TECH TALK

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This copy of Tech Talk will be brief, its main goal will be to introduce you to your new regional executive. It would be nice if we could meet everyone of our members in person but as this is not feasible, we will give you a short profile on each of the executive members.

CORINNE SYMONS, President Corinne (nee Matkowski) is a graduate of Lakehead University's class of '81. Corinne has been employed by Thunder Bay Public Library since June '74 and has been in a number of positions within the system. She is currently the technician in Cataloguing and has been very involved with the building of the circ data base and with the implementation of the On-Line Public Catalogue. Corinne has previously served on the executive in a variety of positions, Director 83-85, Newsletter Editor 85/86, and currently is in her second term as President.

HELEN HEEREMA, Director
Helen graduated in
1979 from Niagara College
and has been active with
OALT/ABO since that time.
She served as Regional
Director 81-83, Newsletter
Editor in 83/84, President
84-86 and is currently
the Regional Director.
Helen has been employed

by Confederation College since 1979. She served as Circulation Group Leader from August '80 to May '87 and is currently in User Services. Helen is also actively involved as a co-convenor of the OALT/ABO conference to be held in Thunder Bay in the spring of '88.

MARY-LOU KOLODINSKI, Secretary We are pleased to welcome Mary-Lou back to the executive; she previously served as Public Relations Co-ordinator from 84-86. Mary-Lou is a graduate of . Lakehead University's tech programme and claims to be the oldest living grad. (We don't believe it for a minute!) She is employed by Thunder Bay Public Library as a technician and is currently working in the Circulation Department at Brodie Resource Library. Mary-Lou has also worked at LU in Circ. and at Confederation College in acquisitions. Her class-mates may better remember her as Mary-Lou DI Giacomo.

MARIA BEREZOWSKI, Treasurer
Maria originally hails from
Kenora. She is a grad of the
University of Waterloo where she
received her BA in '82. Maria
graduated from Library Tech at
LU in '85. She is currently
working at the Ministry of Northern
Development and Mines and serving
her second term as treasurer.
Those of you from the Kenora region
may know Maria by her maiden name,
Holliday.

CAROLYNN LAATU, Public Relations Co-ordinator

Carolynn is also a grad of Lakehead University in the class of '83 and is employed by Thunder Bay Public Library. She has recently been promoted to the tech position in the B&G department at Brodie Resource Library.

GINA RAWSON, Newsletter Editor

Gina is a grad of LU's library tech programme, class of '84 and the recipient of our first Graduating Student Award. She has been employed by Thunder Bay Public Library since graduation and is currently the technician in charge of the Victoriaville branch. Gina received her BA at LU's spring convocation. She has been an active member of the association since graduation, serving two terms as treasurer, 84-86, and is now in her second term as Newsletter Editor.

WENDY WOOLSEY, Archivist

Wendy graduated from the Library
Tech programme at Lakehead University
in 1977. She began work with Thunder
Bay Public Library the following June
and is presently employed in the
Reference Department at Brodie Resource
Library. Wendy is now serving her third
term as archivist and has done a
fantastic job of getting our past
into order.

Well we are on the subject of election of officers, here is a list of the new Provincial Executive:

President: Jean Elioff, Halton Peel Vice President: Maggie Hotchkiss, Talta

Secretary: Bette Heard, Sudbury Treasurer: Beth Barnes, Halton Peel Public Relations: Pat Graham, Ottawa

We congratulate all the newly elected officers, provincially and in each of the regions. The work they do on behalf of all of us is much appreciated.

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From all reports the recent conference in Toronto was great. The members of Halton Peel put forth a lot of effort to provide OALT/ABO members with a first-rate and valuable conference.

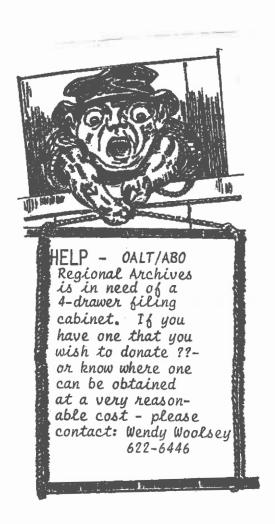
Next year is our turn Thunder Bay. We have to be prepared to show our fellow members a really warm northern welcome. All it takes for us to do this is YOU. If you have any suggestions for workshops or any other ideas that you have that could make our conference the best ever, please speak up!!

We would also like to hear your ideas for a keynote speaker, especially if the person you know is witty, charming, and interesting.

Any suggestions can be forwarded to one of the convenors. They are:

Helen Heerema H 623-9560 B 475-6219

Donna Fossum H 344-9319 B 344-3585 and last but certainly not least, Judy Sennett H 577-2543 B 623-0461



It appears that the good old rule book will have to be checked! It may be necessary to hold a by-election for some of our officers due to changes in residence. We will let you later whether or not this is necessary and if so when it will take place.

ANNOUNCING

THE GRADUATES OF 87 AT LU

Mrs. Betty McCormick
Mr. Garth Galvin
Miss Heather McKenzie
Ms. Carol Schmaltz
Mrs. Valerie Welsch
Ms. Carol Stevens
Mrs. Tuula Maki
Mr. Jacque Bisson

Congratulations also go out to JOHANNA PARTNOY. She was the recent winner of the Greenmantle International Training in Communication contest. The topic of Johanna's speech was preparing for retirement.

DON'T YOU JUST HATE BLANK SPACE???

If you think you do, you should be the newsletter editor! I would love to fill this space with comments, suggestions, or articles by, or of interest to, our members. Don't you have something that you would like to share????