



## A. Louise Nordin welcomed as first honorary member

by Kit Wilson

Criteria and procedures for awarding honorary membership in our association were ratified at the LSAA Annual General Meeting held in Vancouver in 1987.

One year later, at the AGM in Jasper, Mrs A. Louise Nordin was unanimously chosen as the first recipient of the association's highest award.

Mrs Nordin is a long-time supporter of the Faculty of Library Science and the profession of librarianship.

As President I felt I should congratulate and interview our new member.

However, because I am personally unacquainted with Mrs Nordin and this sort of journalism, I was a bit skittish about how I would be received. Much to my relief, the moment she ushered me into her study, all apprehension melted.

Louise is the picture of what every librarian should be - warm, friendly and a lively conversationalist!

### In the beginning

A native of rural life in Alberta, Louise smiled knowingly at my astonished look when she told me of her first job - teaching grades 1 through 10 to 54 students in a one-room schoolhouse! She taught there for 3 years until she was forced to resign (another smile at my look of astonishment) because she got married.

However, times changed and with the post-war teacher shortage, Louise was once again allowed into the classroom.

Mrs Nordin began working towards a degree with the Faculty of Education in 1961 and while teaching intermittently, she managed to complete a B.A. with Distinction and was the first U.

of A. student to do a Masters in school libraries, graduating in 1968.

For the next 10 years she worked for the Edmonton Public School Board as the Assistant Library Supervisor serving 156 schools.

### True public services librarian

Not only has Nordin devoted her professional time to education and libraries, but the province of Alberta has also benefitted from her personal projects.

As President of her Home and School Association, Louise helped to establish a municipal library for her community. She spent 3 years indexing the 1920-1980 issues of the Alberta Teacher's Association magazine and set up a library for the Genealogical Society of Edmonton and then worked there as a volunteer for 7 years.

Louise's list of hobbies and personal interests went on and on, highlighted by her love of local historical research and photography.

### No textbook formula, enjoy

I asked Louise if she had any advice for future or fellow librarians. This evoked a more pensive mood.

"The librarian is in a delightful position - we don't say no to any student - we are always there to help with all sorts of questions."

"Librarians can never think of a job as a 9 to 4 thing. There is so much to do, keeping up."

### How did she react?

And how did Mrs Nordin feel about being named as our first honorary member?

"It was with disbelief and pleasure that I read - and reread - your letter. In all humility, I accept your award and thank the LSAA for the distinct honor of becoming its first Honorary Member."

### Occasion to celebrate

Louise will be formally recognized as our first honorary member at the springtime wine and cheese reception for the graduating class.

Everyone will be invited to meet and congratulate Louise at that time.

Honorary status entitles Louise to lifelong membership in the association, copies of the newsletter and admission to all social and educational events sponsored by association. Louise's name will be entered on a plaque hung in the Faculty of Library Science.



It was a dark and stormy night in the library ...

Calling all creative writing alumni who yearn to share their most terrifying library memories with their peers who understand that the meaning of sacred is the most frightening story of the 20th century.

Make your entry ridiculous, a romance, a sci-fi fantasy, a murder mystery or a cowpoke tale. (Do not make it a tribute to a well known library guru - you will be disqualified.)

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Please sign your pieces. If you do not want your name included in the published entries, make a note on your entry.

## Editorial:

### How I spent my summer vacation

Just like the rest of you ... trying to better myself when I wasn't buttering myself.

Summer is traditionally the clean-up time of the year. Maybe you tackle the garage, maybe you dive into the backlog once known as your desk or maybe you do both. It doesn't matter *what* you tackle, it's *why* you tackle it. Everyone wants to finish something *old* in the spring and start something *new* in the fall.

I think this is a carryover from school days when each June brought a graduation and September meant new shoes and a haircut.

I escaped to Halifax to attend CLA, as did many of you. And since Nova Scotia is home for me, I saw Mom and returned to my roots. So unsurprisingly I was sure I'd been born again when I attended Herb White's sessions.

If librarianship was a religion Herb would own a television network and broadcast his message live. *Why?* Because Herb believes librarianship is the greatest story ever told. And Herb ought to know because most of his stories are the greatest I've ever heard, at least about librarianship. Maybe that's why we all listen.

In a style reminiscent of Leo Buscaglia - pacing about the front of the audience microphone in hand, mopping his perspiring brow - Herb easily convinces me that *I gotta believe*. No one doubts that Herb is gifted ... he's the only speaker who can give the same lecture every time and have it always sound a little different. So when you hear it repeated, it seems vaguely familiar. This convinces you Herb is exactly correct because he confirming what you already know. *This is Herb's magic*.

And because he's so mesmerizing you can't even take notes although his anecdotes are indelibly sketched in your memory. (Mercifully the tennis game scenario has been retired.) *But this is Herb at his best*.

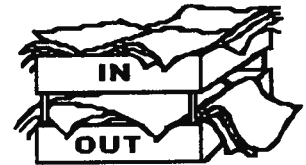
And that's the Herb I appreciate. Listening to Herb is a much needed component of born again librarianship. The audience left the room renewed, invigorated and refreshed ready to tackle any backlog or garage with the same arrogance of Pierre Trudeau's "Just watch me" or Clint Eastwood's "Make my day!" I often wonder what the dieticians thought of the army that advanced into the lobby 15 minutes late for lunch all prepared to kick a little ass in the name of professionalism!

So instead of the oftheard "I think I can, I think I can" chugging through the convention corridors, there was a collective chorus of "I know we can."

Now bring on the fall. I've got Herb and Mom behind me ... right where I want them.

Melody Burton

From the  
President's desk



#### Greetings from your new President!

This year promises to be an exciting one for us with Edmonton hosting CLA and the Faculty of Library Science celebrating its 20th anniversary. Rumors are flying that Dr (Dean) Bertram has yet another ace up that sleeve of hers!

Last year was an especially productive year for LSAA. The first annual scholarship was awarded and the first honorary member was inducted into our clan.

Outgoing executive members deserve our thanks and recognition for a job well done.

Our 1988/89 LSAA Executive includes some new faces:

President - Kit Wilson ('86)

Treasurer - Laura Beswick ('86)

and lots of familiar ones:

Past President - Jeannine Green ('80)

Vice President - Marion Saffran ('87)

Secretary - Maureen Beristain ('85)

FLS Representative - Catriona de Scossa ('76)

Alumni Liaison - Christina Andrews ('86)

News Editor - Melody Burton ('86)

and two student representatives who will be chosen after classes begin.

It's renewal time and for our (administrative) purposes, we have found it necessary to discontinue the 2 for 1 offer for first-time members.

Alumni obtaining memberships in 1987 have had their memberships renewed for 1988/89. New 1988 memberships (prior to July 1988) will be renewed automatically on July 1, 1989 for an additional year.

***This means that the remaining LSAA memberships are due for immediate renewal.*** Don't delay, renew today. Just fill out the enclosed form - your continued support is appreciated, always.

Kit Wilson



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Submissions to **News** can be forwarded directly to the Editor, **Melody Burton**, at 10548 - 66 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6G 1X4 or telephone 437-2278 (home), 432-5972 (work).

## **Faculty Notes**

### **Black Dragon River Consortium visits FLS**

From May 21 to June 1, FLS hosted 4 visiting librarians from China. Professor Andre Nitecki assumed the role of tour coordinator for the group. Besides taking in the expertise available at the Faculty, the visitors spent time at other local libraries.

The consortium is made up from members of Olds College, University of Alberta, University of Guelph, August First University and Liu He College in China.

### **Nitecki takes off**

Although the CIDA-sponsored Black Dragon River Consortium is a broad program, there is genuine interest in the library component. So near the end of November, Professor Nitecki travels to August First University far in China's north. While there Nitecki will recommend and establish ways to initiate an on-line catalogue utilizing MINISIS.

Nitecki will be gone for about one month. Professor Anna Altmann will conclude

his courses.

### **International scholar speaks**

On the evening of July 13, a lecture featuring University of Sussex's Nicholas Tucker was held. Educators, librarians and children's literature enthusiasts were entertained as Mr Tucker addressed the question of how a society's concept of childhood influences the content of the literature written for children.

Contrasting 20th century children's authors with their Victorian counterparts, Tucker outlined the changes that childhood has undergone and how children's books from each period reflect the values and experiences that each particular society hopes to impart to its youth.

FLS, the Dept of English, Dept of Education and the British Council jointly sponsored the event.

### **Name change complete**

The Faculty of Library and Information Studies has been approved by the General Faculties Council.

### **Sheila becomes Dean**

On April 8, 1988, Dr Bertram was appointed FLS Dean for a 5 year term. She joined FLS in 1970 teaching in the areas of collection management, automation and special libraries.

"Sheila" is still on a first name-basis with LSAA. Congratulations.

### **OISE pays off for Inskip**

Assistant Professor Robin Inskip has been awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

Robin will be on leave for another year to continue her doctoral program at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). Her research is in the area of adult education.

### **Nicholls graduates, moves in!**

John Nicholls has accepted a position as Visiting Assistant Professor from July 1988 to June 1989. He graduated with an MLS in June, and is completing a PhD from the University of London.

John will teach History of the Book and Comparative Librarianship, coordinate Advanced Information Services, and assume responsibility for a host of administrative tasks including coordinating special lectures, research seminars and CD-ROM workshops.

Unlike his peers, John gets to stare at the same walls for another year!

### **List of theses and Non-thesis Projects available**

Anyone wishing a copy should call Sheila at 432-4578 for more information.

## **Joining our ranks...**

*Susan Brayford, Gail De Vos, Kevin Dodds, Tim Elliott, Marilyn Ewald, Ivan Gaetz, Bill Glaister, Jill Griffith, Renee Hartel, Najma Karmali, Mnica Lim, Shannon Koopmans, Holly Malinowski, Mike McIntosh, Maureen Myers, Peter Ng, John Nicholls, Judith Osborne, Caron Rollins, Sharon Siga, Gaynor Steedsman, Pamela Sutherland, Judith Watts.*  
*Congratulations and welcome to librarianship!*

## **Award winners:**

**John Nicholls** - The Sarah Rebecca Reed Medal in Library Science awarded annually to the graduate student best demonstrating academic excellence.

**Gerhard Maier** - The Sarah Rebecca Reed Memorial Scholarship in Library Science, awarded annually to the student best demonstrating academic excellence entering second year.

**Kevin Dodds and Sharon Siga** - LAA Prizes, awarded annually on the basis of outstanding performance as a student, academic merit and indication of potential contribution to the profession.  
**Judy-Lynn Downey** - Mary Alice Scott Book Prize, awarded annu-

ally by the Association of Professional Librarians at the U of A to a student demonstrating outstanding performance and professional merit and specializing in academic libraries.

**Sharon Siga** - The Baker and Taylor Company Prize in Technical Services, awarded annually to a graduating student who has specialized in tech services and demonstrated outstanding performance and professional potential.

*and ...*

**Katheryn Kirchmeir** - the U of A Library of Science Alumni Association Scholarship, awarded annually to a student entering first year of a MLS demonstrating strong academic standing and professional promise.



# Who's doing what where

**PROMOTED:** Marnie Swanson ('69) to University Librarian, University of Victoria. Congratulations!

**PROMOTED:** Judy Head ('71) to Head Librarian, University College of Cape Breton, Sydney, Nova Scotia as of November 1, 1988. Prior to the appointment, Judy was Associate Director of Libraries at the University of Manitoba. Congratulations!

**PROMOTED:** Paul McClymont ('74) to the position of Acting Head, Acquisitions at CISTI. Paul has held positions in Interlibrary Loan and as Assistant Head of Acquisitions prior to his promotion. Congratulations!

**HAPPY:** Sandra Englehardt ('78) to be back in Canada after spending five months travelling in India.

**CELEBRATING:** Marion Pape ('79) is Director of Northwest Territories Public Library Services. Marion most recently attended a four-day conference in Hay River, NWT to celebrate her department's 20th anniversary.

**APPOINTED:** Phyllis Lerat ('81) to the National Library's board by Communications Minister Flora MacDonald earlier this year. Louise was formerly the Coordinator of Special Education Materials in Saskatchewan's Department of Education Resource Centre and the Coordinator of Northern Library Services in the Saskatchewan Provincial Library. She is presently Head of the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Library in Regina.

**HIRED:** Linda Jones ('82) to run a 12 month cooperative project sponsored by the National Library and the International Council for Canadian Studies. The project's goal is to identify, acquire and provide bibliographic control of Canadian studies materials produced abroad. A bibliography will be published listing the works identified. Funding for the program is split between the National Library and the Department of External Affairs.

**APPOINTED:** Marie Matiaszow ('82) as Chairperson of the Advisory Group on National Library Services for Disabled Persons. Marie is Manager, Northern Materials Resource Centre, Alberta Education, Edmonton.

**WINNER:** Rhona McAdam ('82) of Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism's \$1,000 poetry prize for her book Hour of the Pearl (Thistledown).

**AWARDED:** To Ken Moore ('82) Saskatchewan School Library Association's Award of Merit for his successful policies and presentations to the Saskatchewan government. Ken is presently Assistant Director of Education in the Sakatoon West School Division.

**RETURNED:** Mary Jane Starr ('82) to the National Library as Chief, Public Programs after completing a two-month training period on a Career Assignment Program. In her new capacity, Mary Jane will be responsible for exhibitions, cultural events and media relations.

**RESIGNED:** Henriette (Posma) Van Doldern ('84) as school librarian in Fort MacLeod and returned to Holland. Henriette is currently working at the Dutch Patent Office in The Hague.

**RERUN:** Joanne Weber ('84) on a CBC program about Gallaudet College for the Deaf in the US. Joanne was one of three Canadian students interviewed.

**RETURNED:** Lori Yakimishyn ('84) from Calgary's Materials Resource Centre, South to Edmonton's Materials Resource Centre, North. South she was Acting Manager, North she is Unit Supervisor. On July 30, Lori married Kevin McArthur.

**HEALTHY APPOINTMENTS:** Marlene Dorgan ('86) and Leslie Sutherland ('86) at the John W. Scott Health Sciences Library, U of A. Marlene is a Reference/Collections Librarian. Leslie is the Nursing Librarian.

**APPOINTED:** Pat Sandercock ('86) as Library Consultant of Development Services, Alberta Culture.

**WORKING:** Liz Ball ('87) at a small college in Terrace, BC with - you guessed it - Patti Barnes (soon, also working).

**TEACHING:** Arlene Brown ('87) printing related courses at Ottawa Technical High School.

**THRILLED:** Kim Christie-Milley ('87) to be Government Records Archivist at the City of Edmonton Archives.

**AWARDED:** Tatyana Filanovsky ('87) the 1988 Edmonton Journal Literary Prize for short prose. Tatyana's first love was poetry - in 1986 a West German publisher printed a collection of her Russian verse entitled Geometry of Time. Tatyana is a librarian at the Institute of Law Research and Reform, U of A.

**DELIGHTED:** Marion Saffran ('87) after visiting the Glenn Gould exhibit at the National Library.

**EMPLOYED:** Jane Turney ('87) as Information Specialist with Bell Northern Research in Ottawa.

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