



## *U of C's Marnie Swanson trades places*

by Melody Burton

*Between April 22 and May 27, 1987, Marnie Swanson was attached to the University of Sheffield Library as the first Calgary participant in a Calgary-Sheffield University Libraries exchange. Marnie took time in mid-October to talk to News about her experience.*

Marnie: It's like having a new job without having to change jobs.

The exchange program was developed cooperatively by the 2 libraries for staff development. I wasn't there just to observe. I was a full participant, a staff member. I sat in on meetings and was free to voice an opinion. I gave seminars and spoke to the students in the Information Studies program.

And I discovered that there are many similarities between the 2 library structures, but there are differences. One of the problems in Sheffield is that there is little staff turnover.

Another is their approach to management. They have been slow to recognize that a library is a large organization that requires sophisticated management. The pending implementation of campus-wide performance appraisal was met with disapproval by librarians who were frightened by the prospect.

I learned about how a city can cooperate. They do more than Canada - they're forced to because of declining resources. And their situation continues to worsen.

We cooperate here, but informally, at lower levels. But

to be successful, the venture requires cooperation at the highest levels. In Sheffield, they have a coordinating body to administer cooperative ventures. And this has been going on for 15 years!

The Sheffield Interchange Organization (SINTO) is a cooperative scheme that covers Sheffield and surrounding areas. Its membership includes special, public and academic libraries. Together they compiled a Sheffield union list of serials. And all SINTO members have borrowing privileges at city, university and technical libraries! Yet the cost for subscribing to SINTO is a nominal \$120 (Cnd).  
*MB: And when you weren't working?*

I spent weekends touring around. Sheffield is wonderful - it's close to other places.

I stayed in residence with grad students and lecturers. I enjoyed having contact with people other than librarians, but I had to sit at the High Table during meals!

The exchange was a very good professional development experience and one big morale boost.

From the second day I felt like a part of the staff. I made some good friends there and it wasn't superficial. I would like to see these people again.

*Congratulations on your recent election to CLA.*

Thanks. I'm very optimistic about the role I get to play in CLA.

As a councillor, I act as a liaison between CLA council and a number of interest groups and committees. I'm responsible for reporting their activities and representing their interests on council.

I'm looking forward to working with Vivienne Monty. Working on this association, or any association, allows me to learn from others.

As Convenor of the Conference Planning Committee in Calgary in '85, I met all kinds of librarians. And I still talk to them a lot. I appreciate their professional expertise. No isolation and more exchange.

*Upcoming events?*

Oh, yeah ... the 20 year reunion of the Class of 1 when CLA convenes in Edmonton. Our class celebrated our 15 year reunion when CLA was last in Edmonton. We have a video of our '69 graduation that we intend to show (to our class only). It's hilarious, the clothes, the hairdos...

Our class was small, only 42. We thought of ourselves as guinea pigs. It made us a tightly knit group. And this included faculty members. It meant that the experience was a very positive one for all of us.

Many of my classmates are doing non-traditional stuff, but we still maintain close links. We have had an informal newsletter on and off. We want to see each other again.

Marnie Swanson ('69) is Head of the Arts and Humanities Library at the University of Calgary.

Marnie has 2 sons, Jeff, 14 and Scott, 11. Her husband, Chuck, has completed law school and is articling for a Calgary law firm.

Marnie will be in Edmonton to attend the Wright's reception in November.

# EDITORIAL: WHY ANOTHER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION?

I ask myself this question every time I get nominated, elected, cajoled or coerced into working for one.

Why can't we have one big one? The kind that is all things to all people? One that costs a nominal fee to join and expects you to do nothing except attend, occasionally, at your leisure, annual conferences with modest registration fees held in cities that you want to visit? One that packs political, social, economic and spiked punch?

The last time I checked with Lancaster, this revolutionary breakthrough arrives long *after* the advent of the paperless society.

In truth umbrella organizations usually don't serve the little guy very well. The focus is too broad. Each faction is convinced that their interests warrant more attention. Soon everyone is dissatisfied. Equally.

So why join a specialized association? Don't. Unless you want to *and* it's a good one. It is.

Attached to this newsletter you'll find a membership form. On it, our Membership Chairperson Marion Saffran proposes that, as FLS alumni, we are family.

But before you start tapping your feet, remember that family images can be frightening. My Nova Scotia clan, for example, is given to squabbles, black sheep and skeletons in the closet. Sometimes when we gather around turkey we rekindle the disputes that sparked fisticuffs in the eighth grade.

We blamed the bird until we tried ham unsuccessfully.

*Have you ever noticed how librarians tend to congregate around food?*

Our FLS family is different.

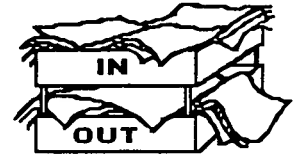
We chose each other.

Together we've weathered the stormy throes of library education and lived to tell the story. We are better people for having survived the experience, collectively and individually. And isn't that what education is supposed to be all about?

As FLS offspring we have common parentage, environment and experience. We shared coffee mugs, small quarters and cataloguing. And isn't that what librarianship is all about?

Melody Burton

From the  
President's desk



*Greetings to all Library Science Grads!*

This issue goes out to all of you to invite you to a special event and to inform those of you who haven't joined the LSAA yet of what we've been up to in our first year ...

Our scholarship is off to a flying start. It will be awarded annually, beginning in 1988/89 to a student entering the MLS program. The recipient will be selected on the basis of academic achievement and professional potential. We hope to offer a sizable award to attract excellent students as well as demonstrate our commitment to high professional educational standards.

Our 1987/88 LSAA Executive includes some new faces:

Vice President - Nancy Jones ('80)

Secretary - Maureen Beristain ('85)

FLS Representative - Catriona de Scossa ('76)

Student Representative - Mike McIntosh ('88)

Alumni Liaison - Christina Andrews ('86)

Membership Chairman - Marion Saffran ('87)

on a continuing executive with:

President - Jeannine Green ('80)

Treasurer - Jan Roseneder ('69)

News Editor - Melody Burton ('86)

Last spring, the welcome reception for '87 grads was a big success. This year plans are underway for an even more exciting event - mystery guest speaker and all. (Keep reading *News* for more details.) We are also in the midst of planning other gettogethers for the membership.

Alumni Affairs is thrilled with our constituency - we have the highest per cap membership (140) of any other group on campus, including medicine and dentistry, the old boy networks.

Hope to see you all sometime this year,

Jeannine.



*News* is the official newsletter of the University of Alberta Library Science Alumni Association under the authority of the Publications Committee, Chaired by the LSAA Secretary and is published at least twice yearly.

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Submissions to *News* can be forwarded directly to the Editor, Melody Burton at 11123 - 75 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6G 0H1.

## FACULTY NOTES

### *FLS Prof scores top grade at CLA*

When Dr. Alvin Schrader learned the CLA session entitled "The Creative Spirit in Jeopardy" was slated to take place at 9 am on a Monday morning, he was a little apprehensive. Schrader, as Convenor of CLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, was charged with the task of organizing and moderating the session.

But by the time conference organizers had processed delegate registrations, the session was overbooked and continued to attract late registrants. The poor time slot posed no obstacle for the all-star line-up.

Four panelists spoke to the 140 delegates: filmmaker and professor Al Razutis, author and BC Periodical Review Board member Jan Drabek, bookstore owner Jim Deva and author Jane Rule.

The speakers recounted their personal experiences with censorship and a provocative discussion ensued as CLA members examined association and individual roles in censorship. One delegate confessed that her personal attitude towards pornography influenced her selection practice. Another urged CLA to take a political and economic position on the issue. Throughout the lengthy debate Schrader displayed wit and humour while ensuring that the discussion focused on issues.

Schrader chose the topic believing that librarians should be sensitive to creativity. If

length and breadth of discussion are any barometer for sensitivity, the session was a huge success.

Favourable reviews of the session appeared in *Feliciter, Quill and Quire* and the *Vancouver Sun*.

### *FLS welcomes H.W. Wilson gift*

On June 8, 1987, the Faculty of Library Science received a WILSONLINE Workstation donated by H.W. Wilson. The workstation is advertised as a state-of-the-art tool capable of searching current files on-line and backfiles of Wilson indexes available on CD-ROM.

The unit retails for \$6,000 (US) and consists of an IBM PC XT personal computer with 640KB of memory, colour monitor, Proprinter, modem, CD player and all the add-ons to make the system complete.

The workstation is available to all FLS students wishing to take advantage of unlimited access to *Library Literature* when researching papers.

Wilson didn't single out the University of Alberta - the company donated 60 workstations, one to each of the ALA accredited library schools across North America. The donation is in keeping with H.W. Wilson's tradition of financial support for library education since 1957.

### *New Dean takes charge*

Dr. Sheila Bertram is Acting-Dean of FLS and reportedly enjoying the challenge.

## Where is the class of '87 today?

by Marion Saffran  
and Sheila Bertram

Working all across the country and keeping in touch.

Alphabetically, with complete disregard for geography and salary, they are...

Liz Ball, temporary fulltime librarian, Alberta Environmental Centre, Vegreville ... Arlene Brown, working overtime for a printer in her home town, Carleton Place, to chip away at her student loan ... Dani Campbell, children's librarian at a Toronto suburb public library ... Jennifer Campbell, permanent position, Cataloguing Section of CISTI ... Helen Clarke, sessional librarian, Environment, Sciences and Technology Library, U of C ... Norman Dand, high

school librarian, Claresholm, AB ... Anne Dickason, Dept. of National Defense librarian, Suffield, living in Medicine Hat ... Deanna Dryden, gone "home" to Seattle ... Tatanya Filanovsky, permanent parttime librarian for the Institute of Law Research and Reform, U of A ... Paul Friesen, Alberta Education Library ... Linda Giffen, Director, Yellowhead Regional Library System, Spruce Grove ... Andrea Glover, reference librarian, U of Lethbridge ... Hilda Hinkelman, Head Librarian, Ponoka Public Library ... Faith Idicula, holding 2 parttime jobs at St. Albert Public Library and Concordia College ... Pat Jobb, Public Library Consultant, Peace Regional System, Grande Prairie ... Stuart Mackay, Head of Technical Services, Yellowhead Regional Library System ... Lucie Martel, lost to Kitchener-Waterloo ...

Cynthia Mazur, translator for Alberta government ... Anne McGillivray, librarian, Mountain View Bible College, Didsbury, AB ... Alison Nussbaumer, parttime NAIT reference librarian ... Annemarie Paimela-Wheeler, moved to Washington, DC ... Marion Saffran, temporarily, Assistant Librarian, Library, Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, U of A ... Ila Scott, halftime assistant curriculum librarian, Education Library, U of A ... Ross Sherwin, sessional reference librarian, Humanities and Social Sciences, U of A ... Cheryl Smith, children's librarian, J.S. Wood Public Library, Saskatoon ... Jane Turney, Bell Northern Resources, Ottawa until the end of October ... Joyce Van Sheik, librarian, Canadian Union College, College Heights, AB ... Teresa Zwierchowski, term, Esso, Calgary.

# Who's doing what where

Ian Dew ('69) is at Lakehead University Library.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Arden Matheson ('70) and husband Jim on the birth of their son Trevor, a brother for Linsey.

Donna Campbell ('76) is in Auckland, New Zealand. She has taken up scuba diving to keep busy and is Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the New Zealand Masters Swim Club.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Madeleine Bailey ('78) is College Librarian at Mount Royal College, Calgary.

and **CONGRATULATIONS:** to David Brown ('80) and Susan Winstanley Brown ('80) on the birth of their son Alexander Jonathan.

and **CONGRATULATIONS:** The Reverend Kathleen Bowman ('80) and David Kinloch (LLB '79) were married on August 1, 1987. After a honeymoon in England and Scotland, Kathy and David are living in South Edmonton where Kathy is Associate Priest at St. John's Anglican Church. David is with the Attorney General's Department.

**MOVED:** Carol Elder ('82) to Surrey, BC where she is Branch Manager of the Cloverdale Branch of Surrey Public Library.

**NEVER HOME:** Kurt Markstrom ('83) is at the University of Toronto doing a Ph.D. in Music. His thesis topic, "The operas of Leonardo Vinci" (not the painter, but a Neopolitan opera composer of the early 18th century), has taken Kurt abroad. This spring he received a SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship Grant to study for 10 weeks during the summer at the British Library (Manuscript Division), the Royal College of Music Library and the Royal Academy of Music Library, all in London. Then Kurt travelled to Cambridge to visit the Fitzwilliam Museum and on to Bruxelles to the Conservatoire Royal de Musique Bibliotheque to examine 15 manuscripts of 9 operas by Vinci (7 of which have never been published!).

In his spare time, Kurt presented a paper entitled "Rhetoric and the Da Capo Aria" at the Canadian University Music Society conference held in Hamilton in May. This month Kurt presents another paper, "Machaut and the Wild Beast," at the American Musicological Society Conference in New Orleans.

**CHARITABLE:** Jennifer Fullen ('84) and husband Len donated the proceeds from the sale of their purebred Arabian Gelding, Eskandal, to the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra in appreciation for more than a decade of enjoyment of ESO performances.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Ricki Andersen ('86) is the Reference Librarian for McMillan Binch . . . the Bay Street firm of the Honorable John Turner. Ricki believes, as do the polisters, that there could be additional professional, non-librarian vacancies on the McB staff in the near future.

## WANTED: LIBRARY SCIENCE MEMORABILIA

A *BOOK of MEMORIES* is currently being compiled to present to John and Shirley Wright at a reception held in their honor on November 12, 1987 at the Faculty Club. (See the enclosed invitation for the exact details! Then come!)

Send us your photographs, anecdotes, limericks, testimonials -- your personal remembrances of John and Shirley Wright.

We are appealing for contributions from the alumni to make the book one of wit and humor. And who better to remind John and Shirley of the Faculty of Library Science than the 600+ of us who attended the school?

Besides, each of us has a memory of life in library school that deserves to be shared.

Contributions to the *BOOK of MEMORIES* can be sent marked "CONFIDENTIAL" to Jeannine Green, Bruce Peel Special Collections, B7 Rutherford South, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB, T6G 2J4.

**Do not delay. Mail today.**