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Director's Welcome

I never went to my high school reunion many years ago in Calgary, nor to my "res" reunion at St. Stephen's College Residence here on the University of Alberta campus. And the twenty-fifth anniversary of my MLS degree at Toronto passed by last year without any fanfare.

Now, with the penetrating power of hindsight, I miss these markers, these milestones of the personal and the community. I miss these markers of friendship and fellowship and sharing, of intellectual excitement and optimism. I miss these markers as occasions for stories and stories and more stories, for humour, for reflection and nostalgia, for evocations of energy and ebullience, for pride. In a word, for celebration.

Today's marker is all of these and indeed an occasion for celebration. This year, 2001, marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first era in the history of professional education for librarianship in Western Canada. Between 1968 and 1976, some 409 students graduated with the Bachelor of Library Science degree from the University of Alberta. They began with "the Class of 1" and ended with "the Class of 8." They are our legacy. They are our cultural context for the present and the future.

The history of the first generation of BLS librarians educated at the University of Alberta is well told in Dr. Bob Brundin's 1995 history of the first twenty-five years of the School, *From the Codex to the Computer* (of which copies are available from the School for a nominal charge). In reading over Bob's history, as well as the yearbooks of the first four graduating classes and the "yearkit" of class 5, I gleaned something of the sense of adventure, camaraderie, and fun that marked the early years of the then School of Library Science--years indelibly stamped by Orientations and Colloquia!

So what better time for all of us--BLS, MLS, MLIS, PhD, faculty, and friends--to acknowledge all of the talent, leadership, and achievement of our BLS pioneers (Hazel Fry insisted I should call them "dinosaurs"--anything but "pioneers"! But they are!) than the twenty-fifth anniversary of the graduation of their very last cohort in 1976.

What better way to celebrate than their legacy and our future. What better way to show our optimism about the future than to join in this effort to raise funds to support scholarships and awards for the first generation of digital librarianship in Western Canada.

My thanks to everyone here today and to other supporters who could not attend. And a very special *thank you* to the BLS alumni who contributed reflective pieces for our Commemorative booklet and to Sheila Bertram and Anna Altmann for planning and organizing it. LISAA, our very own Library and Information Studies Alumni Association, also deserves our gratitude for supporting this occasion. The School's

administrative staff, Darlene Syrotuik, Sophia Sherman, and Joanne Hilger, also deserve to be mentioned for their role in helping to make this event a success.

Last but not least, let me pay tribute to all of the graduates, all of the teaching faculty, and all of the administrative support staff across the years who have made the School a source of pride and accomplishment and, yes, celebration. Let me also pay tribute to the Library Association of Alberta and to the Association of Professional Librarians at the University of Alberta who supported the BLS students from the very beginning through prizes and awards. And let us pause to remember those who have passed away during these years, who can only share this marker through our memories of them.

My humble gratitude to all who continue to support the institution that helped to launch your professional careers!

Alvin M. Schrader, PhD
Professor and Director

BLS Graduates

"CLASS OF 1" **1969 CONVOCATION**

Admitted to the Degree of Bachelor of Library Science

Candidates presented by Professor Sarah R. Reed,

Director of the School of Library Science

Ildiko Erica Baranyay, Calgary
Madeleine Amelia Bayet, Saskatchewan
Nance Jean Benson, Edmonton
Grant Farnsworth Birks, Manitoba
Mei-Ho Chen, Edmonton
Ian Francis Dew, Lethbridge
Kathleen Johanna Durston, Manitoba
Marilyn Lillian Elliott, Edmonton
Sylvia Ness Evans, Edmonton
Ann Elizabeth Fare Brother, Edmonton
Barbara Anne Fraser, Edmonton
Sylvia Lucille Godfrey, Calgary
Charles Stuart Grayson, Edmonton
Karen Gail Grier, Edmonton
Patricia Helen Hurlburt, Manitoba
David Herbert Jenkinson, Manitoba
Michael Jacob Keaschuk, Saskatchewan
Rudolph Johannes Kerkhoven, Edmonton
Esther Kreisel, Edmonton
Min-Ja Laubental, Edmonton
Helgi Leeseмент, Calgary

Patricia Anne Lines, Saskatchewan
Joanna McLachlan, Edmonton
Patricia Elizabeth Mary McNamee, Edmonton
Beverley Eva Anne Messmer, Edmonton
Mary Lucy Meyer, Edmonton
Elaine Diane Moisan, Edmonton
Barbara Claire Murray, Edmonton
Diana Kathleen Feniak Ponich, Edmonton
Diane Jean Rhyason, Calgary
Janette Marie Roseneder, Edmonton
Patricia Lynn Schick, Edmonton
Edward John Schlauch, Edmonton
Elizabeth Ann Schwob, Edmonton
Eugene Shtendera, Edmonton
Elva Carole Sinclair, Saskatchewan
Anne Mary Stang, Saskatchewan
Evelyn Joan Sutherland, Saskatchewan
Margaret Corbett Swanson, Edmonton
Beatrice Wynne Tobias, Edmonton
Robert Keith Turnbull, Edmonton
Hella Ingeburg Watson, Edmonton

"CLASS OF 2"
1970 CONVOCATION

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Sheherazade Ahmad, Edmonton
Susan Ellen Alger, Lethbridge
Arden Ambie Alpaugh, Edmonton
Robert Bell, Edmonton
Linda Marion Bergman, Edmonton
Phyllis Adaline Budyk, Manitoba
David Bruce Cameron, Manitoba
Gillean Cassells, Edmonton
Margaret Teresa Cavanagh, Calgary
Geraldine Annette Cooke, Edmonton
Patricia Mary Cuts, Edmonton
Linda Muriel Dickson, Saskatchewan
Lesley Noreen Dieno, British Columbia
Alberta Marilyn Elves, Edmonton
Mary Margaret Frohn, Calgary
Norman Philip Guilbert, Manitoba
Carol Lynda Hall, British Columbia
Carlotta Grace Harvey, Lethbridge
Juliette Jeanne Henley, Peace River
Barbara Jean Huston, Edmonton

Myrla Joyce Koenderink, Edmonton
Anne Klementyna Krzywkowska, Barrhead
Janet Rosemary Lowsley, Edmonton
Valerie Constance Mary McDougall, Edmonton
Virginia Arlene Nielsen, Ponoka
Gloria Louise Novak, Edmonton
Linda Elizabeth Payne, Onoway
Nora Lynn Robinson, Saskatchewan
Jenny Rootman, Edmonton
Evelyn Margaret Ross, Edmonton
Marie Sakon, Lethbridge
Marla Karen Scollon, Edmonton
Violet Nadine Shatzko, Edmonton
Shauna Nell Shaw, Edmonton
Helen Skirrow, Edmonton
Linda Anne Smith, Calgary
Norma Taniguchi, Coalhurst
Marjorie Joyce Tomie, Edmonton
Barbara Marion Wood, Manitoba
Bruce Wilbert Worden, Manitoba

"CLASS OF 3"
1971 CONVOCATION

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Leslie Marilyn Aitken, Edmonton
Mary Lois Armstrong, Red Deer
Norman Edward Beattie, Manitoba
Eileen Marjorie Brierley, Calgary
Katherine Joan Cherwinski, Saskatchewan
Catriona Cockroft de Scossa, Edmonton
Christina Anne Dodds, Edmonton
Sylvia Augusta Dubrule, Edmonton
Marcia Gail Ducharme, Manitoba
Ronald Alan Dutton, Killam
Susan East, Edmonton
Carolyn Jane Finlayson, St. Albert
Catherine Mary Fowler, Edmonton
Susan Lynn Halpenny, Saskatchewan
Judith Ann Head, Saskatchewan
Henry Wayne Hiebert, Edmonton
Irma Myrtle Hjørleifson, Edmonton
Donna Ann Holowaychuk, Edmonton
Bryan Mervyn Huston, Edmonton
Vera Kunda, Fort Saskatchewan
Jean Margaret Lamb, Calgary
Eugene Ross Lobe, Mannville

Frederick Bryan MacLowick, Edmonton
Catherine Marsha Macaulay, Saskatchewan
Kathleen Inness Morrison, Calgary
David Edgar Murrell-Wright, Saskatchewan
Robert Michael Alexander Park, Manitoba
Mariette Portigal, Calgary
John Gerald Rafter, Edmonton
Cheryl Ann Ranson, Calgary
Marian Elizabeth Richeson, Edmonton
Nancy Elizabeth Ryan, Edmonton
William Douglas Smiley, Saskatchewan
Hugh Edward Steele, Edmonton
Gail Maureen Stolee, Edmonton
Yvonne Allison Sutherland, Edmonton
Paula Isabel Trout, Saskatchewan
Jere Denis Turner, Saskatchewan
Myrna Lou Vockeroth, Schuler
Valerie Linda White, Edmonton
Lorraine Joyce Wilson, Edmonton
Catherine Ann Winter, British Columbia
Beverley Ann Young, Edmonton

"CLASS OF 4"
1972 CONVOCATION

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Candidates presented by Professor M.E.P. Henderson,
Acting Director of the School of Library Science

William Adkins, Manitoba
Audrey Elaine Ames, Ralston
Elizabeth Anne Barlow, Drumheller
Gertrude Angela Barry, Edmonton
Wendy Bonita Carrico, Lethbridge
Linda Margaret Church, Camrose
Patricia Mary Conway, Edmonton
Charlaine Roberta Corbett, Edmonton
Barbara Jean Cram, Saskatchewan
Margaret Ann Curry, Grande Prairie
Alice Isobel Dalton, Calgary
Louella May Diamond, Edmonton
John Warwick Edgar, Fort MacLeod
Patrick James Fawcett, Edmonton
Louise Waring Fletcher, Edmonton
Phyllis Nancy Freedman, Manitoba
Iris Mary Gilley, Red Deer
Beverley Mae Graham, Edmonton
Marguerite Ellen Heaney, Edmonton
Yvonne Rita Hinks, Calgary
Kurt Frank Jensen, Edmonton
Frank Paul Karas, Calgary
Susan Elizabeth Kidd, Calgary
Beryl Evangeline Kirk, Edmonton
Carol Marie Klotz, Saskatchewan
Mary June Lorraine Love, Edmonton
Janet Christine Marren, Edmonton
June Christine Marshall, Edmonton

Peter William Marshall, Edmonton
Susan Patricia McLaren, Edmonton
Valerie Gail Milner, Edmonton
Marilyn Jean Neuman, Edmonton
Rosemary Ann Oddie, Saskatchewan
Murray Dean Olsen, Edmonton
Sandra Kathleen Parsons, Calgary
Laura Anne Paterson, Edmonton
Sally Jane Peart, Saskatchewan
Basil Gregory Pogue, Edmonton
Drene Dayell Prentice, Saskatchewan
Helga Margarete Purdham, Edmonton
Lore Marlene Christiane Riethmueller, Calgary
Margaret Evelyn Russell, Manitoba
Marie Brigid Saunders, Calgary
Shirley June Sefton, Saskatchewan
Roswitha Marie Skrukwa, Edmonton
Marion Aileen Stayner, Saskatchewan
Carol Elizabeth Steer, Edmonton
Robert Douglas Joseph Steinburg, Edmonton
Gerd Manfred Suss, Manitoba
Gwen Ellen Thomson, Edmonton
Judith Mary Tobin, Manitoba
Cheryl Irene Whitlock, Saskatchewan
James Howard Whittle, St. Albert
Shirley Mae Wolodko, St. Albert
Jane Mary Emma Wu, Manitoba

"CLASS OF 5"
1973 CONVOCATION

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Candidates presented by Associate Professor M.E.P. Henderson,
Acting Director of the School of Library Science

Sandra Lynne Armstrong, Manitoba	Donald Somerville Lockhart, Manitoba
Edel Dagmar Bording, Calgary	Raymond Albert Lusty, Edmonton
Helen Betty Boyce, Lacombe	Anne Marie Mainzer, Hinton
Elaine Kathleen Boychuk, Edmonton	Annemarie Mayer, Calgary
Alexandra Elizabeth Bradley, Edmonton	Helen Margaret Mayoh, British Columbia
Barbara Phyllis Burrows, Edmonton	Joanne Isabel Melnychuk, Two Hills
Stella Joyce Buss, Edmonton	Carolyn Anne Murray, Calgary
Blandine Bernadette Chaput, Manitoba	Ruth Eleanor Nesbitt, Ontario
Roswitha Ursula Cichos, British Columbia	Barbara Jean Wahl Nielsen, Edmonton
Linda Vera Mary Coupal, Saskatchewan	Valorie Lael Orr, Calgary
Alvin James Davis, Manitoba	Robert William Piper, Manitoba
Wilbert Linton Delainey, Edmonton	Joy Maureen Pritchard, Lethbridge
Margaret Helga Derges, Saskatchewan	Robert Morley Renwick, Edmonton
Irene Mildred Dick, Edmonton	Cheryl Marie Ronning, Edmonton
Evelyn Jeanne Durocher, St. Lina	Fraser Gordon Collison Russell, Edmonton
Thomas Alexander Edge, Edmonton	Ann Margaret Shubert, Edmonton
George William Beveridge Facey, Edmonton	Carol Lystra Indira Sinanan-Bhoopsingh, Edm.
Helma Frances Gatley, British Columbia	Diane Lynn Smith, Edmonton
Heather Frances Graham, Manitoba	Hazel Anne Sprenger, Edmonton
Cora Ann Greer, Saskatchewan	Barbara Rose Sweetland, Calgary
Nancy Laura Henwood, Edmonton	Karen Mildred Templin, Manitoba
Paul George Holder, Edmonton	Ernst Anton Vitovec, Edmonton
Katrin Horowitz, Edmonton	Paula Ann Vossen, Saskatchewan
Kenneth Jensen, Edmonton	Jean Anne Warriner, Saskatchewan
Joanne Laura Kemp, Manitoba	Marcia Anne Wasylyk, Manitoba
Frederick James Kennedy, Edmonton	Alan Lee Waugh, Edmonton
Karen Anne Liddiard, Manitoba	Herman Joseph William Westelaken, Manitoba
Beverley Ann Little, Calgary	Rhona Agnes Wright, Saskatchewan

"CLASS OF 6"
1974 CONVOCATION

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Candidates presented by Associate Professor M.E.P. Henderson,
Director of the School of Library Science

Deborah Victoria Alcock, Edmonton	John Alexander Murray, Edmonton
Anna Elisabeth Altmann, Edmonton	Rita Anne Murray, Manitoba
Stephen Douglas Bateman, Edmonton	Nancy Helen Musgrove, Edmonton
Beverley Bendell, Calgary	Peter Mwathi, Kenya
Sandra Lee Benet, Edmonton	Luella Beatrice Newman, Hinton
Marion Katherine Bieber, Red Deer	Marion Virginia Noone, British Columbia
Eva Carlson, Edmonton	Patricia Jane Olshanowsky, Edmonton
Sylvia Ruth Sydney Chetner, Edmonton	Patricia Anne Poulson, British Columbia
Arlene Carole Danchuk, Edmonton	Mary Ellen Pynch, Edmonton
Ellen Davies-Schoenrank, Edmonton	Marcia Emmaline Redford, Fort Saskatchewan
Carole Jackie Dawson, Sherwood Park	Richard Risbey, Manitoba
Margaret Anne Donnelly, Edmonton	Marlene Joyce Robertson, Calgary
Maria Gwendolyn Ebbett, New Brunswick	Mary Catherine Roney, Ontario
Laura Marta Feeleus, Edmonton	Betty Elizabeth Rost, Edmonton
Patricia Shirley Folkerson, Saskatchewan	Elizabeth Ruth Russell, British Columbia
Corinne Wade Frantel, British Columbia	Carolynne Elizabeth Scott, Manitoba
Ronald Delmar Friesen, Manitoba	Jeanne Mary Shred, Calgary
Myrna Carolyn Garanis, Edmonton	Anna-Mae Siegel, Edmonton
Sharon Marguerite Gee, Saskatchewan	Kathleen Eleanor Smith, Calgary
Sandra Beth Goble, Cardston	Mary Jane Starr, Calgary
Lynda Lucille Gordon, Saskatchewan	Valerie Tristan Stuart, Edmonton
Leo Anthony Grigaitis, Quebec	Loraine Evelyn Thompson, Edmonton
Heather Ann Grimson, Saskatchewan	Patricia Anne Thompson, Lethbridge
Gloria Jean Johnston, Nova Scotia	Evelyn Vardalas, Edmonton
Margaret Elaine Julian, High River	Thora Florence Vaughn, Edmonton
Jerome Katz, Ontario	Horst Weber, Calgary
Rosemary Elizabeth Keelan, Saskatchewan	Linda Jean Weisenburger, Grande Prairie
Frank James Knor, Edmonton	June Penelope Werle, Saskatchewan
Bernadette Le Febvre, Edmonton	Laurel Edith Westcott, Edmonton
Meredith Frances MacKeen, Edmonton	Leanne Gail White, Saskatchewan
Marjorie Ellen May, Saskatchewan	Marion Wildin, Edmonton
Frances Keltie McCall, Edmonton	Marie Elizabeth Wiley, Ontario
Paul David McClymont, Ontario	Marjorie Wing, Calgary
Kathleen Jane Morson, Manitoba	Christine Helen Zieblo, Edmonton
Barbara Marion Munro, St. Albert	

"CLASS OF 7"
1975 CONVOCATION

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Director of the School of Library Science

Donna Louise Baggley, Manitoba	Marta Morgan, Edmonton
Deborah Anne Baillie, Nova Scotia	Karen Dale Olcen, Manitoba
Robert Douglas Bruce, Red Deer	Jean Mary Paine, Saskatchewan
Genevieve Carlota Burke, Belize	Lucy Martha Pana, Edmonton
Evelyne Carabelas, Manitoba	Florence Elizabeth Paynter, Prince Edward Island
Deborah Dawn Chalmers, Edmonton	Kathleen Ann Pine, Saskatchewan
Diane Kathleen Cockroft, Sherwood Park	Liela May Elizabeth Potts, Saskatchewan
Daphne Elinor Cragg;, British Columbia	Gaylene Pyryhora, Manitoba
Ashley Ellington Daniel, Edmonton	Lorraine Lillian Queau, Manitoba
Erin Teresa Doyle, Calgary	Catherine Gale Rolley, Ontario
Christine Marion Ewaskiw, Sherwood Park	Blanche Clarisse Odile Saint-Pierre, Manitoba
Bryan Patrick Foran, Manitoba	Lynn Anne Sarka, Calgary
Linda Catherine Giffen, Edmonton	Mary Doreen Schafer, Manitoba
Judith Ann Gray, Edmonton	Alice Olga Solyma, Edmonton
Jennifer Hinchcliffe, Edmonton	Patricia Margaret Somerton, Saskatchewan
Marie Elaine Hutchinson, Saskatchewan	Judith Ellen Sponholz, Edmonton
Lis Guldberg Jensen, British Columbia	Slawchia Sylvia Stabryn, Manitoba
Joan Sigrid Johnson, Manitoba	Eleanor Lessia Stadnyk, Manitoba
Asko Juhani Kujansuu, Ontario	Irene Suchowersky, Edmonton
Jana Maria Lamont, Edmonton	Marianne Therese Thauberger, Saskatchewan
Marilyn Anne Lane, Saskatchewan	Josephine Shuk-Tuen Tong, Manitoba
Robert Harding le Riche, Ontario	Joscelind Toon, St. Albert
Rowena Fay Lunn, Waskatenau	Laurens Vandergrift, Edmonton
Richard Bruce Mackenzie, British Columbia	Marion Emily Walker, Saskatchewan
Lynn Diane Marler, Sherwood Park	Gerhard Wirzba, Lethbridge
Barbara Jean Marshalsay, Lethbridge	Barbara Jean Worbanski, Manitoba
Sheila Mary McIntosh, Manitoba	Robert Gordon Wuetherick, Edmonton
Judith Ann Mitchelson, Saskatchewan	Sandra Carol Zuk, Manitoba

"CLASS OF 8"
1976 CONVOCATION

Admitted to the Degree of Bachelor of Library Science
Candidates presented by Professor M.E.P. Henderson,
Dean of the Faculty of Library Science

Leona Marie Begrand, Saskatchewan	Yvonne Michelle Lindsay, Lomond
Janet Catherine Booth, Ontario	Laurette Anne Miller, Edmonton
Nancy Scott Brydges, Manitoba	Lynne Mildred Natrass, Calgary
Donna Leslie Campbell, Calgary	Sharon Ella Marie Nelson, Fort McMurray
Christine Dewar, Manitoba	Teresa Laureen Osiowy, Saskatchewan
Sharon Margaret Empey, St. Albert	The Very Reverend Father Mircea Panciuk, Edmonton
Carla Sue Enzle, Edmonton	Lucille Constance Paulson, Calgary
Helen Gwen Fritch, Edmonton	Jill Rea, Edmonton
Linda Ruth From, Edmonton	Marian Fjola Ridge, Calgary
Mary Elizabeth Frost, Ontario	Susan Louise Ross, Calgary
Paul Yves Marie Galibois, Edmonton	Shelley Louise Saunders, Manitoba
Donna Mildred Gordon, Edmonton	Linda Gail Sinkwich, Valleyview
Wilma Doreen Hahn, Saskatchewan	Felix Kamillus Tawete, Tanzania
Marianne Charlotte Hamilton, Edmonton	Linda Mae Taylor, Edmonton
Ellen Gale Humphrey, Calgary	Lee Jane Teal, Manitoba
Carrol Diane Ireland, Edmonton	Jennifer Eileen Thomas, Calgary
Carolyn Cecelia Jenkins, Saskatchewan	Vesna Vukov, Edmonton
Olga-Margaret Kizlyk, Edmonton	Maureen Shelagh Woods, Edmonton
Mary Lynn Kozun, Saskatchewan	Wynona Ruth Wright, Edmonton
Charlene Adele Kramer, Saskatchewan	Darlene Anne Wusaty, Manitoba
Jennifer Catherine Laing, Quebec	Barbara Elizabeth Zinter, Lloydminster
Diana Wellington Lee, Fort Saskatchewan	Mary Margaret Zorko, Vauxhall

Memories

The Class of One (1968/69)

For a week in August 1968, 42 unsuspecting “wanna be” librarians got their first taste of the year ahead as they became the first class of the newly established library school for the Prairies. After two days of orientation, we boarded a bus and spent the next week visiting libraries in the province. As a new bride, I was not amused to have to leave my husband and travel in a bus with a bunch of strangers! As it turned out, the tour was a great success and the strangers quickly became friends as students and faculty “bonded”. My selective memory remembers a few highlights: John Wright locked out of his room wearing just his PJs in the University of Calgary women’s dormitory; and our final two days in Jasper and the Athabasca Bar where we really bonded. In hindsight I guess this wasn’t such a bad way to begin a marriage as I’m still married to the same man 33 years later!

During this first year, we considered ourselves guinea pigs as the faculty experimented on us. Led by the indomitable Sarah Rebecca Reed, my memories are of: what seemed like endless colloquia at which attendance was rewarded with cookies; typing catalogue cards (I could never master the periods and commas); learning filing rules from Mr. Pannu; readings from T.S. Eliot from “Father” Hutchings; Mr. Foley losing his briefcase with our assignments in it; Miss Focke’s automation class where we learned all about KWIC & KWOC indexes which were bleeding edge in those days; and a budding romance between John Wright and Shirley Ellison.

Besides a challenging academic year, we survived what I think was the coldest January in Edmonton’s history. I’ll never forget Rudi Kerkhoven arriving every morning almost frozen solid after having walked across the high level bridge. We discovered how much fun cataloguing labs could be when they were held in the Riveria Hotel bar. Two of our classmates gave birth during the year and we had a great graduation party. And throughout the year, Gurdial Pannu reminded us that filing was a non-professional job and we should never admit we could type!

In hindsight, it was a great year which provided me with a good start to a long and satisfying career in librarianship. My one regret is that our class has not been good at keeping in touch and I’ve lost track of many former classmates. I’d love to hear from any of you who may read this short reminiscence.

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*The Class of 1970, Year of 2: some personal memories
and with apologies to the Class of 1*

by Pat Cavill (Cuts)

It is no secret that library school is not always a stellar experience. The further away from it, the fonder are the memories, but, for most people, being there was simply something to be endured. I have heard this too often to ignore it. Even our yearbook was named "Uptight"!

I was therefore an exception, as I loved every minute of library school. First of all, it was an escape from a new but crumbling marriage. Second, it was a vast improvement over a tedious clerical job at Cameron Library. But mostly, it was an intellectual flowering for me, and a sense of finally knowing what I wanted to be when I grew up.

Here are only a few memories, as my full memoirs were not requested nor are they required!



"Now, take a piece of slip..."

Gurdial Pannu taught Cataloguing and Research Methods. The former was a breeze for me; it fulfilled my Virgo's need for logic and order. I wish I had paid more attention to the latter, and that marketing had been part of our consciousness back then. Dr. Pannu would be startled to know that I now try to make a living doing various kinds of market research! Although I have not been a cataloguer of any note in my career, I still say that the catalogue, whether in card or electronic form, is the soul of a library. Without it, there is no path to knowledge.

Thank you, Dr. Pannu. Rest in peace.

"She kept me up all night..."

I got a ride to university every morning with a neighbour who had 8 a.m. classes. That meant I got to the Education Building (where the library school was then located) very early. The only other person around at that time was Fred Hutchings, who taught History of the Book, Library in Society and Library Administration. Somehow, I got into the habit of grabbing a coffee and heading to Mr. Hutching's office every morning. We became very good friends, he the dapper Englishman (he always wore a pearl tie stud) and I, the English immigrant occasionally pining for the country of her birth.



One day I took Mr. Hutchings a copy of *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tey, a novel that tried to solve the mystery of the Princes in the Tower and in so doing exonerated Richard III. The following morning Mr. Hutchings apologized to the class for his red eyes and lack of energy because Pat Cuts had kept him up all night!

Thank you Mr. Hutchings. Rest in peace.

"Love conquers all but Sarah Reed..."

My best friend in library school was Valerie McDougall (now Swinton). We had worked at Cameron Library together and jointly fled it. On February 14, 1970, we skipped Colloquium to go the Education Cafeteria and make valentines. We bought one of those packages of valentines that would typically have been used for a Grade 3 class. We matched one to each classmate and faculty member, and wrote an appropriate poem or limerick for each.



This took longer than we thought, but we had such fun! We surreptitiously and anonymously (we thought) put a valentine in each person's mail cubbyhole.

On February 15, Valerie and I each received a formal letter from the Director, Miss Sarah Rebecca Reed. It said, in essence, "Your absence from Colloquium has been made a matter of record. Although you may feel that the history of school library development in Northern California is irrelevant, I can assure you that you are wrong. I am disappointed at your lack of professionalism". We were devastated. I never skipped another class. And I have been doing a lot of work with school libraries in the U.S. recently, so Miss Reed may have, in fact, been right!

Thank you, Miss Reed. Rest in peace.

"Gladly, the Cross-eyed Bear..."

We were required in one class to do displays. We worked in teams and our group chose "Peace" as a theme. (Hey, it was the 70's!)

It was also Easter time, and classmate Norm Guilbert sure got lot of attention as he hauled a hastily-crafted wooden cross on his back down the main hall of the Education Building to our assigned display case!

"We tried harder..."



Being the Class of 2 was difficult, we thought at the time. We felt we were constantly being compared to the first class, who apparently were all angels returned to earth simply to code, classify, index, record and reference it! We stubbornly did not bond as a class, and we did not bend. We didn't party much as a group. We were stubborn and

We're # 2!

recalcitrant. Even rebellious. I was the first person to show up at school wearing a pantsuit (this was 1969) and got a round of applause from classmates when I walked in the room.

Yet it was partly in our hands to get the school accredited. If we didn't do it that year, the darlings from the Class of 1 would have non-accredited degrees, since the process was retroactive. I can remember studying for final exams, and Miss Reed yanked Bruce Cameron and me (and others, no doubt) from the Reading Room to do chores! Bruce had to clean out the janitor's closet and I had to dust the shelves in the periodicals area. Arden Matheson remembers that Miss Reed also stayed late herself and washed the floors in the hallway the night before the accreditation team came!

"Making history, making friends..."

I occasionally teach at the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies at UBC. I take an opportunity with every class to say "Look around this room. You can have no idea what role the people here may have in your future, and there is no way to predict which ones will be most important to you. But you are making the history of libraries with each other, starting today."



At the CLA Conference in Edmonton, June, 2000, I celebrated thirty years of friendship with Muriel Dickson (Saskatoon Public Library), Juliette Henley (University of Alberta), Arden Matheson (Alpaugh) (University of Calgary), Nora Robinson, (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) and in absentia, Valerie Swinton (McDougall) (Ottawa). I have the School of Library Science, University of Alberta, 1970, to thank for these very special people in my life.

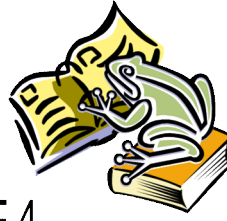
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THE CLASS OF 3 - 1971
Judy Head and Sylvia Dubrule

Do you remember...

- the Golden Bears bus
- bonding at Jasper: so this is what it means to be a Librarian!
- the floating crib game
- Saskatchewan by bus; fine dining in Regina
- Harry Newsom in full flight – “Back when I had hair...”
- the route of march
- alternative uses of saranwrap
- honouring Miss Morton
- Canadian publishing on the ropes; Librarians to the rescue!
- wedding bells
- the 25th hour
- mini-Winchell
- Roger Ashworth and Ye Olde Golde Beres Tale (in the year book supplement)
- Ron Dutton and the protest march (much more interesting than the lecture!)
- the men's sideburns
- Meg's parties (and all the others)
- the Bertram baby
- Miss Reed's departure
- Dr. Pannu's death
- the Ellison - Wright engagement



THE CLASS OF 4

By Margaret Russell

58 students, 10 faculty and our mentor Thomas Frognall Dibdin

It was thirty years ago that the Class of 4 received letters confirming our acceptance into the U of A's BLS program. Now, in 2001, the stalwart representatives gather to acknowledge our beginnings, reminisce, and create new stories.

Let's reflect. In mid-August, 1971, we went on tour...Saskatoon Public Library, Brandon, Manitoba, The University of Manitoba and Great West Life. "Cards" were left at every stop.

During a particularly lively "seminar" at the Park Hotel on January 7, 1972, and following a misunderstanding with the staff, the Class of 4 left the premises and filed a complaint. They quickly received a "sincere regret" from the Park Hotel Management, who didn't want to lose OUR valued business.

While to most librarians Thomas Frognall Dibdin was a nineteenth-century English bibliographer, to us he was also a source of inspiration and humour.

The Class of 4 is also known for the romances spawned in those hallowed halls, particularly the closely held secret relationship between Shirley and John, who married that spring.

And...the fines are still growing on those books missing from the Cataloguing Collection:

1. Bartender's Guide
2. Birth Control Handbook
3. Hawaiian Cuisine

Dr. Pannu, wherever you are, you are forever held in our highest regard.

In her letter to our 1972 yearbook, our new Director, Betty Henderson, cautioned us that while the faculty knew no secret formula to help us meet the challenges of our profession she suggested that our contribution would not be insignificant. Our class members have indeed distinguished themselves by becoming leaders as librarians and in other professions worldwide. For example, Jane Wu went on to become the Director of the FAO Library in Rome and in 1999, Phyllis Yaffe received the Canadian Women in Communications "Woman of the Year" Award. What other accomplishments will come to light as we gather at our reunion?

Congratulations to the University of Alberta and the School of Library and Information Studies for making it all happen.

University of Alberta School of Library Science, 1972-1973
(“The Class of 5”)

“We remember...”

The Faculty:

- Harry Newsom (“Books, Bodies, and Buildings”)
- Dean M.P. Henderson (“Hmmm, very interesting” [translation: I’ve heard this one before])
- Dave Jenkinson (“Are you sure he’s old enough to have graduated?”)
- Bob Brundin (“There’s only one book you really need” [and that would be the Lincoln Gazetteer/Encyclopedia? – the memory is fading!])
- Eileen Hoy (“Let’s not take cataloguing too seriously”)
- Sheila Bertram (Her passion for cats, figure skating, library automation and special libraries...not sure what order those were in!)
- Shirley Wright (Her passion for children’s literature...and what was that reason again why we shouldn’t have Nancy Drew in our libraries?)

The Social Life:

- Our “extra week” spent on a bus touring Alberta libraries – checking out the card catalogues wherever we went [that was the serious part] – but mostly, the camaraderie of newly met classmates: the hotel pool in Calgary, the sing along party in Lethbridge, canoeing on the Bow River in Banff...
- The toboggan party and the hot chocolate afterwards
- The costume party and the “nose warmer” for Bob Brundin
- The ski trip to Jasper (“Or how some prairie people learned to stop on a mountain run by wrapping our legs around a tree”)
- The weekly rendezvous at the “Riv”

What We Learned Then:

- The value of team work – it was the only way to complete Dr. Brundin’s reference assignments!
- The parliamentary procedure skit (complete with sound effects) that has challenged some of us to serve as parliamentarians for library associations
- “Dare to be Different” – a multi-media year ‘kit’ (complete with ‘musty stack’) was so much more interesting and fun to create than a yearbook
- That you can also learn from your fellow students, especially when we had so many in our class who actually had worked in libraries and were willing to share their ‘real-life’ experiences

What We Realize These 28 Years Later:

- Friends made in library school became friends for life (which might have something to do with “shared, intense experiences”)

--The continuing value of having a ready-made network of colleagues who are working not just on the prairies (we were the 'prairie school'), but throughout Canada

--That many of the lessons learned are still valid today: listen to your patrons/users/customers; it's OK to take risks--learn from your mistakes as well as from the ideas that worked; despite the different titles, all libraries are part of a continuum for information, knowledge and service, and that cooperation and collaboration between them is not only powerful, but is part of the solution for delivering excellent service to citizens—whether they are students, faculty, employees or the general public.

From the memories of: Joanne Kemp (Grant MacEwan Community College) and Hazel Fry (Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries)

Class of 1973-74 (Class of 6)

Let me confess my bias at the outset. I enjoyed library school. I mean, I really, really enjoyed it. Having worked for several years in university libraries in Ontario and Alberta before entering the University of Alberta, I found myself in 1973-74 studying exactly what interested and intrigued me. Thus, it is with great fondness that I look back on the experience. So much so, that in 1999, I attended the 25th anniversary of our graduation. The few classmates who gathered in the student lounge in October 1999 seemed to share this positive disposition, or perhaps they too were curious about who would attend. In any case, none of us expressed disappointment at having made the effort. And the anniversary event itself engendered some further reflections on the Class of 6.

If I were asked to identify my first memory of library school, I would describe the scene outside the school in August 1973 as groups of friends and families gathered on the crowded sidewalk to wish their parents, spouses, and friends farewell as the Class of 6 boarded the busses for the library orientation tour of Saskatchewan and Alberta. We had received our instructions before embarking: be polite; do not chew gum; stand tall and no slouching. First stop: lunch in Lloydminster, straddling the provincial boundary. The seventy-odd students and faculty would spend almost a week stopping in numerous towns and cities and visiting a variety of libraries, large and small. By the time we returned to Edmonton (some of us alighting in Calgary, our home town), the Class of 6 had begun to take shape.

Now it is 27 years since we made our way up the steps of Rutherford and took our seats in one of two larger classrooms, or in the smaller seminar spaces. Through the fall and winter sessions, we attended innumerable lectures, participated in panels and presentations, checked our pigeonholes for papers, met with our professors, and came to know intimately that physical space. The formal learning was complemented by social activity beyond the walls of Rutherford and even the Hub and the rest of campus. A couple of bars on Whyte Avenue were visited on a fairly frequent basis and I have a faint recollection of an end-of-year dinner at a fancier establishment than the local bars, and a pleasant party at the Dean Mary Henderson's.

With sixty-nine students in the class, it is impossible to name each one and invidious to mention only a few. Naturally, however, certain remarkable individuals figure strongly in my memory. They impressed me then on the basis of their erudition, experience, and expertise. Those who do remain in touch continue to delight and surprise me. And, as for the faculty, they too were an accomplished group of individuals with particular strengths and interests, from the practical and pragmatic to the philosophical and whimsical.

Sadly, I have lost contact with most of the Class of 6. Yet what remains is the fond memory of a group of individuals dedicated to becoming librarians and to surviving the year (not necessarily in that order). Library school would lay the foundation of a profession some of us would pursue on a lifelong basis and others would leave for related fields. Regardless of our chosen paths, I believe we all benefited from the study of a profession dedicated to culture and to learning, and to the creation, sustenance and nurturing of a civil, democratic society.

M.J. Starr

Class of 7 – 1975

When asked to write some memories about our year at Library School I knew that not any one person could deal with our group. I was in touch with a few people whom I assumed would spread the word. It looks like our group can talk about the year but not many want to put it in writing.

My memories are much like those from Pat Somerton – the parties! I do remember that bus tour to Saskatchewan. And the parties.

I also remember Robert standing up in one of our first classes and saying “Let’s face it, we are all here just to get a piece of paper.” We innocents were flabbergasted, as we knew we were there to save the world for readers. Two months later – we were all there for the “piece of paper”.

I remember the student lounge and our Friday afternoon trek to the restaurant in HUB that started serving beer at 5 o’clock so we started saving the tables at 3.

I do remember the children’s’ lit people reading some of the picture books to us and almost getting all of us kicked out of the lab as we were laughing so hard.

I remember Barb Poustie deciding that she would rather have brake lights than turn signals on the small U-haul being towed behind her MG back to Winnipeg via Saskatoon. We were sworn to secrecy, as Barb didn’t want Sheila McIntosh to know. Sheila was going with Barb as far as Saskatoon. After 25 years, Barb, the secret is out.

Everyone has such different memories from this year. You find this out when talking with other people from the class. What always stands out is the laughter and the fun and how much we enjoy meeting up with each other in the years since then.

Rowena Lunn
Strathmore, AB



I have many fond memories of the University of Alberta Faculty of Library Science. The most vivid memories are of the class bus tour through Alberta and Saskatchewan in August of 1974, two bus loads of almost sixty future librarians visiting special, academic, school, regional and public libraries. One stop was in Medicine Hat where we saw the library at the Community College and later some of us dropped in to the hotel pub where the bar band on stage was struck dumb when we told them, ‘no we aren’t a bunch of teachers, we’re librarians on tour’.

I can close my eyes and visualize the lab in the Rutherford building many of us used on Sundays to work on assignments. As my particular interest was in children’s literature I decided to read my way through the picture book and children’s fiction

collections. One Sunday in the lab I came across The Bear's Toothache by David McPhail. I laughed as I read it and then I read it aloud to everyone else nearby and we all collapsed in semi hysterical laughter, the first of many times in my 26 year career as a children's librarian that a picture book has struck a cord with readers much older than the supposed intended audience.

I am grateful for the patience and kindness of Shirley and John Wright who were the primary faculty members teaching courses for those of use who wanted to work with children in public and school libraries. It was Shirley's description of her work in public libraries that helped me to shape not only the kind of degree I wanted from the U of A but the incredibly fulfilling career I've enjoyed.

Erin Doyle
Medicine Hat, AB



One can't help but be impressed with the success the majority of the FLS Class of '75. Just look at the high profile positions some of our classmates occupy! I know of several here in Alberta and I daresay some who moved to other provinces have accomplished good things as well. So, the gruelling experiences of August 1974 - April 1975 paid off. And we did have loads of fun, didn't we? Bet they don't take today's students on that 3 week whirlwind Prairie tour!

Bettie also mentioned how much she appreciated Betty Henderson conducting her admissions interview in Charlottetown, PEI since she was at her cottage in the Maritimes. "I have always been mindful of her comment to 'take it all in; the more things you can experience, the better librarian you will be'".

Bettie Bayrak
Edmonton, AB



After working for the Government of Alberta Queen's Printer on graduating from Library School, Robert Wuetherick left Edmonton for Toronto to work initially for the University of Toronto Library Automation Systems and then for the U of T Law Library on a retrospective re-classification project. A stint (eleven years, no less!) followed at U of T Press as manuscript editor for the Dictionary of Canadian Biography. Wanderlust continued, and I found myself getting a Bachelor of Education degree and going to teach

overseas -- in Singapore, no less! Eight years there, during which time I got a master's degree in elementary education, and I returned to the city of my birth to help in caring for an elderly mother (87 in April) and to re-establish myself in a much-changed and very vital Alberta. New options are presenting themselves, and I'm keeping myself open to opportunities.

Robert Wuetherick
Edmonton, AB



Does anyone remember how at that time in the '70's, wine and cheese parties became "in"? I know this is not exactly an academic reminiscence, but does anyone remember the old joke about how we didn't have enough money for wine and cheese parties, so we had "rotgut (read 2 litres of Donini red) and potato chip" parties! I guess it speaks to my lack of character that I'd remember about the parties rather than classes! I still have the old snapshots of us sitting around in the student lounge – boy did I look young back then! Does anyone remember the "party room" in one classmate's apartment block? I think it had a pink shag rug and a bar! It felt like the inside of the human alimentary canal! I remember Ashley – he was the DJ; he'd bring a huge sound system, two turntables and a mixer console. But it also speaks to the cohesiveness of that class - we had a class party and the whole class came!

Pat Somerton
Victoria, BC

In Search of Lost Time 1976 (Class of 8)

I wonder how many people have been inspired to use this title, when invited to cast their minds back to an earlier era? Probably quite a few. In any case, it seemed like a good idea for a librarian.

Many of these then resort, as all of us surely will when we are reunited, to a raft of cliches, all of them true, about the speed with which time flies [especially when we're having fun!], about our fading memory, about our fears that we will not be recognizable to one another, after twenty-five years. Or perhaps the fear that some of us have is that we will be only too recognizable!

For me, the opportunity to reflect, first on library school experiences we shared, and then on the wide range of individual experiences we will have had since then, is a very precious one. I am not afraid to admit that I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the University of Alberta, and not only in retrospect either. Even at the time, I was aware of and impressed by the quality and strength of the talents possessed by our classmates, the breadth of our interests, and the commitment we were developing to the practice of librarianship. I liked the learning, too, and the trying-on-for size we did with and in front of a group of supportive faculty. If my fading memory is correct, it wasn't all work, but it was all excellent preparation for the real world we found ourselves entering, twenty-five years ago this spring.

I hope that for each one of us the real world has been stimulating and rewarding and that, from time to time, we have been prompted to acknowledge the role played in our lives by the events of those eight months in library school. When we meet this June, let's enjoy the opportunity to reminisce about our time together, to hear about the highlights of the past twenty-five years, and to recapture at least some of that lost time.

Ellen G. Humphrey
BLS '76, University of Alberta

In the beginning - Sarah Rebecca Reed - and the end

Sarah Rebecca, the founding Director of the first accredited post-baccalaureate library education program in the prairie provinces, was born in a small town in Illinois in 1914. She took an undergraduate degree in 1936 from a small state college and taught in the public school for six years. Entering the University of Illinois in 1941 she received a B.S. in Library Science and then a master's degree in 1945, and served as Bookstack Librarian. She then enrolled in the Doctoral program at the University of Chicago where she remained some eight years, taking courses and working as the Graduate School Librarian and Supervisor of Inductee Training. It was here that she established contact with many of the nation's leading library educators which prepared her for subsequent teaching positions in library schools at the Universities of Denver, North Carolina, and Florida State. In 1960 she accepted the position of Executive Secretary of the Library Education Division of the American Library Association which included being Secretary of the Committee on Accreditation. This gave her broad contact with library education all over North America. In 1963 she was appointed Library Education Specialist in the United States Office of Education.

It was Sarah that Bruce Peel, Director of Libraries at the University of Alberta, and Walter Johns, President of the University, were advised to consult about leadership for the newly created library school at the University of Alberta. In mid-1967 however, it was Sarah herself who eventually responded to the challenge of birthing a new library school with an accredited program.

With unbelievable energy, charm, and iron determination she issued ultimatums about space, staff, budget, and library requirements to the university administration, and drove madly all over the prairies and elsewhere in Canada visiting every library she could find enroute. She also identified and interviewed prospective faculty members.

Because the projected quarters on the third floor of Rutherford Library were occupied by the Faculty of Law, the new school was located on the first and second floors of the Education Library. The Z collection of the main library was temporarily transferred to augment the journals and publications recently acquired for a new professional program of studies. The School also established a unique relationship with the Faculty of Education school library program.

The first faculty all had established reputations: the head of children's services and deputy chief librarian of the New Westminster Public Library, the Supervisor of School Libraries for the Saskatchewan Department of Education, the former Chief Librarian of the University of Manitoba, an internationally known lecturer from the College of Librarianship in Loughborough, England, a recent top graduate of the University of Toronto library school already enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Illinois, and a retired professor of science literature and automation from

Case Western Reserve Library School in Detroit, and Sarah herself, who taught reference services in the early years. It is small wonder that the first Accreditation Committee report observed the professional strength of the faculty, but also noted its lack of formal academic research.

The first student body of 44 emerged from all three prairie provinces with assorted prior working experience in libraries, and an undergraduate degree that included a range of courses in the humanities. Some of them were obliged to take an additional course to meet this requirement. They were a keen bunch with impressively high grade-point averages. They were also frequently reminded that the School's ultimate reputation rested on their performance. A heavy load to bear!

The curriculum, a one-year program after an undergraduate degree was basic, but unfortunately failed to meet the three semester terms required in the American accredited schools. A month long pre-service course, entitled Library Orientation was attached to the program. It immersed the entire class in a common introduction to the profession, and involved a week long tour of libraries throughout the province, in one year travelling as far as Winnipeg to attend a Western Canadian library conference. On two occasions, the tour ended with a week-end retreat at the YWCA lodge at Lake Edith in Jasper Park. It was a wonderful, if exhausting process of socialization that created a tightly knit band of faculty and students.

And there were representatives from the School at every library conference held on the prairies as well as the CLA and ALA conferences. These events took some of us to the first CLA conference to be held in St. John's, NFLD, and afterwards to Atlantic City, NJ for the ALA conference. These excursions were supplemented by visiting library celebrities for public lectures. Sarah did not, however, allow all of her faculty to travel on the same flight at the same time!

She remained for three successive academic years by which time pressure was building for a two-year Master's program to match the American pattern. The one-year BLS program had strong support from the prairie constituency for financial reasons, as well as for the continuing critical shortage of professional staff. In those days, most of the student body accepted positions before they graduated, and library directors made annual trips all over North America and England to recruit staff. "Slave week" as it was called would find students coming to class in their 'Sunday best clothing' for interviews!

Perhaps it should not be surprising that the enormous energy expended, the long midnight hours, and the heavy administrative, teaching, and professional commitments would take their toll. Without advance warning, at the end of the spring term in 1971, Sarah resigned to assume the position of Assistant Dean at the University of Indiana library school where she remained for four years. In 1975, however, she could not resist the challenge of birthing another accredited program at Emporia State University in Kansas where, in the summer of 1979, she was tragically drowned in a lake cruise ship

that was caught and overturned by a tornado. One of our faculty members murmured that it would take a force of such magnitude to end the remarkable career that was characterized by such drive, infectious enthusiasm, and grim determination.

Her unexpected death evoked tributes from all North American library educators. Just before she left Alberta, she funded a Gold Medal awarded to the student with the highest academic performance of the year. She would not allow her name to be associated with it, but after her death, a grateful Faculty reversed that decision and the Sarah Rebecca Reed Gold Medal is still awarded annually. She was an unforgettable personality with vision to whom this Faculty and this library community owes much.

John G. Wright,
Dean, 1984-1987

M.E.P. (Betty) Henderson

Mary E.P. (Betty) Henderson joined the School of Library Science in January, 1970. She came initially as a Visiting Professor, from a position as Assistant Librarian for Technical Services at Prince of Wales College, Prince Edward Island.

A native of Saskatchewan, Professor Henderson had taught in British Columbia and Scotland, and had worked in libraries in Wales, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan, prior to going to Prince Edward Island. Her expertise was in the history of books and libraries, academic libraries, bibliography and literature of the humanities, comparative librarianship, and communications. On her arrival, she took main responsibility for the courses Academic Libraries and Library Collections in the Humanities, among others.

Betty Henderson's educational background included bachelor's and master's degrees in English Language and Literature from the University of British Columbia, as well as a Teaching Certificate from the same institution. Her Bachelor of Library Science degree was from the University of Toronto.

Upon the resignation of Director Sarah Reed in June, 1971, Professor Henderson, as the faculty member with the most professional and administrative experience, was persuaded to become Acting Director. She was confirmed as Director in 1972, and was to remain in that post, and later in the post of Dean (when the School was made a Faculty in 1975), until June, 1976.

In 1976, her term as Director/Dean coming to an end, Betty Henderson left her administrative post to resume teaching and research as a Professor in the Faculty. She regarded her greatest challenges during her Directorship/Deanship as dealing with significant budget cuts and staff changes, and her greatest success the fact that the School/Faculty survived and grew in the face of these great challenges.

Active in professional associations, she served as President of the Canadian Library Association in 1974/75, and her effective leadership of that organization enhanced the reputation of the School in the Canadian library community. She was awarded an LL.D. (honoris causa) by the University of Prince Edward Island in 1975.

Upon her retirement in June, 1982, she was appointed the first Professor Emerita of the Faculty. She moved to a home she had built at the seashore in Cornwall, PEI, where she spent much time gardening, reading, and volunteering for many worthwhile causes.

Professor Henderson died in Cornwall in 1997. Henderson Hall, our School library/laboratory, is named in her honour.

Robert Brundin
Professor Emeritus

Faculty and Staff 1969-1976

Sarah Rebecca Reed, 1967-1971
David Foley, 1968-1969
Gurdial Pannu, 1968-1972
Gertrude (Trude) Pomahac, 1968-1974
John G. Wright, 1968-1987
Shirley Ellison Wright, 1969-1987
Sheila Bertram, 1970-1997
Mary E.P. (Betty) Henderson, 1970-1982
Harry Newsom, 1970-1974
Eileen Hoy, 1972-1974
Gloria M. Strathern, 1973-1990
Robert E. Brundin, 1975-
Andre Nitecki, 1975-1992
Catriona de Scossa, 1975-1995
Aileen Wright, 1975-1977

Mildred Hrubizna, Departmental Secretary, 1967-1975
Angelique (Angie) Renville, Library Assistant, 1974-1989
Donna Mulholland, Departmental Secretary, 1975-1977

Scholarships

Proceeds from the Alumni Reunion Dinner's fundraiser will go to the following scholarships:

Library and Information Studies Alumni Association (LISAA) Scholarship

- Acknowledges outstanding academic performance and professional potential of one student entering and one student continuing in the MLIS program.

Betty Henderson Scholarship

- Awarded annually on the basis of academic performance and outstanding potential for professional contribution to a student entering or continuing in the full-time MLIS program who holds no major award.

Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship

- Acknowledges outstanding academic performance of a full-time continuing MLIS student.

Bruce Peel Scholarship

- Acknowledges academic excellence and professional potential.

SLIS Conference Travel Awards

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History of the School

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