

News

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Greetings to all! Since I have taken over the mantle of presidency, we have had one executive meeting on September 14th. It was fun to get acquainted and do some planning. However, it appears that we have been unable to boost our membership to any extent. As part of our plan to drum up more interest in Calgary, the executive is planning a wine and cheese reception to be held sometime in May in that city. It was also thought that holding the annual general meeting in Edmonton this year might also help to reach a few more people. And that next year, it could be held in Calgary. We would also like to announce that this year's recipient of the LISAA scholarship is Rae Hazelwood. Please support your Association and if you have any suggestions, we would be happy to hear them.

Bonjour à tous! Depuis que j'ai pris la position de présidente, l'exécutif a eu une réunion le 14 septembre. Nous avons beaucoup aimé se reconstruire et planifier l'année à venir. Cependant, nous semblons pas être en mesure d'augmenter le nombre d'adhérents à notre association. Vu de susciter de l'intérêt à Calgary, l'exécutif planifie une réception vin et fromage qui aura lieu à Calgary au mois de mai. L'exécutif a aussi pensé de convoquer l'assemblée générale à Edmonton cette année et possiblement, à Calgary, l'année prochaine. Ceci nous permettra de rejoindre autres personnes (nous espérons). Nous voulons aussi annoncer que le récipiendaire de la bourse LISAA cette année est Rae Hazelwood. Appuyez notre association et nous invitons vos suggestions.

Jacqueline Girouard

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

This issue of NEWS comes to you with much news of your fellow alums and news from the faculty. In addition to the newsletter we are once again enclosing a form for you to fill in and return to us with your membership renewal. In order to support the programs planned for this

year, it is vitally important that all our alumni join our association. Every membership helps to keep our association strong and provides monies for our scholarship fund.

We have included short profiles of the executive for 1991/92 to allow you to get to know us better. Feel free to contact us at any time if you have a concern about LISAA.

The faculty has also enclosed a brochure that they would like you to post in your workplace or give to a prospective library student. They feel strongly that as active members of the library profession, you will be most in touch with people who would have the necessary qualities for becoming librarians.

Kerri Calvert volunteered to get in touch with her fellow classmates to report on the doing of the class of '91. Thanks, Kerri, for your diligent efforts!

NEWS is always looking for input from the field. If you have anything of interest to fellow alums that you would like to see receive a wider audience, send it to me c/o H. T. Coutts Library, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2G5.

Ila Scott

MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE...

President - Jacqueline Girouard '86

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 1987, she became the principal cataloguer and in September 1990, she was appointed Head of Public Services on a permanent basis. After 5 years of contracts, she had this to say: "It's about time."

Jacqueline travaille à la Bibliothèque de la Faculté Saint-Jean depuis mai 1986 quand elle a été embauchée sur un plan temporaire. En 1987, elle devient le catalogueur principal et en septembre 1990, elle est nommée Chef intérimaire des services au public. En juillet 1991, elle est nommée au poste sur un plan

permanent. Après 5 ans de contrats, elle avait ceci à dire: "Finalement."

Past President - Ila Scott '87

Ila works as a reference/collections librarian in the Herbert T. Coutts (Education) Library and has done so ever since graduating in 1987. Ila always said she was looking for a job that had hours from 10 to 2 and that paid \$40 000 a year. Since starting a half time position in July, Ila has just about achieved the hours by working four days a week from 9 to 3, however, the salary has a long way to catch up. Half time is just great! "It allows me to do some other things that have been waiting around for a long time."

Secretary - Linda Slater '88

Linda got her start in libraries by working as a library clerk in the now defunct Extension Library. She graduated from library school in 1988 and has worked in health libraries since that time. She is currently working at the John W. Scott Health Sciences Library at the University of Alberta. Her position includes reference duties as well as collections duties in the areas of rehabilitation medicine, neuroscience, sports medicine, orthopedics and gerontology. Linda has been active in other professional organizations, including the Northern Alberta Health Libraries Association of which she is the past-president.

Treasurer - Pat Sandercock '86

Pat is the first librarian appointed to Revenue Canada, Taxation, in Calgary. and is thoroughly enjoying the challenge of establishing a new library (She's been there for just over a year now). Prior to her move to Calgary, Pat was a reference librarian at Alberta Education, a library consultant with Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism, Library Services Branch (now Community and Library Development) and a Branch Supervisor/Children's Librarian at Southeast Regional Library, Weyburn, Saskatchewan. An expatriate Saskatchewan resident, and now a comfortable Albertan, Calgary feels like home, even though Pat's fiance is still living in Edmonton!

First Year Student Representative - Rae

Hazelwood

Rae has a background in school and public libraries in rural Alberta. For the past year and a half she has worked in the Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta, as a research assistant for the Land, Economics, and Real Estate Division. Leisure interests include reading, baking, and outdoor activities with her family.

Faculty Representative - Sheila Bertram

Since all of you already know me, this is probably a tertiary review rather than a primary source. Originally from Ontario (born in the north, raised in the south) with degrees from McMaster, Toronto and Illinois. As of July 1, 1991, Director of the School but around in one form or another since 1970 (gasp!). Still have one husband, two children, two cats and a dog. Recent travels include: Munich (the Worlds) and London, Eng. (to buy THE grad dress); Finland (to cheer after Dr. Schrader's talk) and Sweden (the Gota Canal); and next, London Ont. (Skate Canada).

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL...

On July 1, 1991, the Faculty of Library and Information Studies was restructured as the **SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES** and placed administratively within the Faculty of Education. The School is not moving physically, nor is there any change to the MLIS program. The School retains budget and curricular autonomy while enjoying the benefits of the support and collegiality of a larger unit.

The Library / Laboratory of the School has been given a new name. Henceforth the "lab" will be called **HENDERSON HALL** in honour of M.E.P. (Betty) Henderson, the director that became Dean in 1975.

Dr. Schrader has completed a survey of placement and salaries for the 1990 graduates of the Faculty. Of a total of 30 grads, 24 responded. Some of the highlights of his findings are as follows:

88% reported employment in the library and information services field. One was doing something else and two others were unemployed.

Full-time positions accounted for almost all placements.

40% of the respondents were employed in public or regional libraries. 33% were in colleges, institutes and universities. 20% of the respondents were in special libraries.

Almost all of the graduates were employed in Canada, with 33% in Edmonton, 15% in Calgary and 19% in other Alberta centres. This has remained fairly consistent with other surveys in the past.

The average salary for 1990 grads was 6% higher than the 1989 figure. Salaries for University of Alberta graduates compare favourably with those of Toronto graduates.

For further information about this study, contact Dr. Alvin Schrader, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta.

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IN MEMORIAM...

On April 20, 1991, **Thomas Alexander Edge** of Edmonton passed away at the age of 48 years. Tom received a BLS from the School of Library Science at U of A in 1973.

On March 29, 1991, **Harry Newsom** passed away in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 67 years. Harry taught at the Faculty of Library Science at U of A from 1970 to 1974. He will be fondly remembered by his former students as a wonderful teacher possessed of a warm sense of humour. His many contributions to the field of libraries and librarianship will be sorely missed.

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LIFE AFTER LIBRARY SCHOOL (1991)...

Well the saying "time heals all" appears to be true - Already I am looking back on my days at "Library School" with nostalgia! I often wonder what my former classmates are doing and it was great to have a legitimate reason to phone them up and ask. I tried to get in touch with as many people as possible, but couldn't reach everyone so I have relied on the rumor mill to a certain extent. Hopefully this information is accurate - otherwise let us know!

Congratulations to those with jobs and good luck to the people searching for employment.

Carolyn Alho/ librarian at a college in Winnipeg.
Jeff Barber/ a librarian in Weyburn, Sask.

Margaret Bhatnagar/ moved house this summer and is currently serving on the CASLIS executive as well as taking an advanced reference course.

Susan Boldt/ in Calgary?

Donna Brockmeyer-Klebaum/ part-time reference librarian at the Herbert T. Coultts (Education) Library at the U of A.

Wendall Buck/ searching for employment??

Kerri Calvert/ employed at the Stanley Taylor Sociology Reading Room and expecting a baby in November.

Lucy Chang/ librarian at Alberta Vocational College, Lac La Biche.

Heather De Armond-Matson/ researcher-librarian at Ernst and Young.

Carol Downing/ working on her education degree which she expects to complete in April.

Carla Doyle/ took a well-deserved break this summer and is currently job hunting.

Alida Flynn/ will convocate this fall and is considering the "possibility of applying for part-time employment".

Allen Groen/ is working as a librarian in Regina.

Christine Grotefeld/ is Edmonton/Calgary doing what?

Wayne Haas/ when last heard from was hard at work on the job hunting beat.

Mary Jo Hague/ is finishing her MLIS degree.

Leslie Handford/ has a contract library position in Calgary.

Connie Hargreaves/ working at home (baby no. 2 was a girl/ Rebecca).

Fabian Harrison/ is demonstrating microcomputer software in Calgary??

Della Jacobson/ had a wonderful summer filled with travel and is now getting down to the serious business of finding a job.

Kathleen Jevne/ catalogued government documents at the Public Affairs Bureau this summer, and is now looking for full-time employment (as well as planning a May wedding).

Elaine Jones/ has recently found employment as a Library Consultant at Yellowhead Regional Library System. Congratulations, Elaine.

Elaine Kaga/ returned to Calgary??

Michelle Krause/ returned to Yellowknife (doing what?)

Michael Lesyk/ employed as a librarian for Trans-Canada Pipeline in Calgary

Suzie Levesque/ in Calgary dividing her time between working for IGW and on a federal government contract?

Rick "Never answers his phone" Liebrecht/ employed in Edmonton in the laser scanning business??

Gianna Locicero/ employed at the Department of the City Clerk's Office in Edmonton performing research, and records management (as well as planning her wedding for July).

Margaret Mackey/ is completing her MLIS (oral exam September 20th), and is working on her course work towards a PhD. in the Faculty of Education. Wow!

Tom Mar/ is putting his library career on hold until the job prospects improve, meanwhile he is keeping busy with brokerage work.

Una Murowanyj/ is employed at the University of Alberta Archives on a contract position.

Carol Nicks/ is working on her ESL diploma, and searching for employment.

Ilona Osinchuk/ is getting married September 21st, and is moving to Saskatoon (not Winnipeg). It must be true love as due to this change of plans Ilona had to refuse two job offers in Winnipeg!

Helen Lee Robertson/ returned from her "European Vacation" and is now residing in Calgary.

Ann Schiebelbein/ travelled to Melbourne, Australia this summer to present a paper at the "Gender and Science and Technology Conference", and is currently employed at the Alberta Environment Library on a contract position.

Cecile Silzer/ employed as a librarian at Ekota Elementary School in Millwoods.

Jean Simmons/ employed as a librarian at Nova Corporation in Edmonton.

Sheila Smith/ has a contract position with home care until December, and is expecting a baby in January. Congratulations Sheila and Don!

Tony Tim/ rumored to be teaching in Fox Creek?

Kelly Worman/ living in Regina

Kerri Calvert, MLIS '91

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WHO'S DOING WHAT...

Jill Crawley-Low MLS '86 - had a baby boy ,

Kellen, and will be returning to her position at the Reference Department, U of Saskatchewan.

Diana Guinn MLS '83 - married David Miller and then they returned to Abbotsford where Diana works at the Fraser Valley regional Library System.

Wendy Kinsella - has been appointed Executive Director, Alberta Human Rights Commission.

Kathryn Kirchmeir MLIS '89 - has been appointed youth services librarian at Southgate Public Library in Edmonton.

Richard Lapointe MLIS '90 - was hired as the librarian for the Language Institute at the U of Regina.

Donna Samcoe MLIS '90 - is working as a library analyst for Nova Husky Research Corporation in Calgary.

Lorraine Stillman MLIS '90 - is currently working full-time for Crozier Information Resources Consulting Ltd., Edmonton.

Allison Thomson - is now a cataloguer of sound recordings at the Calgary Public Library and is also busy planning her wedding.

Lynette Toews-Neufeldt MLIS '89 is the recipient of the Sandra Garvie Memorial Fund award for 1991. Lynette is currently studying law at U of A and is also working as a researcher for the Canadian Bar Association Task Force on Constitutional Amendment Processes.

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HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP...

The executive is accepting nominations for honorary members in LISAA. Candidates should be people who have made significant contributions to the field of librarianship, to the School of Library and Information Studies or to LISAA. Nominations should be made in writing and signed by two members of the Association. Send them to: Sandra Kereliuk, c/o 430 Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2E8.

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REMEMBER:

SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DUE TO HIGH COSTS OF PRINTING AND POSTAGE, SUBSEQUENT ISSUES OF NEWS AND NOTICES OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS CAN ONLY BE MAILED TO CURRENT MEMBERS.