

TECH TALK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 1991-92 OALT/ABO year was capped by a well-attended dinner at the Pagoda Gardens on March 26, 1992. The combination of delicious food, door prizes, elections, and general conviviality gave the evening its pleasure. Congratulations to Cheryl Wardell on winning the OALT/ABO Thunder Bay Regional Award.

On behalf of OALT/ABO members, I wish to welcome new executive members Valerie Welsch, Ella Uremovich, and John Fell and to thank outgoing members Mary-Lou Warren and Muriel Davidson for their extensive contributions to the OALT. Past president Helen Heerema has graciously consented to remain on the executive for another year to act as a resource person. Helen's competence and experience will be much appreciated and we wish to thank her for her very capable leadership these past two years.

The new executive is in the process of planning work-shops and meeting for the next year and are considering a number of interesting possibilities. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please let an executive member know.

Until our first general meeting in the fall, then, enjoy a refreshing and relaxing summer.

Carolyn Enns

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 1 June 1992

Bank Account Balance	32.93
Petty Cash	564.70
G.I.C.	<u>3000.00</u>
Total	\$ 3597.63

Wendy Knudson

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Graduate	15
Student	3
Associate	1
Institution	<u>1</u>
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REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING OF OALT/ABO THUNDER BAY REGION

The annual dinner meeting for the Thunder Bay Region of OALT/ABO was held on Thursday, 26 March 1992 at the Pagoda Gardens.

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and reports from the executive were given. Elections for the 1992-93 executive were held with the following results:

President: Carolyn Enns
Secretary: John Fell
Treasurer: Wendy Knudson
PD Coordinator:
Ella Uremovich
Newsletter: Valerie Welsch
Regional Director:
Cathy Walsh

Joyce Torma is going to remain Archivist (thank-you Joyce).

Once again, several door prizes donated by local merchants, were awarded throughout the evening. Of the thirty-five in attendance there were many "former faces" and I for one felt very good at renewing acquaintances. The socializing that began before the superb Chinese buffet continued after the meal and meeting.



A very special thank-you to the previous executive who worked tirelessly on our behalf to maintain the knowledge and professionalism of library technicians in our region.

MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE

President - Carolyn Enns

Carolyn works in the library at Buset and Partners, a local law firm, and spends her at-home hours with the OALT/ABO secretary. This is Carolyn's second position on the executive after breaking in as PD Co-ordinator last year.
Phone: 344-0768

Secretary - John Fell

John works part-time as a Technician at Confederation College's Challis Resource Centre. He also does research for Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services and is a part-time sessional instructor in English at Lakehead University. This is John's first time, officially, on the executive but he served his time as a shadow assistant to the PD Co-ordinator last year.
Phone: 344-0768

Treasurer - Wendy Knudson

Wendy is serving her second term as treasurer. She is a recent graduate of the Library and Information Studies program at Lakehead university. Wendy is married, has two children and enjoys walking, bicycling, and reading in her spare time.
Phone: 622-2336

Public Relations Co-ordinator - Ella Uremovich

Ella works at Lakehead University, Chancellor Paterson Library as senior cataloguing technician. This is a job that she greatly enjoys. Ella fits in an hours walk everyday with work and caring for her husband and two sons. This is Ella's first time on the executive.
Phone: 767-6176

Newsletter Editor - Valerie Welsch

Valerie works at the Lakehead Board of Education in the Instructional

Materials Centre as the Acquisiton's Library Technician. This job combines her teaching background with her library technician training. This is Valerie's second time on the executive. Also in her life are a husband and two university-aged daughters.
Phone: 767-2177

Regional Director - Cathy Walsh

Cathy works at the Thunder Bay Regional Cancer Centre. This is Cathy's second year as the Regional Director and she has also been Treasurer for two years as well as PR Co-ordinator for two years. (All this and Cathy only graduated in 1985!) Cathy carefully divides her time amongst a husband, three sons, work and OALT/ABO. As Director, Cathy has made two trips to Toronto and the other two sessions have been conference calls which have been economical, efficient and well organized.
Phone: 344-1682

Past President - Helen Heerma

Helen has most graciously agreed to attend our executive meetings to offer support and background information as required. As Helen has spent most of her years as an OALT/ABO member on the the executive, she is a most valued person.



REVIEWS

Director's report of April's meeting:

Financial Status:

The provincial treasurer has just discovered that she opened the 1991-92 books with the wrong balance figure. As a result we are in a deficit position at the moment. The treasurer will be sending additional information to each region.

Membership Database:

The board reviewed the quote for membership services from Becker and Associates and it was decided that a task force would be struck to determine exactly what we want from membership services before getting additional quotes. Each region will participate.

Annual Reports:

It was agreed that given our economic situation the expense of translation for annual reports would be unnecessary.

French LT program:

A letter from our organization was sent to protest the elimination of the french language program at Algonquin College. It was decided to give further publicity to this matter by sending the letter to other key people and organizations; eg. MCU, library publication etc.

Membership/Fiscal Year:

The provincial fiscal year was moved up one month to enable the treasurer to be ready for the annual meeting. The motion to change the membership year to October 1 - September 30 was made and passed unanimously. Each region can determine their own fiscal year.

Public Library Strategic Plan

Update:

OALT/ABO was voted off the committee (Pat Graham and Marina Ross) apparently because they are thought to be well represented through other organizations on the committee and that our membership does not represent a large number of LTs. The provincial board will send a letter protesting this move.

Provincial Executive:

Bette Gore, the present president is willing to stay on one more term but the current vice-president will not. Therefore, there is a need for a vice-president to come on the executive and be willing to take on the presidency the following year. Nominations from any region at the ABM will be accepted by proxy.

Cathy Walsh

Donna Brown (Ontario Library Service-North) was the only person from this region to attend the OALT/ABO Conference in Sudbury. She has offered to give us a report for the next Newsletter.

FROM THE HALL OF LEARNING

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Once more it is Maytime - a special time of year at Universities and Colleges across the country. The end of another academic year! For some the end of the Course - ready for the Work World!

Our congratulations go to the following students who graduated this year - and a Very Special Congratulations to the Afternoon Graduate!!

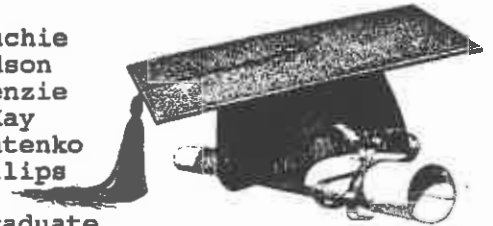
Morning Graduates

BA in Library & Information Studies

- Cheryl Wardell * winner of OALT award
- Patricia Kukkee

Diploma in Library Technology

- Jill Otto * winner of Dean Braun's Medal
- Muriel Davidson (November 1991 graduate)
- Gilda Dokuchie
- Wendy Knudson
- Judy MacKenzie
- Andrea McKay
- Debbie Mintenko
- Jodie Phillips



Afternoon Graduate

MA in Education

- Margaret MacLean

Whilst most of the graduates are from here and are at the moment staying here, Cheryl Wardell will be returning home to Sault Saint Marie and Andrea McKay will be returning to Arnprior.

****Cheryl Wardell****

Cheryl is the winner of the OALT/ABO Thunder Bay award for 1992.

Cheryl chose to attend Lakehead University because it is the closest university which offers the Library and Information Studies / Library Technician program and because of her love of Northern Ontario. Cheryl originally displayed her interest in libraries by being a student helper in both elementary and secondary schools. She has returned to her home base of Sault Saint Marie where she hopes to establish a career within either the academic (university/college) or public school library. Cheryl has promised to "try to do my best as part of the library staff to effectively and efficiently promote the library as an essential Information Resource Centre in the Canadian society."

Thank-you Cheryl. You were certainly well chosen for the award and a shining example for the profession.

- idea and information collected by Roxanne Merits

Many positions have been applied for by the graduates and summer jobs have been caught by continuing students. Unfortunately we are not able to report on the outcome of the applications. However, we do wish great success in your "job-hunt" efforts to everyone.



Students are encouraged to keep in touch with the Department, letting them know about employment, change of address, etc.

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Muriel Davidson is still waiting for a response to her "Hone Your Skills" contest. All you have to do is name the two inventors, their inventions and dates and name the authors, birth/death dates and list some of their characters.

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Continuing Education

Congratulations to the following Library Technicians who have continued their studies and have earned degrees:

BA Degree



- Debbie Mintenko
- Valerie Welsch (November 1991 graduate)

B Ed Degree

- Kelly Anne Norman

We are proud to be able to announce that two ladies from Thunder Bay have been accepted by Western University in London (Ontario) to study for their **MLS Degrees** starting in September 1992.

They are:

- Roberta Cassella - a last year's graduate, who has been employed part-time by the TBPL for Sunday work in the Reference Department and for "supply".

- Gina Rawson - a well known technician from TBPL - at the moment in Brodie Street Circulation Department, has been given a year's leave of absence to do her studies.

SPRING and SUMMER COURSES



Last year the minimum number of students (15) for courses was not fully met and Margaret MacLean had to put up quite a "fight" to keep the classes for those who had enrolled. This year it would be impossible to hold a course since the minimum enrolment for a course has been increased to 20. Students are therefore recommended to take their electives or non-library courses (English, Administration, or Computer) during these sessions.

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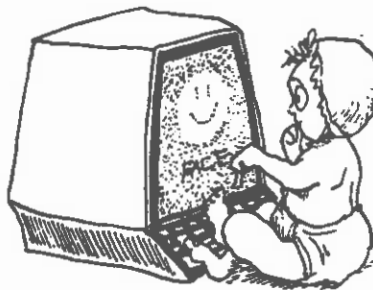
Muriel Davidson
1217 Cumming Street
Thunder Bay, ON
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CHIT CHAT with roving reporter
Muriel Davidson

It was interesting to speak to the new MLS candidates. Neither of them are single, free young ladies who can come and go at their own will. **Roberta Cassell** has streamlined her acceptance to work out a timetable which was acceptable to the University and herself. Being a caring mother of two sons, she feels that it would be too disruptive for her family to be away too long. Therefore, she has arranged to be in London September - December 1992 and again in 1993 with extension courses between. This means it will take her two years but the shortened absence periods from home will make it worthwhile.

Throughout her years of working full-time and raising her family, **Gina Rawson** has tried to maintain an educational stimulus by taking at least one (often more) courses at the University or College each year. This has resulted in obtaining her BA and she is now only two courses short of finishing an Honours Bachelor of Social Work Degree. Gina too this course to help her in the voluntary work which she also finds time to fit into her busy schedule. A lot of her voluntary work involves the developmentally handicapped and after her time in London she hopes to expand her interests and become involved with work for abused women and the children's aid. Putting these two courses on hold, Gina is taking opportunity now that her children are grown-up to do her MLS. She will be in London from September 1992 to August 1993. What will she miss most whilst she is away? Her Grandchildren of course!! Well Gina, you are an inspiration and example to all those "young" technicians coming along. We could only hope to accomplish half of what you have done.

We wish both Gina and Roberta success in their studies and hope that they will enjoy their stay in London.



Hatched, Matched & Dispatched

The Library Stork make a special delivery on Convocation Day (though thankfully not at the Auditorium)! On 23 May 1992 a sweet baby daughter was delivered to Rae-Lynn (nee Stewart) and Brad Loroff. The thrilled first time parents have named her Madeline Elise. Rae-Lynn works in the Technical Services department at Confederation College Resource Centre. If baby is as vivacious, bubbly and fun-loving as her mum it will certainly be a very happy household - lucky Brad!

