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ACRL'S BI LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AT ASDAL

Dr. Evan I. Farber, Head Librarian at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, will be the featured speaker at the annual ASDAL conference at PUC in June. Dr. Farber was recently named the Miriam Dudley Bibliographic Instruction Librarian of the Year for 1987 and will be presented with this award at the ACRL Bibliographic Instruction Section during the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco on June 28.

Mary Reischel, the chair of the ACRL award committee, stated that "Evan Farber has done more than any other individual librarian to promote the importance of bibliographic instruction as a fundamental library service and the library as a vital part of the teaching learning process in higher education. His publications, workshops, and presentations have informed thousands of the importance of bibliographic instruction. The Earlham College program is THE model for course-integrated bibliographic instruction."

Dr. Farber is well known for his professional activities. In 1980 he was named the ACRL Academic Librarian of the Year and was honored with a Doctor of Humane Letters from St. Lawrence University.

It will be a privilege and honor to have Dr. Farber as the featured speaker at ASDAL. It should also be an inspiration to realize that a librarian of this stature and significance in his profession is from a college very similar in size to those where many ASDAL members serve.

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Having completed two years as the editor of ASDAL ACTION, I find myself somewhat nostalgic and yet thinking critically as I look back on the last two years of ASDAL's progress. There have been many good ideas offered and yet in some cases very little outside support for some very necessary projects.

One excellent suggestion, the development of a clearinghouse for distributing materials to libraries outside the North American Division, appears to have been stalled, if not put to rest, because of a lack of funds and support from the General Conference. What might have been a very useful service has failed to materialize, and thus we continue to maintain the status quo.

Another idea, one that I have supported in my editorials this year, is the development of a branch of ASDAL that would concern itself with the issues that relate to school libraries. Yet, in spite of mailing complimentary issues of ASDAL ACTION to all the academy libraries in the North American Division and even sending the last issue containing conference information to every junior academy library in the Pacific Union Conference, the response has been minimal.

In case someone may be thinking that I believe that ASDAL is a failing organization I simply say, NO WAY! We have succeeded in organizing a form for sharing statistical information. We have succeeded in helping the SDA Periodical Index get back on its feet, with much of the credit going to Maynard Lowry and David Rios for their strong leadership. We have also held some very educational conferences.

However, we have not always succeeded, as was shown by the two examples given above. It is the reason for these failures that concerns me. Might it be that too many of us have taken the attitude of "Let George do it." If we are guilty of that attitude, then we are forgetting one of the major reasons that ASDAL exists, simply because there is power in numbers. If ASDAL members would use their lobbying powers, more might be accomplished. It takes more than just a few people to make major projects succeed. To alert denominational and institutional leaders of the libraries' needs that must be met in order for their information needs to be fulfilled requires a concerted effort. One or two violins will only be ignored. If we are not willing to unite as an organization and EVERYONE lobby together in making the needs of libraries known to those who make the decisions, then we had better keep our dreams and ideas to ourselves and be satisfied in making small changes.

Personally, I believe that ASDAL can succeed in bringing major improvements in the provision of information to our denomination's institutions. However, whether or not WE will succeed depends on each individual's decision whether to become involved in the lobbying process or to remain indifferent and passive. The body is greatly handicapped without a voice, legs and arms. The choice is yours, but your decision will affect our denomination.

NEWS NOTES

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Enclosed with this issue of the ASDAL Action is ASDAL's Constitution and Bylaws as they were voted at the last conference. The wording in brackets in Article IV, Section 1, of the bylaws is subject to approval at the business session of the 1987 conference.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Thelma Gilbert, Collection Development Librarian, is retiring at the end of this school year, and Kit Watts, Periodical Librarian, has left to become one of the editors of the Adventist Review. Wolfhard Touchard, who is currently Associate Reference Librarian will replace Thelma as Collection Development Librarian. To take his place as Associate Reference Librarian will be Cynthia Helms, formerly Reference Assistant. Cynthia's library degree is from the University of the Philippines, and she has worked in both the Philippines (as a medical librarian) and in Ethiopia (as a college librarian).

Taking Kit's place as Periodical Librarian is Linda Wildman. Linda has both bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Andrews, and is an accomplished organist. Her master's degree in library science will be from Brigham Young University, to be awarded this spring shortly before she arrives for work.

COLEGIO ADVENTISTA DEL PLATA

Several SDA libraries in the United States renew their Bowker's bibliographical-acquisition sources each year. At our E. Irving Mohr Library at the Colegio Adventista del Plata in Argentina, our copy of Publishers Trade List Annual is from 1978; Subject Guide to Books in Print, from 1976; Ulrich's, from 1977-78; Irregular Serials and Annuals, from 1978-79. Besides we never had enough money to buy Books in Print, Books Out of Print and other sources like them.

In 1986 we spent about 3,300.00 dollars in books and 2,225.00 dollars in periodicals. With such a small budget we can't afford to buy new copies of the aforementioned titles. On the other hand, it is most difficult to wisely use our budget without up-to-date or nearly up-to-date bibliographic data.

We would be willing to pay surface mail shipping expenses. If a library is able and willing to give us a copy of one or more of these books, please write us and give us an estimate of

shipping costs by the title. We will send a check before shipment in order to avoid having several copies of the same title.

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Mrs Siemens is also looking for a roommate to share the expense of a room at the San Franciscan Hotel on Sunday and Monday nights, June 28 and 29, while attending A.L.A. After June 5, she may be reached in Sacramento, CA by calling 916-758-0987.

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

Linda Maberly has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Acquisitions and Collection Development effective July 1. Linda has a bachelor of arts degree in English from Walla Walla College and a master of library information studies from UC Berkeley. She has worked in public, special, and academic libraries and most recently as Circulation Supervisor at PUC. She replaces Marion Sletwick, Periodicals Librarian, who is retiring after 22 years at PUC.

The check-in and claiming modules of the Microlinx Serials Management system have now been implemented and holdings records are being built in preparation for production of holdings lists.

The Learning Center is moving to the Library in June and will be merged with the Media Services Department. They will be renamed the Learning Resource Center. The goal of this is for the Library to be seen as the central location of independent learning resources and activities on campus. An expanded program of computer assisted instruction will begin at this time, with the library collection policy allowing the purchase of software in addition to books and non-print media.