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The James White Library at Andrews University will be the venue for this summer's ASDAL Convention, July 9 - 13.

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ASDAL's Fifth Annual Convention takes place on the campus of Andrews University, July 9 - 13. A large attendance is anticipated, as librarians from all corners of North America and some overseas points gather to meet old friends, make some new ones, share and learn from each other, and transact the association's business.

Those who have not visited Andrews University before will discover a spacious and beautiful campus in the heart of "Michiana", a prosperous fruit-growing area close to the south-eastern shore of Lake Michigan. The number of fine modern buildings on the Andrews campus almost betrays the fact that the school dates back to 1901.

But Andrews University had its roots in Battle Creek College, established by Adventists in Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1874. The school was moved to Berrien Springs in 1901 and renamed Emmanuel Missionary College. It became Andrews University in 1960 when the S.D.A. Theological Seminary and School of Graduate Studies were moved there from Washington, D.C.

One of the unique features of Andrews is its international flavor. Students come from more than 80 countries and all 50 states of the U.S. An enrolment of nearly 3000 students includes one thousand in graduate study programs. Of special significance to Biblical history research is the Siegfried H. Horn Archaeological Museum with a collection of 7,000 items.

Of special interest to ASDAL visitors is the James White Library. Built in 1962 and expanded in 1977, the library is constructed to house 700,000 volumes. Capacity is already strained, however, as the library collections have grown rapidly to 900,000 bibliographical items by mid-1985. This total includes 460,000 books, 268,000 volumes in microform, as well as government documents, pamphlet materials, and unbound periodicals. Not included in the total are 30,000 non-book items, and 35,000 maps. Periodical subscriptions currently total 3,300.

The Heritage Room, which is a Seventh-day Adventist archive and research center, is a department of the library. It contains denominational publications from 1849 to the present, extensive private papers of Adventist pioneers, and a special collection of Bibles dating from the 15th to 17th centuries. The Heritage Room also has an extensive file of 1,500 titles of periodicals in more than 100 languages.

The staff of the James White Library, under the direction of Marley Soper, is happy to be hosting this year's ASDAL Convention on the Andrews campus, and is working hard to make this a great occasion. Chairman for the Convention is Harvey Brenneise, Reference services head at James White Library, and ASDAL's President-elect for 1985-86.

Andrews University extends a warm welcome to ASDAL members this summer!

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One hundred and ten Adventist schools in the Southern Union are grateful to

The ANGEL in the South

In spite of everything, maybe it was a blessing . . .

The book was Henry Miller's Tropic of Cancer - the one considered so pornographic that it was outlawed in the U.S. for a number of years. Yet there it was on the library shelf of an S.D.A. elementary school! And it had been classified - so to speak - in 558 : Geomorphology of South America!

This was just one of the glaring examples of S.D.A. school library disasters we Southern College librarians encountered as we travelled over the Georgia-Cumberland Conference on Sundays, assisting the teachers in the organization of the church school libraries. "Charlie's Angels" of the literary world went on the road after discussion with conference educational directors. Realizing the church school libraries were desperately in need of help, the education department enlisted our help in providing workshops on library organization. In a reckless moment, we offered to assist individual church schools by holding marathon cataloging sessions on Sundays at the schools. It soon became clear that a more permanent solution was needed for several reasons -- not the least of which was to avoid killing off the librarians!

Early in 1980, we began to formulate a plan which would provide a processing center based at Southern College and utilize the automated cataloging services supplied by OCLC through Solinet. The feasibility for such a program -- intended to serve as a pilot for the Union -- was first discussed with Solinet. Armed with the network's encouragement, our next approach was the college president, who suggested a meeting with the Conference Executive Committee and the educational directors. At this time, March 1980, a tentative budget was submitted, and although response was favorable, the Committee voted to delay action because of budgetary constraints. It was not until January 1981 that the educational directors requested a second presentation. The college Administrative Council gave the program its official support with a \$5,000 subsidy on January 14, 1981. the Georgia-Cumberland Educational Board voted to accept the plan on a conference-wide basis. So emerged ANGEL - an acronym for Adventist Network of Georgia-Cumberland Elementary Libraries.

Through all the committees and boards, we attempted to emphasize the unfairness of penalizing our students in terms of library materials and skills simply because they attend a small school, and insisted that our educational program should be outstanding in every area. The only administrative opposition voiced was by the conference treasurer, who felt that another year would ease the financial subsidies required. But the enthusiasm of the Board could not be dampened and the program was unanimously voted.

It was fortunate that this pilot project was initiated in a conference with such supportive and library-oriented educational administrators. One of the keys to its success was their strong insistence that this was a conference program in which all the schools were to participate. Principals and teachers (there were no certified school librarians in the schools we served) were contacted by the Conference Educational Directors both in meetings and through a special newsletter outlining the program. In addition, educational administrators met with each school board to explain the new project and answer questions.

There were initially 63 schools in the system, and it was absolutely necessary that each school be visited to evaluate the collections before any ordering could be done. The four Southern College librarians divided into two teams and again hit the road! By April 30, every school had been visited. We tried to talk with each teacher, for not only did we consider their input important, but the consultation served as a means to win their support.

Although we had budgeted a professional salary, a director had not yet been located. At this point, a decision was made to utilize the salary that first year to finance the cataloging of each school's backlog (its existing collection). To prevent wasting time at the terminal re-editing the same bibliographic record numerous times, we asked the teachers if they were willing to let us pick up and keep their collections at the center, provided they were returned to them by the time school opened the following year. Every school jumped at the chance. Books were picked up by van and brought back to Southern College, each book marked with a 3-letter code, and alphabetized by title. Cataloging began for most schools in January 1982 and was completed in July (about 45,000 volumes). That same month Katy Hunt was employed as the director, and took over the visitation, ordering, and most of the cataloging.

Early in 1983, the Florida Conference schools joined the program, and shortly thereafter, five academies in the Southern Union, along with a few schools from non-member conferences, giving ANGEL a current total of 110 schools. The addition of other conferences and educational levels necessitated a change in the meaning of the acronym to : Adventist Network of General Educational Libraries. At this writing, two other conferences have requested budgets in preparation for joining.

The staff consists of one full-time professional who serves as Director, with a half-time position to be reinstated in the near future. As other conferences join, additional staff will be added.

Students help, of course, varies, but during times of processing backlogs, we employ an average of eight students (3 - 3.5 FTE). Southern College librarians act as consultants and sometimes assist in cataloging.

Two consolidated shelf lists are maintained - one by call number and one by main entry. In addition, a separate shelf list is provided for each school. Monthly and annual statistics are compiled and sent to conference education departments and to the Southern College Library Director.

Average cost of a processed item, including the cost of the book, is \$12 - \$15. At registration schools are to collect \$15 per student for grades 1 to 8, and \$20 per student for grades 9 to 12, the amounts recommended by the Southern Union policy for library materials. The more students in the conference, the less conference subsidy required. Southern College also subsidizes \$5,000 annually to the program.

As of March 1985, there were 105,406 volumes in the system. Items processed have averaged 32,000 per year. However, once backlogs are completed, it is anticipated that the number of items processed yearly will drop to 15,000. Response has been positive, the teachers delighted, the students excited, as ANGEL takes wing.

It may be desirable to have similar programs serving each union or geographical area, ideally with the Division level overseeing and assisting the various centers, as in the model illustrated below (Figure 1). Librarians at Southern College will be happy to provide further details to those interested in a similar service and share knowledge gleaned the hard way. We have learned a great deal since the day that pornography masqueraded as geography. And maybe, just maybe, it was a blessing!

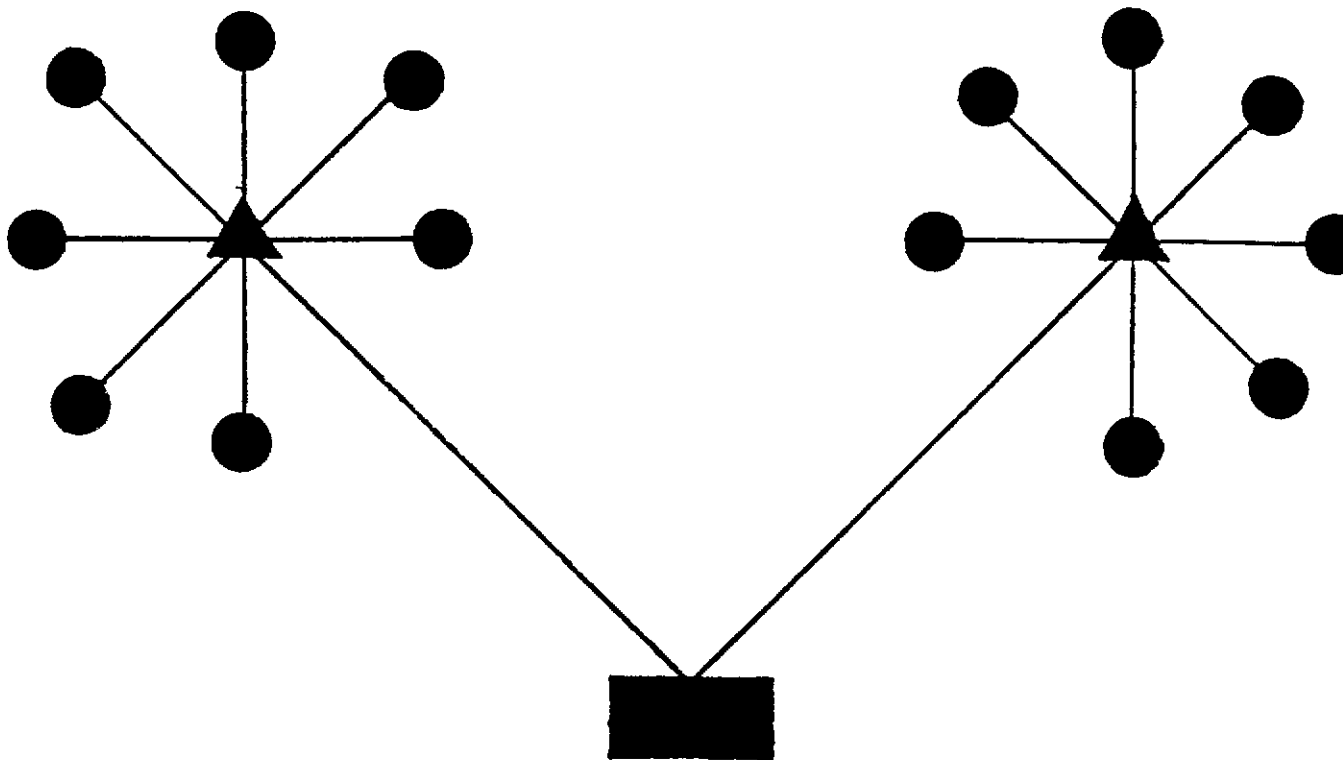


Figure 1

This diagram is a proposed model of the ANGEL project as it might be applied in an expanded geographical context, with the central rectangle representing a library center administered at the Division level. The triangles depict regional centers located at institutions affiliated with automated library networks (such as the center based at SC), and serving individual schools which are symbolized by the round nodes connected to the triangles. Communications move in both directions at all levels.

The author of the above article. Pen Bennett, is Associate Librarian at the McKee Library of Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists.

Index Committee Meets at Loma Linda

During the ASDAL Convention of 1984, held at Southwestern Adventist College, a committee was selected by the members present to assist the editor of the SDA Periodical Index. The committee was set up as follows : Charles Davis (SC), chairperson, Sue Job (UC), Taylor Ruhl (PUC), Kit Watts (AU), the editor of the Index, David Rios, and the managing editor of the Index, James Nix. ASDAL members had reason for concern because only a few volumes of indexing was available for what had been paid during the past years. Now that a new editor is in place and functioning, the assembly felt it was important to provide constructive advisement through this committee.

On Monday, January 14, 1985, several of the committee members were involved in an unusual happening in current SDA history at the LLU library. The original public services area, including offices where a large number of Adventist librarians have worked in years past, was dedicated as the Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office, Loma Linda, California. The dedicatory program was interesting, and to the pleasant surprise of many, James Nix was appointed as a secretary of the Ellen G. White Estate! Pleasant conversation was enjoyed between members of the committee and the Board of Trustees of the White Estate at a supper that evening hosted by Jim Nix and his daughter. Visiting in this home was enjoyable and provided an opportunity to see Jim's collection of SDA memorabilia.

All members were present as the committee began its work on Tuesday morning, January 15. Maynard Lowry, Director of LLU Libraries, provided a committee room and was a gracious host at a nearby restaurant where a delicious Mexican lunch was served. Maynard was with the committee prior to the lunch break, explaining the budget prepared by him and presented to his Board for the operation of the Index. The afternoon hours were spent in discussing items brought to the committee by the Editor and other members of the group.

Dr. Robert Reynolds from the BHE met with the committee as it re-convened on Wednesday morning. His remarks were encouraging as he explained some of his ideas for more secure funding of the Index. The committee appreciated his enthusiasm and were pleased to hear about the extra \$15,000 that the General Conference was adding to budget income. The remaining time was spent in candid discussion of items still on the agenda, with special attention given to the promotion and advertising, especially in regards to the up-coming General Conference sessions. The purposes of the committee were closely reviewed, and it was felt that they were being met. These purposes are :

- To review the budget
- To evaluate the progress of the Index
- To evaluate the list of titles indexed
- To look at future plans
- To establish policies
- To report to ASDAL

To conclude the meeting, the committee went to the Index offices where David Rios and his staff explained the computer system that is now making the Index a viable operation. The STAR software program is in use and, after a few bugs are worked out (which is normal in a situation such as this), the committee feels that the Index will be able to accomplish the goals that were set up for publication several years ago.

A complete report of the Advisory Committee will be submitted to the members of ASDAL at the Andrews University Convention. There are proposals and operational procedures that need to be understood and voted by the members as this committee becomes an integral part of the operation of the Index. The committee feels that the program is in good hands and will become an outstanding publication.

The chairperson wishes to thank each member of the committee, the members of the Index staff, the host library at Loma Linda, and the Directors at the various institutions that allowed their personnel to be at the meeting. It is because of you that the committee was a very pleasant success.

Charles Davis
Chairperson, Index Advisory Committee

ADVENTIST LIBRARIES MAY BENEFIT FROM GIFT PROGRAM

Andrews University's head reference librarian, Harvey Brenneise, spent last year's entire Thanksgiving week in the Washington, D.C. area. The first three days were spent at the General Conference and the Library of Congress on ASDAL and James White Library business. The result of these visits on behalf of ASDAL were reported in the last issue of ASDAL ACTION (See "ASDAL or ADRA? Or Both?"). At the Library of Congress he evaluated the usefulness of the Gift and Exchange program for both ASDAL and JWL. This program makes available free library materials to qualified individuals to be used in educational institutions.

The materials available through this program are items that LC has received which it does not need, usually duplicates. However, these items are often useful to other libraries. For example, Harvey picked up approximately 1,000 U.S. law books that he had been wanting for some time, but was unable to afford. The retail value of these books is between \$15,000 and \$20,000. In fact, some of these books were from the law collection of now-retired Judge John Sirica of Watergate fame.

In order to gain access to these materials, one must have letters from a school or library administrator and from one's congressman. The congressman's office will also provide franking labels, so there are no mailing costs either. The books are located in individual bays in the basement of the Madison Building, and are first made available to other federal agencies, and after a period of time are made available for donation. These bays are opened one at a time, usually about two to four per month. To really be effective in using this service, one needs to live near Washington and get to the Library as soon as the new bays are opened.

Anyone interested in this program should write to their congressman or Mr. Peter Bridge, Chief of Exchange & Gift Division, Library of Congress James Madison Building, LM-B-03, 10 Independence Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540.

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GRANDFATHER CLOCK FOR LIBRARY

An historic clock that belonged to Elder I.H. Evans has been presented to LLU Libraries by his son-in-law, Jim Corbett. Evans was a missionary to China in the early years of this century. He purchased the clock works during a visit to Europe about 1925 and carried them in a suitcase to Shanghai, where the mission carpenter fashioned a mahogany case for the timepiece.

NEW LIBRARY DEDICATED AT UC

February 18 was a special day for Larry Onsager and staff at Union College's new Ella Johnson Crandall Memorial Library. The ribbon-cutting ceremony in the beautiful atrium featured the Lora McMahon Heritage Room Commemoration. The walk-through at the close of the dedication gave opportunity for guests to enjoy the new facility, ask questions, view the special Willa Cather art display, and watch a slide-tape program featuring the library's architecture.

CANADIAN LIBRARY CELEBRATES GROWTH

On April 18, Canadian Union College President Malcolm Graham accession-stamped the library's 40,000th volume, and cut a celebration cake. The 40,000 figure excludes several thousand withdrawn volumes, and represents a doubling of the book collection in six years. The specially accessioned book is a heritage copy of "The Lord is My Shepherd", a recently published history of the S.D.A. Church in Canada.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS BY ASDAL MEMBERS

February 18 Chloe Foutz of UC conducted a workshop on "Preserving our Family Traditions" at a Family Life Conference sponsored by several organizations in the Lincoln area.

Also during February Kathleen Dunn of LLU made presentations at a management workshop sponsored by L.A. County Public Library. Her presentations focused on techniques for training and evaluating part-time non-professional staff.

FINAL CALL FOR ASDAL CONVENTION

If you have not yet received a mailing from Andrews University concerning the up-coming ASDAL Convention, July 9-13, you should immediately contact Harvey Brenneise at AU for details. His phone number is (616) 471-7771.

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