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OLD BUSINESS

President's Report

In 2 months as President I worked with Ms. C. Standish, Vice-President of R.P.I. Library Arts students, on the Ryerson brief, amended TALTA's Constitution and Bylaws, started a Directory Committee, worked on "A Proposal For Change" which I presented to the members at the March 10, 1981 meeting, attended the OALT/ABO Board of Directors meeting, Sat. March 28, 1981, have had 2 executive meetings and am working on the Ryerson Committee.

As President I urge you to come to TALTA meetings - be informed. Call me (w 978-8619, h 691-5440) if you have any ideas and thoughts about TALTA which we can work on, together. PARTICIPATE!

Ryerson Report by P. Petruza

On a Friday, 1st week in February, a rumour was circulating that R.P.I. was cutting several courses, one of them, Library Arts. R.P.I. President, Dr. Brian Segal, wants to reduce the deficit at R.P.I. and feels that the way to do it is to eliminate courses. Official notice was given Monday noon. Briefs on why the courses should not be cut were to be submitted to Dr. Segal by Tuesday noon, a mere 24 hours notice.

Dr. Segal did not speak to former students, hiring personnel, the Library Arts Department or anyone else in the library field about how they felt about the Library Arts course.

The Committee stated that Library Arts is in terrible shape, so bad that it was too costly to revamp.

In protest TALTA sent letters to Education Minister, Bette Stevenson, Premier Bill Davis, and R.P.I. Library Arts Chairman, Ian Dutton. TALTA informed Dr. Segal that there were more jobs than graduating students, and that libraries are hiring trained technicians, not clerks as they did before. R.P.I. has excellent courses for the technician who is returning to attend courses such as Legal Libraries, A/V Material, and AACR II.

TALTA is forming a Ryerson Committee to assist the Library Arts Department study the situation, discuss the issue fully and make recommendations. The future of Library Arts is in our hands - join the Ryerson Committee. Contact person is Pat Petruza (home 691-5440).

Report on the Provincial Executive & Board of Directors Meeting,
March 28, 1981 by Nancy Carlucci

The OALT/ABO coffers are looking healthier now that membership renewal fees are being received. As of March 27, 1981 there is a balance of \$2,740.06.

The newsletter committee consisting of Janet Fear and Dorothy Kew has tendered their resignation effective with the distribution of Vol. 6, no. 1, 1981 of the Provincial Newsletter. They have recommended that there should be 4 on the committee and that all members should be in the same region.

The London Regional Branch has asked that their branch membership be suspended as of May 1, 1981. This is due to a lack of participation in meetings and scheduled events. Also, they have not received any nominations for their new executive, even though they have a large membership. We sincerely hope that in the near future there will be renewed interest on the part of London regional members and that we can once again recognize the London Regional Branch.

Anyone interested in the Library Technician reception and workshop June 12 and 13th at the CLA Conference in Hamilton, Ont. is to contact Nancy Mack for further information. Accommodation at McMaster University is \$17.00/day - single occupancy.

The "Proposal for Change" was discussed with Paul Brokenshire from the Sudbury Convention Bureau. Any amendments to the Proposal are welcome. They should be given to Pat Petruca in writing.

March Meeting

26 people attended the March 10th meeting where an interesting speech was given by Sherrill Chedda who was a librarian for 22 years. She talked about the responsibilities of management.

Amendment to the Constitution

A motion was passed at our March 10th meeting to change the duties of the vice-president to:

Bylaw 4, 2. Vice-president.

- i.) Is responsible for arranging a guest speaker and location for all of TALTA's meetings.
- ii.) Performs the duties as delegated by the president.
- iii.) In the event that a vacancy should arise in the office of the president, the vice-president shall serve until the next annual meeting.

TALTA Directory Committee

Volunteers are needed to make a directory of TALTA members during June and July 1981. It should be ready for printing in August. Contact Pat Buzcowski at 661-2892 if interested.

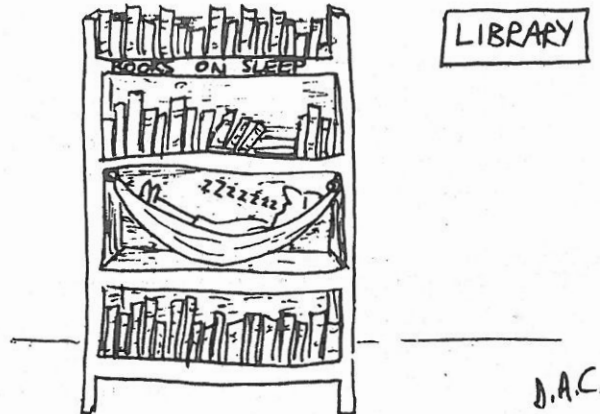
Job Placement

Peta Shelton (1-895-5780) is the placement officer for TALTA. Contact her if you know of a position opening up or if you are in need of a job.

O.L.A.

O.L.A. is now a member of TALTA. We now have "official" recognition from an "old, established" association. We are reciprocating by joining O.L.A.

We also need a delegate to be on their conference committee for information about library technicians. Please call Pat Petruaga (w 978-8619 h 691-5440) if interested. Note: You do not need to be a member of O.L.A.



NEW BUSINESS

"Branching Out" - OALT/ABO Convention '81

The time schedule for the convention is as follows:

<u>Thurs. May 14th</u>	<u>Fri. 15th</u>	<u>Sat. 16th</u>
10:00 Registration	7:30 Breakfast	7:30 Breakfast
12:00 Lunch	8:00 Registration	9:00 Annual Business Meeting
1:30 Workshop	9:00 Workshop	
3:00 Break	10:15 Break	10:00 Coffee
4:30 Workshop end	12:00 Lunch	1:00 Lunch
5:00 Reception	1:30 Workshop	2:30 Tour
6:30 Dinner & load buses	3:15 Break	5:45 Cash bar
	4:30 Workshop end	6:30 Banquet
	5:45 Cash bar	8:00 Speaker
	6:30 Dinner	
	8:00 Entertainment (Cabaret performed by the team of Sears & Switzer)	<u>Sun. 17th</u>
		10:30 Brunch

Transportation to St. Catharines is available by bus or train (not airplane) if you do not plan to drive.

According to Gray Coach Lines Ltd. (Toronto=979-3511) a round trip ticket costs \$13.90 (it may increase by May). The address of the St. Catharines bus depot is Union Station, 23A Academy.

Via Rail Canada Inc. (Toronto=366-8411) offers a round trip fare of \$14.00. 1/2 mile from downtown St. Catharines is the depot at 5 Great Western St.

Executive Meetings

If you are interested in attending TALTA executive meetings call Pat Petruaga (w 978-8619 h 691-5440) for dates and times - ALL WELCOME!

Constitution and Bylaws

As a result of the numerous changes in the constitution and bylaws they will be retyped and distributed this summer. We would like to change our fiscal year from Jan. - Dec. to Apr. - Mar. to coincide with the other regions. We are the only region to have our year different from the others. The Annual General Meeting would, therefore, be in March. All executive positions would continue for the extra two months.

Future Meetings

\$3.00 will be charged for non-TALTA members at meetings. There will be no May meeting due to the annual convention, but one is being planned for June. If you wish to bring something up at the executive and/or the general meetings tell Valerie Walton (h 922-9994 or leave a message at 966-7222) to put it on the agenda.

Continuing Education Courses - Spring/Summer 1981

Seneca College of Applied Arts & Technology will not be offering courses in the Library Arts field this term during the evening.

The following courses will be given at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute starting May 11, 1981 for the Library Arts programme.

- XCBS 301 Computerized Business Systems: Basic Business Systems
- XCBS 221 Computerized Business Systems: Introductory COBOL Programming
- XEGL 101 English: Introduction to Literature and Composition I
- XEGL 201 English: Introduction to Literature and Composition II
- XLBY 014 Library Arts: Basic Reference

For the Women's Studies programme a course called Women and Money (XXTV 155) is also being offered (along with 3 others). The course instructor is Ms. C. Devlin who gave a short lecture on women and money at the Annual General Meeting. This is a very good course and we advise you to take it so you can be your own financial advisor.

Student Awards

The winner of the TALTA Student Award at Ryerson is Diane S. Johnston.

Wanted

An archivist is needed to keep and hold TALTA records. Volunteers please call Pat Petruza (w 978-8619 h 691-5440).

Hot Off The Press

TALTA is offering the 1st edition of Karen Fraser's publication, The Metro Toronto Women's Business Directory (1981) to its members for \$2.50 (bookstore cost \$3.95). To buy a copy come to meetings, or call Valerie Walton (h 922-9994 or leave a message at 966-7222).

Members of the Executive

The following autobiographies were written to introduce your representatives to new members, as well as to old, inactive members. All members are welcome to submit information about themselves for publication. Don't be shy. The more we know about you, the better we can serve you.

Patricia Petruza/President

I graduated from R.P.I., a Library Technician, in 1976. In 1980 I completed my studies in the psychology of human relations and

received my certificate. Presently, I am studying sociology. I am interested in all forms of communication.

I have been employed at the University of Toronto, Science & Medicine Library for five years. My duties were in the circulation section, doing collection maintenance and public service. I am now in the reference section.

As well, I do 4 hours volunteer work a week; as a crisis counsellor I answer emergency calls from women in crisis, and do individual face-to-face counselling and group counselling.

In 1976, I joined TALTA. 1978, I became newsletter editor. I was the editor for 3 years. During this time I served on the 'old' Ryerson Committee along with M. Ross and D. Hansen, and ran the newsletter cover contest. S. Clark and I worked jointly on the Student Awards Committee this fall. Our recommendations were accepted by TALTA members at the Annual General Meeting Sat. January 24, 1981.

I chose to run for the position of president of TALTA because I feel I can assist in TALTA's staying alive and vital and effective in the library community.

Margherita Piazza/Vice-President

Board of Directors Representative, 1980.

A member of TALTA for 5 years.

Graduated from Ryerson, Library Arts Program, 1975.

On leave of absence from and presently employed with the Ontario Ministry of Energy Library.

Currently finishing Bachelor of Arts Degree at U. of T.

Working part-time (while attending Univ.) at U. of T. Faculty of Management Library.

Nancy Carlucci/Representative to OALT/ABO

Nancy graduated from Library Arts at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in 1973. She immediately began working at the small library in the Mines Department, Ministry of Natural Resources. In the fall of 1974 she moved on to a larger library at the Ministry of Treasury and Economics. After 5 busy years gaining experience and sharpening skills in the reference services she accepted the position of librarian at the Office of the Fire Marshal, Ministry of the Solicitor General. Aside from getting accustomed to being responsible for every facet of library management, she is also learning all the various aspects of fire and life safety.

Nancy has been an active member of TALTA for several years. She was on the Convention Committee in 1979, responsible for coordinating all the menus and providing refreshments. Her interests include a love of the outdoors and animals, especially dogs, and of course books.

Donna Stulgys/Treasurer & Membership

I graduated from Seneca College in 1973. I started to work for the University of Toronto in October 1973 and have been with the institute since then. This is my second year as member of TALTA.

My interests are varied. I am a fairly good cook and enjoy reading cookbooks. Plants are second of my interests; I'm growing a jungle in the office. Sports activities vary, and swimming and camping are part of my after work hours. Traveling occupies my holidays and the last major trip was to Europe for six weeks in 1979.

Valerie Walton/Secretary

I graduated from Ryerson's Library Arts course in 1980. I am employed at the Newspaper Marketing Bureau where I am responsible for

the Resource Centre. This special library deals with newspapers, newspaper advertising, advertising, and general business. I am a member of the Ontario Library Association, Ontario School Library Association, Toronto Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (Advertising & Marketing and Newspaper Divisions). My hobbies include crafts such as weaving and macrame.

Sally Clark/Newsletter Editor/Publicity Coordinator

My education includes a 2 year Associate in Arts degree from De Anza College in California (1972), and a 2 year diploma in Library Techniques from Seneca College (1980).

I was employed for 5 years by Fairchild Systems Technology in California as a data processing clerk and material planner until 1977 when I moved to Canada. I have been working in the library of Ontario Hydro since Nov. 1980.

The activities of sewing, hiking, bicycling and skiing occupy part of my leisure time. I accepted the position as editor of this newsletter, because I enjoy writing as well.



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A Fellow Technician & TALTA Member

(The following essay appeared in the "Humber College News Release" of 1980.11.05)

Doug Willford, Senior Library Technician in the Learning Resource Centre at Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology in Toronto, is the first community college employee to have been accepted for an overseas position with the Department of National Defence.

Doug recently returned to Humber after a two-year stint as library technician in the senior high school on the Canadian Forces Base at Baden-Soellingen in West Germany.

He heard about this unique aspect of civilian involvement with the military from a co-worker at the college.

"I have a strong sense of adventure and after consultations with my colleagues at the college, I decided to apply," he said recently.

The entire process, from start to finish, took approximately nine months, during which there were numerous interviews, health tests, security checks and "a plethora of paperwork". Doug is grateful to those at Humber without whose cooperation and encouragement, the experience would not have been possible.

The program is operated on a sponsorship basis and Doug had to be nominated by the college for consideration. In effect, Humber agreed to loan his services to the D.N.D. on a contractual basis.

Doug's European experiences were extensive and varied. He lived in Iffezheim, a tiny picturesque village in the Black Forest area and made every attempt to immerse himself in the German way of life. Walking clubs, beer tents, "fests" of every description, om-pah-pah bands and sauerbraten soon became part of the routine of everyday life.

In addition, he managed to travel to 13 European countries. He learned to ski in Austria, ate frequently and well in France and even managed brief visits to Israel and East Berlin. As well, he maintained an active and full work load at the base.

"My responsibilities ran the gamut of library work. I did everything from general tidying up to working on new building plans and designs with the architects," he said.

"The people, on the base and in the village, were terrific. They helped me to overcome the feelings of loneliness and homesickness that I had during my first month there. I realized that although I had prepared myself for all the feelings that go along with being the 'new kid on the block', I certainly hadn't done very much to prepare myself for the transition from Canadian to German culture or for military life."

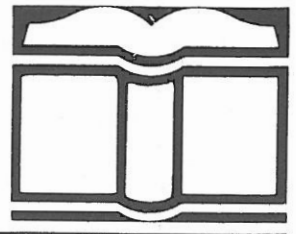
Doug, 32, is a graduate of the Library Technician Program at Niagara College in Welland, Ontario. A resident of Brampton, he has been employed by Humber College since July, 1972.

Current Membership

Welcome to the following new members:

Ian R. Dutton	Esther Bittner	Jennifer Carroll
Linda Ginther	Lynda Cavanagh	Margaret Kvetan
Susan Lamanna	Sandra Findlay	Margaret Kee

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

The Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des Bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario (OALT/ABO) is holding their 8th annual convention at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, May 14-16, 1981. The theme of this year's convention is "Branching Out".

Each successive convention has been bigger and better than the last. Niagara Regional Branch, the hosting region, is continuing this excellent trend with workshops and seminars of interest to all levels of library employees, such as handicapped services; AACR II - questions and answers; AV care and maintenance - hardware and software; Government documents - provincial and municipal; DOBIS - Bibliocentre style; Supervisory skills (IT and management); French high school service and the library technician (in French). Irving Layton, Canadian author and poet, will be the guest speaker at the closing banquet.

For a complete list of times, activities, social events and costs, contact

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