

# UNCLASSIFIED

## Newsletter of James White Library

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### INTRODUCING ...

More correctly, we're *re-introducing* a monthly newsletter for James White Library. UNCLASSIFIED will make its appearance again. Perhaps we should call it *RECLASSIFIED*.

Its purpose is communication: to share library news with the Andrews campus, and also to ensure that JWL staff know what is happening outside of their own departments.

UNCLASSIFIED will be a monthly publication produced by the Library Director's office. But we need your ideas and your contributions. What kinds of information would you like to see included?

We're beginning with a printed format. But an electronic newsletter is also a possibility. Do you have a preference?

Your reactions and suggestions will guide us in meeting the needs of everyone.

### **JWL TO HOST TWO EXHIBITS DURING WINTER QUARTER**

Jordan and Germany will be featured in separate exhibits to be staged in JWL during the Winter Quarter.

The Madaba Plains Project exhibit features the field work of Andrews University archaeologists and their colleagues in Jordan. The exhibit includes selected objects and photographs from the site of Tell el-Umeiri and the vicinity. A special point is made of the significance of this site for understanding the Bible and ancient Near Eastern history in Transjordan and beyond. The exhibit will be set up in the Reference area of the library, and will be in place during most of the Winter Quarter.

The German exhibit features the Reformation period as it originated and developed in the old city of Wittenberg. Entitled "Wittenberg: Town of the Reformation", the exhibit highlights not only the city, but three of its citizens whose

lives were bound up with the Reformation--Martin Luther, Philip Melancthon, and the renaissance painter, Lukas Cranach. Several reproductions of Cranach's paintings, as well as numerous other works of arts, are featured in the exhibit, which will be staged in the former Language Lab room of the JWL Media Center from January 30 through March 6. Sponsor of the exhibit include the town of Wittenberg, the government of Germany, the Goethe Institute, and the AU Modern Languages Department.

### **LIBRARY RESPONDS TO THE SEVEN VISIONS OF AU**

Recently JWL issued a response to seven vision statements for Andrews University contained in *A Vision for Andrews University--Towards the 21st Century*. This document was prepared in 1991 as a strategic plan for the university. Previously each teaching department was asked to submit a response to the vision statements.

JWL's response comes from its own Strategic Planning Committee which was re-activated in November and began by focusing attention on the institution's development plan. The JWL committee has identified twenty-four specific ways or directions whereby the library may apply or adapt the university's seven vision statements. Although preliminary, the JWL response highlights some directions that the committee may pursue in the months ahead.

Among the two dozen specific ideas included in the vision response document are these six:

- \* Create an aesthetic decor with a Christian motif or theme.
- \* Place a special emphasis on acquiring library materials with a Christian perspective or worldview in all applicable disciplines.

- \* Provide a campus forum for professional discussion of library issues by organizing professional meetings and seminars featuring both local and guest presenters.
- \* Foster a global approach both through electronic database sharing, and in acquisition of library materials.
- \* Use the techniques of CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) to improve the quality of library services and to foster teamwork in library management.
- \* Affirm the role of the library as a partner in university program development.

Anyone interested in seeing the complete document may obtain a copy from April Grabast in the Library Director's office.

## **SDA ASSOCIATIONS DIRECTORY GOES ELECTRONIC**

During the Christmas holidays a new Adventist database was added to the Internet. The Andrews University (School of Business) gopher now provides access to a directory of Seventh-day Adventist associations. The directory was prepared by the head of JWL Reference Services, Harvey Brenneise, for a special "Adventist Almanac" edition of the *Adventist Review* published late in 1993.

The electronic version of the directory is more complete than its print counterpart. Harvey explains that lack of space in the *Review* restricted the amount of information included on each association. Also the electronic version includes several defunct associations and some which could not be contacted before the printing deadline. Harvey hopes the directory can be updated at intervals, and become more complete.

Installation of the directory on the School of Business gopher was achieved December 23 with the help of Dan Bidwell, and it can be accessed from anywhere with Telnet to [Edmund.cs.andrews.edu](http://Edmund.cs.andrews.edu). Login as "library", choose "10--Adventist Resources" from the main menu, then select "7--SDA Professional and Special Interest Associations."

## **TWO STAFF MEMBERS COMPLETE LIBRARY STUDIES**

Sallie Alger, head of the Periodicals Department, has just completed the requirements for the M.L.S. degree at Indiana University in South Bend. She began the program four years ago, taking just one class per semester for the first couple of years.

Kathy Demsky, director of the Architecture Resource Center, will be completing her degree this next summer. She began her coursework in July, 1992, also at the I.U. campus in South Bend, and has taken a full load each semester. Almost all of her personal projects focused on the architecture library.

For both, a highlight of their program of studies was the six weeks spent on the I.U. campus at Bloomington last May and June. They roomed together in campus housing. "Our time in Bloomington helped me see the whole picture of how things fit together. I received more of a 'university' experience out of it all," said Sallie Alger.

"I had the opportunity to work in the Lilly Library with ancient manuscripts. That was a real privilege," said Kathy Demsky.

## **NEW MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM CREATED**

At its inaugural meeting on December 13, the Building Use Committee recommended that the Language Lab within TMC be demolished. Two of the existing "six-pack" carrel units will be renovated and re-located to the south wall of Top Floor on either side of the large window. The electrical outlets will be retained so that users can plug in lap-tops or similar devices.

Once cleared of the carrels, the room itself will be renovated to become a 32 x 24 ft. multi-purpose space which could serve a variety of functions: group study, seminar room, classroom, meeting room, and exhibit area.

## **STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Each month April Grabast compiles JWL statistics with considerable help from each library department.

The October report contains some interesting trends:

- \* General Book Circulation (at main circulation desk) totalled 20,986 for the first

four months of the reporting year. That is almost 5,000 more than for the same period last year.

- \* Interestingly, circulation figures for the same four months of this year are significantly down in all other library departments except MMC, which had a small increase.
- \* In contrast, in-room use of library materials is up 15% on the first four months of last year. Our shelvers have been kept busy.
- \* Inter-library loan reports more activity this year--1567 transactions compared with 1328 for the same period last year.
- \* Total JWL bibliographic holdings reached 1,223,845 by October 31st.

## **COURTESY PHONE CHANGES**

In order to contain runaway telephone costs, the library's courtesy phone on the ground floor is now restricted to campus calling. Previously, the phone could be used for local calls (free) or long distance calls with calling card. The library, however, was paying an average of \$100 per month for the volume of local calls and sometimes for long distance calls which somehow fooled the system.

In order to meet the needs of patrons who need access to a phone, Michigan Bell is being asked to install a pay phone in the library lobby. We hope that installation will take place shortly.

The campus Telecommunications Director, Todd Gardner, reported some significant abuse of courtesy phones in campus buildings, and it is likely that most courtesy phones will be restricted to campus dialing.

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