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TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ADVENTIST LIBRARIES: A GLOBAL VISION ANDREWS UNIVERSITY, BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN JUNE 28 - JULY 3, 1990

- Adventist Resources Section, Pre-Conference Thursday, June 28
- Opening Conference Session and Banquet: Thursday p.m., June 28
Keynote speaker: Frank J. Lepkowski
Assistant Professor of Library Science, Oakland University
"Culture and Librarianship: A Comparison
of Nicaraguan and U.S. Libraries"
Opening business session
- Seminar: Stress Management Seminar Friday, June 29
Dr. Patrick Utz, Director of the Counseling Center
University of Notre Dame
- SDA Bibliographic Sources For Church Musicians Friday, June 29
- Trip to quaint lakeside resort of Saugatuck 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 29
- Religious Services and Performances by Sabbath, June 30
Concurrent Music Conference
- Breakfast at Brenneise Gardens Sunday a.m., July 1
Presentations by Maynard Lowry and Harvey Brenneise Sunday, July 1
Business Meeting Sunday, July 1
Break-out Sessions 7:00 p.m to 8:30 p.m., Sunday evening, July 1
Committee Meetings 8:30 p.m, Sunday evening, July 1

Tour of Northeast Indiana Allen County Public Library (Genealogy Collection) Warren Lincoln Library and Museum Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum Gene Stratton-Porter Museum Yoder Country Store Authentic Amish dinner in Amish home (vegetarian)	Monday, July 2
Brian Townend "The Global Vision of SDA Librarianship"	Tuesday, July 3
Sharing Session	Tuesday, July 3
CD ROM: Issues for Academic Libraries (Panel)	Tuesday, July 3
Business Sessions	Tuesday afternoon, July 3
Adjourn	5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 3

Professor Watstein, the major speaker announced in the last ASDAL ACTION, has withdrawn from the conference. Marley Soper has found new speakers as shown in the program above and feels that an excellent program is in store for those who attend the conference.

ADVENTIST RESOURCES SECTION PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:30	Worship, welcome, and introduction
9:00-12:00	Presentations (see details below)
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:15-2:00	Adventist Heritage Center/White Estate Tour
2:00-3:15	Updates
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-5:00	Section business meeting

PRESENTATIONS

9:00	Report from Adventist Historic Properties C. Mervyn Maxwell, Church History Department, Seminary
9:30	Arrangement and Description of General Conference Materials Jim Ford, General Conference Archives & Statistics
10:45	SDA Historians' Use of Adventist Resources Brian Strayer, History Department, Andrews University
11:25	ProCite: Desktop Research Manager Nelia Wurangian, Technical Services, Loma Linda University

ASDAL AND THE FUTURE
Editorial from ASDAL's President

The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians was organized on June 25, 1981, thrust into being by the unanimous vote of nearly forty librarians gathered at Pacific Union College for what became the first ASDAL conference. It was hoped that the formal organization would make the SDA library community a stronger and more visible force in the institutional structure of the denomination; that it would serve as a vehicle for sharing common concerns, for promoting professional growth, for exploring diverse interests based on professional specialties, and for gaining leadership experience through participation in Association activities. In varying degrees, all of these aims have been fulfilled.

As it prepares for its tenth annual conference, ASDAL has a number of challenges before it. Among them are the following: (1) Membership growth and diversity: In spite of many solid accomplishments as an organization and excellent annual conferences, membership in ASDAL has dropped since its early years, almost 20% in fact. There is an enthusiastic and dedicated core of school librarians who are active in the organization, but academic librarians continue to be most prominent in the Association's activities and seem to be better able to find funding for conference attendance. (2) Recruitment of librarians: As few new faces come into the profession, as librarians retire, and as various factors make positions outside the denomination more attractive, there is increasingly a shortage of librarians to meet the needs of the denomination, especially on the college and university levels. There is also a need to make Adventist young people aware that librarianship is an attractive, challenging, and rewarding profession, both within and without denominational walls. (3) Organizational impact: Although ASDAL is recognized by the denomination as a legitimate professional organization and has brought about some changes in perception, we need to find ways in which it can be more of a force in denominational policy-making, particularly in respect to (a) recognition of the need for professionally organized and staffed school and hospital libraries, (b) clarification and standardization of the status of librarians in academic settings, and (c) financially-backed acknowledgement of the crucial role of the library in the educational and informational process.

Each of the above challenges is formidable in itself; taken together they make the task before us seem overwhelming. However, the dedication, talent, professionalism and energy of the individuals who make up ASDAL are also formidable; focused and channeled, they can bring about accomplishments beyond anything originally envisioned. It is my hope that both individually and collectively ASDAL members will reaffirm their commitment to SDA librarianship and to the Association--that they will attend the conference at Andrews, bring their ideas for meeting the challenges, and propel ASDAL into its tenth year with greater vigor and determination than ever.

(Margaret von Hake, ASDAL President, Columbia Union College)

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PERIODICAL INDEX
Winter Board Meeting Highlights

A very productive and significant meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index (SDAPI) Editorial Advisory Committee was held at Loma Linda University in February. It was voted to recommend to ASDAL that the name of the committee be changed to Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index Publication Board. This was part of the adoption of the first formal governance statement for the SDAPI which is included as a supplement to this issue. This document clarifies the relationship between the General Conference North American Division Board of Higher Education, ASDAL, the committee, and the host library.

The board accepted Jim Nix's resignation as managing editor and asked David Rios, Director of the Loma Linda University Library Webb Memorial Library, to become managing editor. Loma Linda officially invited the SDAPI to remain on their campus and the Board accepted the invitation.

Also significant was the demonstration of a portion of the Index database on microcomputer searched with "WordCruncher" retrieval software. This will also be demonstrated at the 1990 ASDAL meeting.

The obituary section of the SDAPI has only included identifiable denominational employees and their spouses. The Board voted to "merge the (1981, 1984-1989) obituary files, print them, have diskette copies made, and have both print and machine-readable versions made available to NAD college and university libraries. The obituary records will then be deleted from the database." Letters to SDAPI supporting institutions will be sent out this Spring to determine format preference(s). Other libraries may send in their orders until September 1990 for a 5 1/4 inch diskette (\$5) and/or a print copy (\$9). Variations between the SDAPI annual issues and these copies will occur since some of the polishing for the annual issue takes place outside of the STAR database. The Board also voted "that the (SDAPI) cease to index obituaries that appear in obituary columns, effective with the 1990 volume," since the obituary database coordinated by the Heritage Center at Andrews University is more comprehensive and is now available.

Many Adventist librarians will also be pleased that the 1983 edition of the SDAPI has now been published and shipped.

1990, A SPECIAL YEAR FOR PITCAIRN ISLAND

January 15 was "Bounty Day," the 200th anniversary of the landing of mutineers on the H.M.S. Bounty at Pitcairn Island in 1790. On October 20 the 100th anniversary of the sailing of the missionary ship Pitcairn from Oakland, California will also be celebrated. The PUC Library continues to develop its Pitcairn Islands Study Center, which has become the world's largest collection of material about the Bounty mutiny and its aftermath. The Center Curator is Gary Shearer, assisted by Herb Ford, retired PUC Vice President for Development, who is active in collection development and fund raising for the Center.

BOOK REVIEW: SEEKING A SANCTUARY

Bull, Malcolm and Keith Lockhart. Seeking a Sanctuary: Seventh-day Adventism & the American Dream. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1989.

This is undoubtedly the most important new book on Adventism. It is neither expose nor hagiography, but is neutral and analytical in tone, and there appear to very few errors. The authors are both British and have Adventist backgrounds, though it is not clear just what their current relationship to the church is. Bull is a junior research fellow at Oxford; Lockhart attended Newbold and the Seminary at Andrews, has lectured at Newbold, and is currently a journalist.

Given the authors' British backgrounds, it is ironic that the book concentrates on the Adventist experience in the U.S. The thesis is that the Adventist church rejected the American Dream, in fact calling America the lamb-like beast, and consequently has erected a parallel alternative society--Adventism rather than America as the true vehicle for the redemption of the world.

The book is an interesting mix of history and sociology. The subject is introduced through the eyes of the world--the church's public images (and lack of them). Part one analyzes the historical development of Adventist theology. Part Two covers the relationship of Adventist experience and the American Dream, including chapters on religious liberty, health reform, and Adventist artistic expression. The final part considers various elements of the Adventist subculture, including women, blacks, ministers, doctors, educators (you've been waiting for that one!), the self-supporting movement and concludes with the revolving door.

The book totals 318 pages and exhibits an impressive command of the relevant literature, as is immediately obvious by perusing the index, bibliography and notes. In the index are juxtaposed Eva B. Dykes and James White, Herbert Blomstedt and Harry Anderson, Merikay Silver and Donald Davenport, Kinship and Wildwood, and much more.

The authors note that the library collections of Newbold and the North American universities and colleges formed the basis of their research. Particular note is given to the heritage rooms of LLU and AU. William Schomburg, Hugh Dunton and Gilberto Abella are acknowledged by name. The SDA Periodical Index and "Dissertations, Theses and Research Papers Related to the Seventh-day Adventist Church" are duly noted.

While not everyone will agree with all of the authors' observations, the book is a necessary purchase for all SDA libraries (possibly in multiple copies). Along with Land's and Schwartz's histories, it forms the core of recent SDA history/bibliography and deserves wide distribution outside the church. It is also a "must read" for the informed Adventist.

(Harvey Brenneise, Andrews University.)

NEWS NOTES

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Due to University budget problems, the library will not be allowed to fill its cataloging position until 1991 when they are assured the position will be filled. This position will be filled in the near future as a deferred appointment. Also lost was the half-time position for Top Floor Services and considerable student labor hours.

The Library Science Department was also cut. Some courses will be moved to other departments. Marley Soper has been chairman of the department for the last twelve years. Does this leave Walla Walla the only place in the denomination with a program in library science?

New shelving has arrived for rearrangement of the reference collection. Adjustment of the stacks on the main floor will provide much-needed space for the Seminary Library.

Erma Lidner, former JWL employee, has returned as a volunteer and will serve mostly in the Music Materials Center. After retirement she spent a number of years at Newbold College [England] where Mary Jane Mitchell also served. There are now four retired employees helping at JWL.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

In response to patron requests for subject access to the OCLC database, the AUC library is currently subscribing to the new EPIC Service. High per hour costs may deter students from requesting this service, however.

Lee Parson has been voted promotion to the rank of Professor.

A generous gift to the college will pay for the new E. G. White publications on CD-ROM and much of the hardware for the workstation.

CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE

A generous gift from Dr. Lillian Logan of Brandon, Manitoba, has made possible further library automation. By summer, the periodical department will be computerized, and when the new school year opens, circulation will be automated. Both processes will utilize software from Columbia Library Systems based in Vancouver, BC. The periodical system is a program for check-in, subscription renewals, claiming, preparation of binding lists, and budget control. The software allows a unique "calendar" to be established for each title. When fully operational, the system will provide efficient control of CaUC's 500 periodical and nearly 200 microfiche subscriptions.

For five months one-full time terminal operator has been employed on an Alberta government grant to convert nearly 15,000 title records to the library's online catalog. The operation has proved highly efficient, using Bibliofile's CD-ROM disks with Bib-Base, with a conversion rate of up to 33 titles per hour. By summer at least 75% of the collection will be represented in the OPAC.

Joyce Van Scheik (reference librarian) plans to attend ASDAL while Keith Clouten leads a 24-day tour to Scandinavia.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY, DEL WEBB MEMORIAL LIBRARY

[Position announcement included as supplement to this issue.]

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

The circulation system from Library Corporation is scheduled for installation in April. Bar coding will continue through the summer with full system implementation scheduled for September. When Stephanie Carter arrives September 1 to become Periodicals Librarian, Adu Worku will become chairman of Public Services, Linda Maberly will become chairman of Technical Services, and Joel Lutes will become Systems Librarian. It is PUC's understanding that Joel will then become the first librarian in an Adventist library to carry that title.

SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST COLLEGE

There is no further news on SAC's proposed new library. They are still waiting for funds.

Bob Cooper made a tentative proposal to the Texas Conference Curriculum Committee on January 21, 1990, for a program similar to Southern College's ANGEL. SAC is calling the program HELPS (Holistic Educational Library Processing Service). The conference officials wanted a proposal so they in turn could take the idea to the union. One member was very enthusiastic about the program. As yet there has been no response.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Periodical holdings are now on computer and a word processing program is used to keep the list up-to-date. It has been made available to departments in hard copy or floppy discs. Interest has been high.

The WWC Library is among the first academic libraries to use a networked LaserCat as a public access catalog. Western Library Network (WLN) likes the setup and refers librarians interested in networking LaserCat to Walla Walla for information. An article about Walla Walla's system will appear in the next issue of the WLN PARTICIPANT.

Thanks to a cooperative LSCA Title III grant for reconversion of library materials, WWC will begin a reconversion project. They participated in the grant with the local public library, Whitman College, and Community College. This is but one of the projects these local libraries are collaborating on.

A Cooperative Collection Development Grant to establish a significant area collection in theater and drama has been awarded by the Washington State Library Commission to these four cooperating libraries. It will provide \$12,691 for purchase and cataloging of new materials, a library FAX machine, and reconversion of drama materials still in manual form.

ADVENTIST LIBRARIANS OUTSIDE THE DENOMINATION

Randall Butler, former ASDAL scholarship winner, has assumed the position of Coordinator, Special Collections & Archives, at Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff). Randy completed an MLIS at Brigham Young University while on leave from the Loma Linda University Library, Department of Archives and Special Collections. While on leave Randy also taught in the BYU History Department as a visiting professor.