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PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE CONFERENCE

Nearly 40 librarians, most of whom were from eight North American Adventist colleges, met at Pacific Union College June 25 and 26, 1981, before going on to attend the American Library Association conference in San Francisco. During the two-day meeting the librarians discussed a number of topics, including the future of the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index, automation in SDA college and university libraries, organization of E. G. White works and the establishment of a Seventh-day Adventist professional librarians' association. The librarians divided into smaller special interest groups to discuss issues in administration, technical services, periodicals and public services. In general session, the librarians voted the following, among other actions:

To organize a Seventh-day Adventist professional association.

To establish an advisory board to assist in the continuing publication of the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index.

To recommend that a placement service for professional librarians be set up at the Pacific Union College library.

Special appreciation and best wishes to retiring librarians Mary Jane Mitchell, Barbara Phipps and Floda Smith, all of whom attended the conference.

SDA PROFESSIONAL LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION

Librarians attending the Pacific Union College meeting voted unanimously to organize a professional association to be called the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians (ASDAL). The group voted that any Seventh-day Adventist who has a Master's degree in library and information science or who has a graduate degree in education with emphasis in media services is eligible to join, regardless of where he is employed. Graduate students in these fields may join as associate members, as may persons who are employed in Adventist institutions as librarians but who have not completed the graduate degree. Retired librarians are also invited to become members. Dues for the first year of the new association (1981-1982) were set at \$10.00 for regular membership and \$5.00 for associate membership. The following officers were elected for 1981-1982:

President: Lawrence Onsager (Union College)

Vice-president/President-elect: Peg Bennett (Southern Missionary College)

Secretary-Treasurer: Kit Watts (Andrews University)

Newsletter Editor: Margaret von Hake (Columbia Union College)

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS MEETING

ASDAL officers Larry Onsager, Peg Bennett and Kit Watts met on October 2 and 4, 1981, during the Association of College and Research Libraries conference in Minneapolis. They continued to lay the groundwork for organizing the association: drafting the constitution and by-laws, selecting a logo design, and making tentative plans for the 1982 ASDAL conference.

SDA PERIODICAL INDEX

The General Conference has voted to support the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index and has set up an assessment schedule that will provide financial support for the publication: 10% from subscriptions, 17% from the General Conference, 23% from the two publishing houses, and 50% from the eleven North American colleges and universities. The action limits the periodicals to be indexed to major titles published and controlled by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Loma Linda University will continue to publish the index.

PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT SERVICE

Another of the actions taken at the 1981 conference was to pass a resolution recommending that Pacific Union College set up a placement service for librarians seeking employment, the service to be limited to librarians holding a Master's degree or expecting to complete one before employment. The PUC administration has officially approved the establishment of this service, the library staff has developed forms for it, and there are already a few names in the file. The service will have uniform levels of information about persons seeking placement, as well as information about special interests; applicants will be asked to specify whether they wish their packets to be released to any prospective employer or only upon their request. Publicity about the service has been sent out for release in union papers in the North American Division and in the Adventist Review; if anyone sees anything about the placement service, please let Taylor Ruhl at PUC know when and where the information appeared.

ASDAL MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS

More than 50 persons joined ASDAL before December 31, 1981, just three weeks after 200 letters announcing the formation of the new organization were mailed out. Since professional membership fees are tax deductible, Uncle Sam gets some of the credit for the quick response.

Many aspects of librarianship are represented among these first 50 members. Core support came from those who voted ASDAL into existence last June. These members are predominantly employed in the church's North American colleges. But two colleges who had no representatives at the PUC gathering joined en mass in good faith--Atlantic Union College and Puerto Rico's Antillian College.

Academy, elementary school and hospital librarians have also joined ASDAL enthusiastically. Two of these presently have the distinction of being members from the greatest distance--Hawaiian Mission Academy and Far Eastern Academy in Singapore.

The majority have joined as regular members and hold graduate degrees in library science or education and media services. Three graduate students have joined as associate members; two expect to get MLS degrees within the next few months and the third is a doctoral student.

The greatest concentration of members so far is in Berrien Springs with eight; Angwin, California, has seven and Riverside, California, has five.

Contributed by Kit Watts

(Editor's note: Membership has now grown to over 80, including two from Hong Kong.)

1982 ASDAL CONFERENCE

The 1982 ASDAL meeting will be held at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, July 7-10. Tentative plans call for the first event on the program to be a tour of the White House at 8:00 on Wednesday morning, July 7. (Although arrangements have already been made for this early morning tour, the White House will not give final confirmation until approximately three weeks prior to the tour date. If final confirmation is not given it will still be possible to go through the White House on the regular tours, which start at 10:00 a.m.) A comprehensive tour of the Library of Congress has been planned for Wednesday afternoon. The first general session will convene Wednesday night with F. Donald Yost, General Conference Archivist, as the main speaker. Other meetings will deal with such topics as the constitution and by-laws of the organization, developments in the progress of the SDA Periodical Index, the possibility of creating a union list of SDA periodicals, and special interests and problems of SDA academic and school librarianship. The speaker at a banquet scheduled for Thursday night will be Dr. William Loveless, president of Columbia Union College; Victor Griffiths from the General Conference Department of Education and Robert Olson from the White Estate will speak at other sessions.

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* TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912 NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 1982. *

MINUTES
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST LIBRARIANS' MEETING
PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE, JUNE 25-26, 1981

Thursday, June 25

Welcome

Charles Davis, meeting chairman and director of library services at Southern Missionary College.

Dick Sletwick, host librarian, Pacific Union College

Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index

Aletha Fletcher, editor of the Index, presented a paper outlining the history of the project and present lack of funding which threatens its continued publication. James R. Nix, director of special collections and archives at Loma Linda University Libraries, led a brainstorming session for ideas on getting more publicity and fundraising for the Index.

1. Publicity

- a. Ads in the Review, Ministry (which are expensive).
- b. Brochure (one is in hand available for distribution).
- c. Alumni papers. Should we make a plea for funds?
- d. Individual librarians addressing visiting groups and seminars on campus to acquaint them with the Index.
- e. Union papers. Agreed that librarians from the unions represented at the meeting would submit a news story on the Index through their college/university PR office.
- f. Contact college religion departments and Seminary faculty and encourage them to refer to the Index among their students.
- g. Promote it among Sabbath school leaders and teachers or at workshops where they gather.
- h. Make a presentation to our faculties in general faculty sessions at the various colleges.

2. Funding

- a. Seek endowments for the Index.
- b. Seek grants.
- c. Establish a board to oversee funding.
It is estimated that \$65,000 a year is now needed, \$47,000 to cover costs for the librarian, student labor, space, equipment and clerk and the balance for publishing and distribution.

Automation in SDA college and university libraries

The Loma Linda librarians presented a number of successful programs which they have instituted via an in-house computer, e.g., circulation, periodicals, etc. Finally, they presented 5-year projections for automation, e.g., on-line catalog, use of computer for statistics, electronic mail and messaging, vertical file subject headings. Their 10-year projections involve a total integrated on-line system. In addition, there was a suggestion that there might be developed an on-line union list of Seventh-day Adventist periodicals. Southern Missionary College presented its use of the OCLC system in establishing a processing center for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference elementary school libraries and its experience in producing a COM catalog.

Organizing E. G. White materials

Panel members representing each attending college discussed methodology used in classifying E. G. White works. Keith Clouten from Canadian Union College presented a detailed classification schedule compatible with Library of Congress, which separates primary EGW works from posthumous compilations.

Interest group mini-sessions

Administration.

Major discussions focused on budgets, the position of the academic librarian in regard to rank, promotion and salary, and on preparing a recommendation that Pacific Union College establish a placement service for Adventist librarians.

Technical services.

Retrospective conversion, personnel, library public relations, and the most efficient utilization of OCLC were discussed. Participants were Dorothy Ferren (PUC), Carroll Westermeyer (LLU), Melvin Gilliland (WWC), Peg Bennett (SMC), and Floda Smith (UC).

Periodicals

Budget constraints, selection and deselection, reference services, student staff, physical arrangements, and computerization of records were the main topics addressed. The group included Marion Sletwick (PUC), Karla Britain (WWC), Lorraine Grace (SMC), and Kit Watts (AU).

Public Services

Organization of professional association

IN A UNANIMOUS VOTE the librarians agreed to organize a Seventh-day Adventist professional association. A lively discussion followed on defining who is a professional. VOTED that anyone who has a graduate degree in library and information science or in education with emphasis in media services is eligible to become a member. Seventh-day Adventists are eligible to join regardless of where they are employed. Retired librarians and graduate students are invited to become members.

Election of officers

Nominations for officers were made from the floor, three candidates being named for each position. Term of office to be one year. The following were elected by simple majority vote:

President: Lawrence Onsager (Union College)
Vice-president and president-elect: Peg Bennett (Southern Missionary College)
Secretary-treasurer: Kit Watts (Andrews University)
Newsletter editor: Margaret von Hake (Columbia Union College)

Banquet

Pacific Union College provided a banquet for the librarians. Tom Smith, associate academic dean, welcomed the group to campus. Three retiring librarians were honored during the banquet:

Barbara Phipps, after 40 years of denominational service, 20 of which were at PUC. She was formerly head librarian at Emmanuel Missionary College before the university was established there.

Floda Smith, retiring director of the Union College library after 40 years in that position.

Mary Jane Mitchell, retiring director of James White Library and former Seminary librarian, after 35 years of service.

Friday, June 26

E. G. White Estate project

In a conference call from Tennessee, Ron Graybill spoke to the group about a proposal to place 500 books known to have been in Ellen White's personal library into a microfiche collection. If at least six libraries could share in the initial expense of production, the price would be \$1,500 per set, payable in \$500 installments over a three-year period. Most of the libraries represented agreed informally that they would want the set and suggested that ten copies be made and the price reduced accordingly.

General session

Returning to their first agenda item from the conference, the librarians discussed the future of the SDA Periodical Index.

VOTED that an advisory board be established to assist in the continuing publication of the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index.

Members:

- 2 university presidents
- 2 university librarians
- 1 college librarian
- 1 editor from a publishing house
- 1 representative of the E. G. White Estate

Ex-officio members:

- LLU library director
- Editor of the Index
- 1 Publishing Department representative
- 1 Education Department representative
- 1 Board of Higher Education representative

The three librarians are elected by the association for two-year terms.
A chairman and executive secretary shall be elected by the association.

VOTED that Jim Nix be the executive secretary for the advisory board.

VOTED that the chairman of the advisory board be appointed by the new association officers in consultation with Jim Nix and Aletha Fletcher.

VOTED that if restructuring of the advisory board is necessary, the association officers be empowered to do so.

VOTED that the following persons represent the association on the advisory board:

- Andrews University - Mary Jane Mitchell
- Loma Linda University - James R. Nix
- College representative - Taylor Ruhl, Pacific Union College

The librarians then gave additional attention to the new association.

VOTED that the name of the new professional organization be the "Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians" ASDAL.

VOTED that terms of office in the association are for one year. The vice-president is president-elect for the following year.

VOTED that dues for the first year of the new association (1981-1982) be \$10.00.

VOTED that the next meeting of ASDAL be in conjunction with the American Library Association convention in Philadelphia in July, 1982. Margaret von Hake, director of the Weis Library at Columbia Union College, invited ASDAL to meet at CUC, Takoma Park, Maryland. Dates to be announced.

VOTED that within six months the officers produce a directory of Adventist librarians.

Resolutions

Charles Davis, meeting chairman, appointed a resolutions committee consisting of Taylor Ruhl, Chloe Foutz, Kit Watts and Jim Nix. Four resolutions were presented and approved.

1. VOTED that a placement service for professional librarians be established at the Pacific Union College library, that appropriate form(s) be designed and approved by the officers of the association and made available on request and that all records be confidential.
2. VOTED that the officers of the association be requested to formulate recommendations regarding rank, salary scale and tenure for college and university librarians and that these be brought to the next meeting of the association for approval before being presented to the Board of Higher Education.

3. VOTED that special appreciation be expressed to:
 - a. The administration of PUC for their hospitality, the delicious banquet and the use of their facilities.
 - b. The library faculty of PUC for their hospitality and their efforts toward making our meeting such a pleasure and success.
 - c. Our president, Charles Davis, for assembling an interesting and relevant meeting.
 - d. Maxine Taylor and her staff in the college food service for the delicious banquet.
4. VOTED that special appreciation and best wishes be expressed to our retired and retiring colleagues for their many years of service and for their special contributions to Adventist librarianship. (Lengthy applause)

Friday evening worship

Jim Nix guided the group to St. Helena cemetery to the graves of Marian Davis and J. N. Loughborough. Mrs. Grace Jacques, granddaughter of Ellen White and sister of Arthur L. White, welcomed us to Elmshaven. The home has recently been renovated to be much like it was during the years Mrs. White lived there. Mrs. Jacques delighted the group with stories from her memory of Elmshaven when she was a small girl, and everyone enjoyed singing early Adventist hymns around the vintage pump organ in the parlor at Elmshaven.



SDA LIBRARIANS POSE FOR POSTERITY AT PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE, JUNE, 1981

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 18-24, 1982

NEWS NOTES

Marley H. Soper has been named director of ANDREWS UNIVERSITY's James White Library, following Mary Jane Mitchell, who retired in the summer of 1981.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE library director Oscar Schmidt "retired" in October, 1980, but continues to stay on as director at the request of the AUC administration, which agreed to his having summers off as part of the arrangement. The AUC library is in the process of setting up a listening center for tapes and records on the main floor of the library building. Associate librarian Lethiel Parson has completed all course work for a doctorate in library science at Texas Women's University.

Keith Drieberg, librarian at AUBURN ADVENTIST ACADEMY, has sent out a questionnaire seeking to determine what the current status of libraries and librarianship is in SDA academies. He has installed a computer in his library and is very much interested in what other academy libraries may be doing in regard to computers.

COLLEGEDALE ACADEMY librarian Pat Morrison will lead out in the school libraries section during the 1982 ASDAL conference.

The librarian at HAWAIIAN MISSION ACADEMY, Joyce Garrigus, excited about ASDAL, writes "It would be wonderful to get together, how about Hawaii?"

Alice Gregg will retire on March 1, 1982, after long years of service as cataloger, associate director, and acting director of the LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY library.

Jannith T. Lewis, director of the OAKWOOD COLLEGE library, has completed her dissertation and all requirements for the doctoral degree in library science from Indiana University.

Remodeling of the PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE library has been completed, to the relief of the librarians and the approval of the students, who like the improved conditions. Dick Sletwick has moved into the chairmanship of Technical Services, and Joel Lutes has replaced Warren Schlatter, who resigned as media/reference librarian.

SLIGO SCHOOL in Takoma Park, Maryland, is the only SDA elementary school we know of whose librarian, Ardyce Griswold, has a Master's degree in library science. If anyone knows of others, please let us know.

Following in the footsteps of the Romans, the SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST COLLEGE library has divided and conquered: the original high-ceilinged curriculum library has been divided horizontally into two rooms, the upper floor for the curriculum library and the lower floor for a listening room which will also contain two computer terminals for student use.

Efforts to set up a COM catalog for SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE's Orlando and Collegedale campuses are moving right along. In fact, it is ready to go for the Orlando campus. The project to provide centralized cataloging for elementary schools in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference is also progressing in spite of the need for more help and less OCLC down time.

Lawrence Onsager was appointed the new director of the library at UNION COLLEGE when Floda Smith retired last summer.

Karla Britain, WALLA WALLA COLLEGE serials librarian, has accepted a position as medical librarian at PORTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL in Denver, Colorado.

New WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL medical librarian Loraine Sweetland took up her duties in July, 1981, just in time to move the library into new quarters.

CLASSIFIED

OPENING FOR CATALOGER: MLS, experience in cataloging utilizing AACR2 and OCLC, familiar with LC classification, knowledge of NLM classification preferred. Position open July 1, 1982. Apply to H. Maynard Lowry, Director of Libraries, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 92350.

GIVE-AWAYS: Pacific Union College is offering the following to the first taker: Advances in Librarianship and Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science. Offer expires March 26, 1982. Contact Taylor D. Ruhl, Director of Library Services, Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA 94508.

FROM THE EDITOR

Nearly twenty years ago, this writer, at that time a fledgling circulation librarian, stood in Librarian Theo Weis's office at Columbia Union College listening to him and George Summers (then librarian at Blue Mountain Academy) discuss the possibility of a Seventh-day Adventist librarians' association. George was both enthusiastic and urgent as he spoke of the need for a formal organization that would serve the interests and needs of the growing number of SDA librarians.

Over the years many others have felt and expressed the same need; the topic has been discussed whenever librarians met, but somehow (for various reasons) nothing concrete ever came out of these discussions. So, on a warm June day in California when a resoundingly unanimous vote thrust the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians into being, there was a heady moment of communal satisfaction, an exultant feeling of "We did it!"

Now that we've done it, what are we going to do with it? Valid questions have been raised, especially in regard to how well the association will serve the non-college segments of SDA librarianship. Sandra Loveland, media specialist at Portland Adventist Academy, asked some very specific questions about the direction the organization will take in a thoughtful letter to Kit Watts. Kit answered, in part, "ASDAL will become what its members want it to become. We are brand new, with no inner circle for you to break into, no established bad habits or fossilized policies. Letters of recruitment have been scattered like the proverbial leaves of autumn to academies, colleges, medical libraries and miscellaneous names suggested by librarians who know other librarians."

Kit's point is well taken: if the organization is to serve all segments of SDA librarianship, then its membership must reflect all those segments. If only college and university librarians join, then the vision of the organization will focus on their interests. If the association is truly to serve SDA librarians as a whole, then school librarians, medical librarians, special librarians, as well as college and university librarians must join. Kit concluded her reply to Sandra: "Your letter is the work of a person who thinks and has ideas and energy. ASDAL needs people like you. Join us!"

Good advice!



If you would like to join ASDAL, fill in the membership form below and detach and mail it, along with your check or money order made payable to ASDAL, to Kit Watts, James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104. Regular membership (persons holding a Master's degree in library and information science or a graduate degree in education with emphasis on media services) - \$10.00. Associate membership (graduate students, persons who have not completed a graduate degree working in SDA institutions as librarians) - \$5.00.

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1982 DATES TO REMEMBER

ASDAL: July 7-10, Takoma Park

ALA: July 10-15, Philadelphia

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