

News

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IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA

Have you ever found yourself in one of those situations in which you ask yourself how did I ever get into this? Well, the situation I'm in at the present is just like that! When Jeannine Green approached me about running for Vice President of LISAA last year, the whole thing sounded simple enough. "Just let your name stand, perhaps you won't get elected at the AGM and besides this will look good on your annual report," persuaded Jeannine. So I let my name stand. Here I am a year later, not only President of LISAA but also responsible for putting out this newsletter. Melody Burton, who did such a wonderful job in putting together our newsletters is no longer in Edmonton and so the responsibility falls to me. My only qualifications for the job seem to be that I have a computer, a word-processing package and that the ultimate responsibility for any organization falls to its president.

The new executive of LISAA are looking forward to a great year and have already met to make some plans. Judging from the amount of correspondence we have received from Dr. Bertram, the Faculty would also like to see us heavily involved in their activities. For myself, I personally have made it my plan to meet as many alumni as possible, to renew old acquaintances from library school and to plan activities that you will find educational and enjoyable.

One very interesting project in which we have been asked to participate by the Faculty is the preparation for the accreditation visit by ALA scheduled for the spring of 1992. Six sub-committees have been established and there is need for an Alumni Association representative on each one. The committees are: Goals and Objectives, Curriculum, Faculty, Students, Administration and Facilities. The committees will meet

approximately once a month to prepare their reports. If you wish to serve on any of these, please let me know as soon as possible so that your name can be forwarded to Dr. Bertram by September. (See below for address and/or phone number.)

Probably our single most important method of keeping in touch with the membership of LISAA is through this newsletter. We plan to publish NEWS at least three times in the coming year and would like to hear from as many of you as possible. This is really your newsletter. The more interesting and newsy letters you send to the editor - moi - the better we will be able to keep everyone up to date with your activities and help you renew old friendships. Also, we would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to submit a column for the newsletter. That would look great on your annual report! I'm hoping to hear from you. Send all mail to: Ila Scott, Editor, Newsletter of LISAA, H.T. Coutts Library, University of Alberta, Edmonton, T6G 2G5, or phone me at: (bus.) 492-1454 or (home) 434-4245.

FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT.....

Greetings!

Thanks to everyone who attended the reception for the new class of FLIS grads in March. It was a delightful evening with over 50 alumni, faculty and students there to celebrate. Melody Burton and Beth Barlow (CLA president) both reminisced about why one chooses the field of librarianship and I think the company of the evening reinforced the wisdom of the choice for us all.

The Jasper Park Lodge once again proved the perfect location for our next gathering. After being held last year in Edmonton in conjunction with CLA, our AGM returned to its traditional host, the LAA conference in

Jasper. Alumni gathered at the Viewpoint Cabin at 4:00 pm on Friday, May 4th to discuss the year's activities. Outgoing executive members, Jeannine Green (Past President), Laura Beswick (Treasurer/Membership Coordinator) and Kathryn Kirchmeir (Student Representative) were thanked and elections held for vacated positions. Our new executive lineup looks great:

Ila Scott	President
Jacqueline Girouard	Vice President
Pat Sandercock	Treasurer/Membership Coordinator
Alison Nussbaumer	Secretary
Christina Andrews	FLISAA Representative to Alumni Affairs
Sheila Bertram	Faculty Representative
Heather de Armond	Student Representative
Kit Wilson	Past President
Barb Chaffey	Alumni Association Representative

I would like to extend an extra special thank you to Melody Burton, our departed newsletter editor. Melody has taken a keen interest in librarianship since she graduated in 1986 and none more visible than as our newsletter editor. Since '86 Melody has single-handedly produced our newsletter and she will be keenly missed. Melody left Edmonton for points eastward in June. She has promised us some news from the east when she gets settled.

The FLISAA executive has received another Canada Council grant to host an author reading. This has been scheduled for October 9th, 1990. Children's author/illustrator combination William Psnak / Barbara Hartmann will enlighten and entertain with readings and discussions of their recent works. We hope that as many of you as possible will mark down this date on your calendar and plan to attend this fun evening. Further details will be forthcoming in the September issue of NEWS.

This will be my last regular column in NEWS President. However, I'm sure you will all still

be hearing from me in my continuing role as Past President for at least another year.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY.....

Professor Gloria Strathern has decided to retire and there will be a party in her honour on August 30th. More about this on the insert sheet.

Alison Elgert has been selected as the candidate to receive the LISAA scholarship for 1990.

The Faculty is beginning the self study process this fall for its planned accreditation visit in 1992. Input is desired from alums wishing to serve on the various committees.

Herbert S. White is coming to be the distinguished visitor to the Faculty from November 12 to 23, 1990. Alumni are invited to hear him give an evening lecture on Tuesday, Nov. 20 with a reception to follow co-sponsored by LISAA and GELA. Further details will be forthcoming in the next issue of NEWS, but mark the date on your calendar now!

WHO'S DOING WHAT

Kathleen DeLong has been promoted to Area Head, Herbert T. Coultts Library, U of A. Congratulations, Kathleen!

Sharon Domier has a position as Japanese cataloguer, University of Oregon at Eugene. Sharon says she was one of the first professionals to get a visa under the new Free Trade Agreement.

Cathy Shirvell is working as a consultant for the Yellowhead Regional Library System. Cathy also was a winner of the LAA scholarship presented at the Jasper Conference. Congratulations, Cathy!

SEPTEMBER IS RENEWAL TIME

Remember to send in your renewal of membership in LISAA in September as soon as you get our notice. Thank you!!

