Cost: \$10.00 per person for food (cash bar)

- enclosed is _____ for _____ people
(receipts will be provided on site)
- enclosed is a donation of _____ towards a book prize for LIS 503 (Information Services) to be named in honor of Dr. Brundin
(tax receipts will be issued by the University of Alberta)

we would appreciate separate cheques (payable to the School of Library and Information Studies)

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SUMMARY OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAM REVIEW

SCHOOL OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION STUDIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

In March, 1995, a Review Team, chaired by Roma Harris, Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, UWO, visited the School of Library & Information Studies, with a mandate to review its graduate program and research. Other members of the Review Team were: Charles Bunge, Professor, School of Library & Information Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Joe Culberson, Associate Professor, Department of Computing Science, University of Alberta, and Ernie Ingles, Director of Libraries, University of Alberta.

Highlights of their 7-page report follow:

- "The School excels in its role as a provider of well-educated entry-level professionals to the library and information marketplace in the prairie region of Canada."
- "Employers, members of the profession, alumni, current students and representatives of the library associations are extremely supportive of the School and appear to be unanimous in their view that it plays an essential role in supporting the vitality of libraries and librarianship in the prairie region."
- "The School attracts students of high quality and monitors their progress effectively."
- "Students and alumni reported that the intellectual challenge of the program is high. Students from other graduate programs at the U of A said that in comparison with graduate courses in the Department of English, the Department of Art and Design, or in the Faculty of Education, courses they took from SLIS faculty members were considerably HIGHER in quality, breadth and depth of coverage, and intellectual challenge."
- "Student evaluation of teaching at the School consistently supports its strength. The student ratings of SLIS teaching are extremely high and would not be exceeded in any other program in North America. The students are uniformly enthusiastic about the quality of instruction they receive. The faculty members are described as well prepared, knowledgeable, extremely flexible, very accessible, responsive, and welcoming. The members of the review team repeatedly received this message about the strength of teaching from current students, alumni, as well as members of the professional community."
- "Employers view the graduates of the program as well prepared for professional practice."

The School wishes to thank all those who contributed their time and efforts to the review process - students, employers, friends, and especially its alumni. A copy of the full report is available from SLIS at 492-4578.

GELA - CASLIS

Annual Spring Banquet

Tuesday May 23, 1995

Featuring

W.P. Kinsella

Coast Terrace Inn
4440 Calgary Trail Northbound

Cash Bar - 6:30 p.m. Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Menu

*Assorted Fresh Vegetables with Yogurt & Cilantro Dip
Tossed Garden Salad, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Zucchini & Red Onion
Pasta & Pesto, Danish Cucumber Salad, Greek Salad*

*Sliced Top Sirloin with a Red Wine Sauce
Seafood Newburg*

*Bouquet of Fresh Vegetables
Rice or Potato*

*Canadian Cheeses, Mirror of Seasonal Fruits
Selection of Tarts, Mousses and Cakes
Assorted Rolls
Coffee or Tea*

Supper Dessert

*Bouquet of Fresh Vegetables
Rice or Potato*

*Canadian Cheeses, Mirror of Seasonal Fruits
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W.P. Kinsella is the Edmonton-born author acclaimed for his stories about baseball and Canadian Indians. His works include *Shovels for the Dead* (turned into the movie *Field of Dreams*), *The Intra Baseball Confederacy*, *Don Quixote*, *Penelope Chronicles*, *Dance Me Outside* (recently made into a movie) and many others. Kinsella has been writing full time since 1983 and has received numerous awards including the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humor.

GELA - CASLIS Annual Spring Banquet

Please R.S.V.P. by May 17, 1995. For more information call Della Jacobson (992-5167) or Anne-Marie Watson (962-4423).

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