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Editors' Corner

The final issue of the 1983-84 year is "going to press", and it's summer vacation for the editors of THLA News. It has been an interesting, sometimes frustrating, and always a learning process for both of us, and this experience should certainly help in the production of next year's newsletters.

We received a lot of co-operation from the Executive and much encouragement from the interest shown by members, even when some of you were complaining that you hadn't received your issues on time! We hope that by changing the membership year the problems encountered regarding mailing labels and addresses will be alleviated, if not completely solved; please try to send in your renewals as soon as possible. If they are not received by the deadline date of June 29, we can't guarantee that you will get future mailings in time for those important events. So check this issue for details; the renewal form is enclosed.

Finally, a plea for help. Because the Association has expanded so much within the last couple of years, production and mailing of the News has really become a much heavier task. Consequently we are in need of another volunteer to

join the Newsletter team. Anyone interested would be warmly welcomed. Just call Mary Boite or Eva Gulbinowicz.

Have a good summer - it should warm up sometime. And feel free to send in items during the coming months, for inclusion in the Fall issue of the News.

Eva Gulbinowicz
Mary Boite



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear THLA Members,

Another year has flown by and my term as President is over. It has been a productive year for our group albeit a busy one. The UNYOC and CHLA conferences have created a group of experienced conference organizers and planners. This is a resource our group will benefit from in years to come.

The Union List is a reality and is taking advantage of technology. Future updates should be less painful and very quick thanks to the hard work of Susan Murray and her Committee. The end product warranted the wait especially since we were able to produce the list at a comparatively low cost.

Our new Constitution has also

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generated interest beyond the chapter boundaries. The newly formed Montreal chapter as well as the Ottawa chapter have asked for copies. Being used as an example is perhaps the best compliment. To Sandra, Claire and Elizabeth - all your hard work is being noticed.

At the February Board meeting I was struck by a few facts. We are probably the largest CHLA chapter and very active. Our meetings are well attended and we have a large cross-section of members. Geographically we are fortunate to draw on many national resource groups such as UTLAS, universities, and community colleges. Yet somehow the camaraderie has not been displaced and you always meet someone you know at the meetings.

Members have made suggestions about alternate meeting dates and asked what happened to our Resource file on Computer Searching Terminals. The latter is alive and well and waiting for updates. Anyone wanting to consult the file will find more information in the newsletter.

I would like to express our collective thanks to the outgoing Executive Members, especially Margaret Robins who has continued the dedication to duty established by Irene Jeryn. She kept us financially up-to-date and solvent as well as providing practical counsel. Carol Morrison has also been a mainstay at our meetings and could always be counted upon to take on extra duties and special projects.

To the incoming Executive I wish you good luck and know you will continue to receive the support and help of the members.

Another large and anonymous group which has given a great deal of assistance to THLA is those who have helped out members at work by answering telephones, typing reports and memos, stuffing envelopes and holding the fort while some association business was being transacted. Thank you all for your help; it was greatly appreciated.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone for their support during the last two years. It has been a privilege to serve as your President-Elect and as President. Even though I am now "retired" for a few years from active library work, my experience and association with THLA have been very important to me. I hope to continue seeing you at our meetings as well as at CHLA in June.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth

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MARCH 20 MEETING, BOYS AND GIRLS HOUSE, 40 St. George St., Toronto

Boys and Girls House was the perfect setting for the March 20 Meeting, being the headquarters of Camilla Gryski, the evening's speaker. For those THLA Members who were interested there was time enough to browse the excellent children's collection.

Camilla gave a succinct overview of the history of patient library services at The Hospital for Sick Children, punctuating her comments with lively anecdotes from past annual reports and her own experiences. She described in detail the physical and ethical obstacles that are inherent in the task of providing service to a vast and fluctuating patient body whose ages range from infant to young adults. She used a variety of puppets and her ever-at-hand loop of string to demonstrate the techniques which enable her to break through the defences of so many insecure and understandably reticent patient library users. Her enthusiasm was infectious and by the end of the evening she had managed to teach even the most uncoordinated (i.e. me!) of her audience to make a simple string broom or palm tree, depending upon which way the string was held.

Camilla also described very briefly some of the work that went into producing Cats Cradle.

A sequel is now planned and will undoubtedly meet with the success of the first book which sold some 5,000 copies in the six-week period preceding Christmas 1983 - definitely a Canadian bestseller. Those of us who enjoyed enormously her presentation cannot help but wish her well in her second publishing project.

Undoubtedly Camilla, as much as anyone present, was in need of coffee by the end of her talk and thanks to Nancy Young we were able to oblige. (The evening had got off to a bad start with the discovery that there wasn't an urn on the premises, but Nancy and U. of T. came to the rescue). Many thanks also to Elizabeth Uleryk who had baked batches upon batches of marvellous cookies.

MAY 7, 1984 ANNUAL DINNER MEETING, SUTTON PLACE HOTEL

THLA's 1983-84 year culminated in the Dinner Meeting that was held at the Sutton Place Hotel. My thanks, on behalf of all who attended, will be sent to the Catering Manager, Mr. Max Willi, for exceptionally good food and polite, efficient service.

We were privileged to have as our guest Mary Brown, Director of the Theatres Branch of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations and Chairman of the Ontario Board of Censors.

After giving a brief history of the Board of Censors, Mrs. Brown laid out in succinct terms the Board's current mandate and emphasized that its members are very

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largely devoted to the task of classifying, not censoring, films for PUBLIC screening. Regarding the censorship aspect of her job, Mrs. Brown wished it to be known that the Board is constantly engaged in reassessing standards of tolerance within the Ontario community and each of the Board members spends many hours annually in contact with the public.

In her capacity as Chairman of the Board, Mrs. Brown has on a number of occasions met with the international community on matters pertaining to film censorship.

Before concluding her powerful address Mrs. Brown cited what she termed her litany: a brief description of scenes from films which she has personally reviewed and which illustrate all too graphically the degradation of human beings.

Given an audience largely comprising librarians, Mrs. Brown was unquestionably not preaching to the converted; librarians are well known for their stance against censorship and, in all likelihood, many misgivings lingered after the meeting. Nonetheless Mrs. Brown gave us all much food for thought during her eloquent and compelling address and during the question and answer period that followed the subject of the NFB's film on pornography, Not a Love Story, was mentioned. It was suggested that the film, which is available for screening to groups, might be shown at a future THLA meeting.

The film, as most of you will know, is extremely explicit and may be offensive to some members. For that reason the Executive would welcome your comments on the subject; an alternative to screening the film at a regularly scheduled meeting of the 1984-85 year might be to arrange a separate viewing evening. Please contact Bev Brown, your incoming President-Elect, or me to express your views.

For those of you who were not present on Monday evening I would like again to say what a pleasure it has been to serve as President-Elect. Throughout 1983-84 I have obviously had an enormous amount of help from other members of the Executive, and the support of many of the members at large; for all of this I have been extremely grateful and look forward to working with you during 1984-85.

Jan Greenwood
President-Elect

THLA CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

As a result of the change in the membership year that was unanimously approved at the meeting of March 20, the THLA constitution has been amended as follows:

Page 2, Article IV, Section 2,
under the heading "Fees",
Amended to read:

Payments of the prescribed membership fees shall be deemed to cover membership in the Association for one membership year. The membership year shall run from July 1 to June 30.

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Page 7, Article IX, Section 1, under the heading "Fiscal Year",

Amended to read:

The fiscal year of the Association shall end on the thirtieth day of June.

Members are asked to make the appropriate changes to their personal copies of the constitution.

THLA UNION LIST OF PERIODICALS

The Toronto Health Libraries Association: Union List of Periodicals, 4th edition, 1984, 433 pages, is now available for purchase! Please use the enclosed form (don't forget to include your name and library) to order your copy(ies); we would appreciate prompt payment, as Dr. Fillery has a hefty printing bill from the U of T Press. Since the cost of first-class mail is approximately \$2.50, please try to make arrangements to pick up your union list at the Faculty of Dentistry Library unless you are on HPI.

This computer-produced list has been a learning experience for both Dr. Fillery and myself. There are a number of "bugs" in this edition that should be eliminated in the next (this, I promise you, won't take two years to produce - we're aiming at annual revisions). It would have taken another couple of months to edit the final

copy and I didn't think that anyone wanted to wait that additional amount of time. I encourage all of you to let me know (preferably in writing) what you don't like about the Union List, what you do like, and any constructive suggestions on how to improve the next one.

When using the 4th edition, please note that:

a) the numbers preceding the periodical titles do not reflect the exact number of titles in the union list: this is intended to be an index for the computer to make additions and deletions (older titles were retained in the database from the 3rd edition in case future cooperating libraries owned them).

b) an entry runs from number to number, and occasionally, a holding will appear beneath a "to" or "from" entry

e.g. CALCIFIED TISSUE INTERNATIONAL, 27(1969)

MSH: 35- SMH: 35- TWH: 27-
FROM CALCIFIED TISSUE RE-
SEARCH

UTD: 27-

Dentistry also owns this title.

c) when "the" falls anywhere other than the initial word of a title, it is used in filing, N.B. this is different than in the 3rd edition

e.g. JOURNAL OF THANATOLOGY
JOURNAL OF THE ACADEMY OF
GENERAL DENTISTRY
JOURNAL OF THE ACADEMY OF
REHABILITATIVE AUDIOLOGY

d) when there was a change of title,

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libraries did not always split their holdings, so it is necessary to check "to" and "from" entries to be sure that you are aware of all the libraries that own the title - the AMA ARCHIVES...titles are particularly a problem in this regard.

e) in very rare instances, an entry will have no holdings: this is because a library either owns the "to" or "from" title OR because they did not correctly split their holdings and they in fact own the title

e.g. AMA ARCHIVES OF NEUROLOGY,
1(1959)-2(1960)
FROM ARCHIVES OF NEUROLOGY

Several libraries listed under ARCHIVES OF NEUROLOGY actually do own AMA ARCHIVES OF NEUROLOGY but they did not split their holdings properly.

I hope that all of this information does not totally confuse you. If you have any questions about the list, feel free to call me at 978-2796.

Susan Murray

NEWS FLASH

The L.G. Brayley Health Sciences Library of the Mississauga Hospital would like to announce that effective May 22, you may dial directly to the library at 848-7394. Members may wish to note the change in their copy of the THLA Union List.

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And if you just haven't found the time to register, please do so right away.

NOTE: The Conference Hotel is the Ramada Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto. Hotel registration cards are available from Carol Morrison (926-4482) for local members who wish to stay at the Ramada during the conference. YOU can remain in the thick of the action for \$61.00 Single; \$67.00 Twin or \$74.00 Triple.

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