

# TECH TALK

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many of you will be starting to think about Christmas cards and Christmas baking and how to prepare for Christmas in a way that is revivifying rather than exhausting. One way to take time out from your preparations would be to attend one or both of the OALT/ABO events being held before Christmas. On Saturday, November 13 Ollie Armiento will be conducting an intriguing-sounding workshop on the connection between colours and personality and on Thursday December 2 LaRea Moody and Lenora Aedy will be entertaining us with stories of their careers in library. The latter presentation will follow a General Meeting, for which we would like to see as many members out as possible.

I am happy to be able to report that OALT/ABO membership now totals forty-six, including twenty-three students. We would like to extend a special welcome to the student members and encourage them to attend the November and December events, particularly as these will be held in the Department of Library and Information Studies classroom at Lakehead University.

After Christmas, further events of interest are in store. Karen Harrison will be conducting a workshop on censorship and Louise Wuorinen will be leading a tour of Northern Studies. Our Annual Dinner Meeting will once again cap the OALT/ABO year.

We look forward to seeing you at the OALT/ABO functions described.

Finally, on behalf of the executive, I would like to wish OALT/ABO members happy and restorative celebrations of Christmas and the New Year.

Carolyn Enns

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 31 October 1993

<b>Revenue:</b>	
Memberships	\$ 569.00
Bank interest	.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 569.58</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Provincial	\$ 412.00
Honorarium (Karrie Matheson)	50.00
Reimbursement (Ella)	71.48
Bank service charge	3.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 536.78</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Bank Account Balance	617.84
Petty Cash	100.00
G.I.C.	2500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3517.84</b>

Jill Otto

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Graduate	16
Student	23
Senior	1
Associate	2
Institution	3
	<u>45</u>

## Reviews

The Board of Directors/Provincial executive of OALT/ABO met on October 2, 1993 at the Richview Public Library in Toronto.



The following items were discussed at this meeting:

1. Vicki Lisowyk, Lohanian Regional Director, reported that pay equity applied to all staff of community colleges except Library Technicians and support services staff. Consideration to send a letter of complaint has been discussed. If they go ahead with the complaint, the OALT/ABO Board will be asked for a letter of support as this affects all community colleges. Liz Aldrey will send an update on this to all directors to discuss with regional members.

2. Request by Thunder Bay region to host the 1995 OALT/ABO conference was accepted by the Provincial executive.

3. The Provincial executive stressed the importance of nominating people from the membership for the Presidential award. No one was nominated last year.

4. Brady Leyser, Newsletter Editor, discussed changes to the format of the Provincial newsletter. The new format will be:

Size 8 1/2 x 11

8 pages

4 pictures/photographs

Include promotional items

Include membership form

There will be a deadline for article submissions. Both hard copy and floppy disk of the information along with snapshots of workshops or events are requested. Brady would like a list of library schools in the regional areas along with name of anyone on the regional executive as a contact person for new students. A contest will be run to pick a new name for the newsletter and an honourarium (eg. free membership for 1 year) to the winning contestant. Articles will be taken from the regional newsletters for the provincial one. The new format will cost approximately \$100 more than in the past.

5. Patron's kit, a do-it-yourself workshop dealing with problem patrons, will be marketed soon at a cost of \$25.00.

6. French translation of the constitution will not be done until the document is finalized. Comments from the regional executive and members regarding revisions to the constitution should be forwarded to the Regional Director or Cathy Walsh for the next meeting in Toronto on November 27th. Note Cathy Walsh is on the committee working on the revisions to the constitution.

7. New Membership forms are in the last draft form. Comments from the regional executive are to be sent to Theresa Kennedy, Provincial Treasurer. For the time being, the old forms are to be used for membership renewals.

8. A letter from the Ontario School Library Association was read by Sue Orlando, Provincial President. School librarians are writing up job specifications for library technicians without consultation with OALT/ABO. Susan Morley, Ex Officio, noted that the Ontario government has guidelines for job specifications for library technicians done in consultation with OALT/ABO in which she was actively involved in at the time. Suggestion was made that a representative of the regional branches should promote information about library technicians at the Board of Education level. Representative can promote how a library technician and teacher-librarian can complement each other in providing a comprehensive service in the education field in a cost effective way.

9. The Provincial Executive will look at official documents requiring translation - membership form, statement of standards, constitution, etc. Region members are to discuss what they consider needs to be translated.

10. Consideration to purchase InMagic software was discussed. This will be looked into further but the regional directors agreed that it should be purchased.

11. The new directories will still be published every 2 years, but will be printed in smaller booklet size

again. Updates will be printed in the Provincial newsletter and it is up to the members to include the changes in their bi-annual directory list.

12. The next conference will be hosted by Halton-Peel region at Erindale College in Mississauga, May 25-29, 1994. Plans are well under way for Revolution '94.

Helen Hyvarinen  
Regional Director



At the General Meeting held on 22 September in Brodie Library, Judy Sennett presented Margaret McLean with Lakehead's 10 year award. Judy explained *"this award acknowledges OALT/ABO's appreciation of the support given to the Association by the Department of Library and Information Studies as evidenced through its 10 years of consecutive membership."*

*This support, of course, is directly attributable to Margaret. As a region we are very fortunate. she loans us the Lab when needed, but of more importance to all of us, our members are informed of, any special workshops or speakers brought in by the Department.*

*Our professional development is strongly encouraged by such notification and especially through the availability of night classes to complete or, as the case may be, complement our formal education.*

*Thank you Margaret for your support. It is a pleasure to present you with this award."*

#### TOUR OF THE NIPIGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

On October 2th a group of OALT members had the opportunity to meet with Karrie Matheson, Librarian of the Nipigon Library. We were given a tour of the library. Karrie is very proud of the new CD-ROM recently installed. It is her hope to build a respectable collection of disks.

In the two years Karrie had been in Nipigon she has made vast improvements. Funding is a permanent stumbling block in most libraries but in smaller towns it is chronic. Karrie has used pure ingenuity to overcome financial problems. She has had used book sales and the public's generosity to cover the cost of some projects such as the Children's Workshop. It was held every Saturday but now is offered once a month.

We were all interested in hearing of Karrie's adjustment to Small Town Canada. Karrie says she depends on 1-800 phone numbers to provide a link to the outside.

We all left Nipigon very much the wiser. We saw what a very intelligent and capable librarian can accomplish in two years. Nipigon should be very proud to have Karrie Matheson on staff. We also should be very delighted to have Karrie representing the 90s Librarian.

Adelle Kivari



## Previews

13 November - 9:30 in the Lab  
fee - \$5.00 towards purchase of  
workbook. Ollie Armiento, a  
professor of Applied Arts at  
Confederation College will present a  
workshop on True Colours. This  
workshop is designed for those who  
would like to explore themselves and  
new career options. TRUE COLOURS is  
a program designed to identify,  
understand, predict, and motivate  
positive behaviour. A language that  
enhances self-esteem, dignity, self-  
confidence, and worthiness. Don't  
miss this workshop!!



2 December - Thursday at 8:15 in the  
Lab Fee - \$2.00 to cover the cost  
of the pizza. RSVP to Helen  
Hyvarinen so she knows how many  
pizzas to buy. Enjoy an evening of  
memories with LaRea and Lenora as  
they recall the early days of  
library technology.



## FIRESIDE CHIT CHAT with MURIEL DAVIDSON

Whilst working through the  
newspapers looking for Vertical File  
material, I was surprised to see a  
beaming trio looking back! Do you  
recall the wonderful red truck which  
Dennis Sawyer so proudly reported?  
Well, it seems it did not  
accommodate a baby seat too well, so  
now that parenthood is number one  
priority the beautiful red was  
exchanged for a smart navy blue four  
door Nissan Centra Classic. Being  
good and unselfish has its own  
rewards, but sometimes an unexpected  
reward is also given - as in this  
car. Catherine & Dennis were the  
lucky people who were picked in the  
draw to receive half of the cost of  
the car back! Congratulations to  
both of you and keep up the good  
parenting.

Did you also see the coloured photo  
on the front page of an angelically  
pleading library tech? It was for  
admission to a City Council meeting  
to discuss the role of the golf  
course, the trailer homes and the  
cost of dying. I can only surmise  
that LaRea Moody wants to "play  
around" in a trailer home to get a  
good deal on her six feet of turf!  
But isn't that breaking the law?  
(Good thing LaRea has a good sense  
of humour or I would be under it  
first!)

I would like to congratulate Gina  
Rawson on her Master of Library and  
Information Science Degree which she  
has now successfully completed. She  
had a leave of absence to go down to  
London to finish it. Down there she  
was seen as energetic and  
enthusiastic as up here and spent  
two terms as head of the Student's  
Council. She is back at Brodie  
Street library and we hope that you  
will not have to wait too long  
before you do receive the promotion  
you deserve.

