

## OPEN HOUSE FOR INSTRUCTION CLASSROOM

Mark Wednesday, May 5, on your calendar.

Between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm that day, it will be "Open House" at the new library instructional classroom on the main floor of James White Library. Stop by for a few minutes to enjoy refreshments and see the facility which is now being used for library instruction sessions for students and faculty.

For a long time the library has needed a facility where a group of individuals could be shown how to use the library's web site and electronic databases. Attempting to do this while gathered around computers in the library's reference area has been a challenge both for instructors and students -- especially for those whose searches were interrupted when a group arrived to use their terminals! "Teaching in the lab is a pleasure," says Sabrina Pusey, Instruction Librarian. "In contrast to our classes taught in the public reference area, the distraction-free environment of the lab helps students focus on class activities." Other library instructors are equally enthusiastic.

The new instruction lab seats 16 comfortably at 8 computer stations, plus an instructor station. A ceiling-mounted video projector allows the instructor to project information or web sites onto a large screen at the front of the room. There is also a large white-board for teaching purposes. Comments Terry Robertson, who provides seminary library instruction: "The lab allows for full group demonstration of searching techniques on a

variety of databases, and then allows participants to practice them - all in one room."

While the lab is geared primarily for library instruction, the room may be reserved by anyone who wishes to use it for library-related electronic instruction. Contact Sabrina Pusey at 6215 - and come to our Open House on May 5!

## PERIODICAL INDEX ABANDONS PRINT

After thirty years of print editions, the *Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index* is moving to electronic-only publication. The print era came to an end with last August's publication of volume 26 which contains the Index entries for 1997 magazines. Index subscribers can look forward to receiving their first cumulated CD-ROM edition of *SDAPI* by the Fall of 1999.

The Index first went electronic in 1994 when the database became accessible to the public via the James White Library's online catalog, JeWeL. Along with the catalog it migrated to the Web in 1995, and has been a "free" web database ever since. Meanwhile, the online Index has continued to expand at both ends and now provides access to articles in more than forty Adventist periodicals from 1980 to the most current issues.

The decision to go fully electronic was made after the Index publication board conducted a survey of its users worldwide. The survey showed that about ninety percent of current subscribers can utilize a CD version, and most indicated a preference for this rather

than print. A clear advantage of the electronic format is the opportunity each year to produce a fully cumulative Index covering all available years. Another "plus" is the opportunity to include on the CD the full SDA obituary index which is proving increasingly popular and useful not only to church members and historians, but to genealogy seekers.

While the full content of both the periodical and obituary indexes will continue to be available without charge on the web, the CD version will meet the needs of many users as well as institutions or offices which lack web access.

The *Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index* is produced at James White Library for the Association of SDA Librarians. Full-time editor is Dan Drazen. James Ford, curator of the Adventist Heritage Center in James White Library, manages the Index and oversees the production of the SDA Obituary Index. Both are important tools for Adventist history research.

## **MULTIMEDIA LAB EXTENDS ITS SERVICES**

Contributed by Lorena Bidwell, ITS

Departments needing assistance in developing or updating their departmental web pages have a new option available to them. The Mary Jane Mitchell Multimedia Lab will now develop and maintain a department's web pages for a modest hourly fee. This service is being offered in conjunction with a new university-wide effort to improve the Andrews web presence.

The Andrews University web site with the opening picture of PMC has undergone only minor variations over the last few years, but change is on the way. The "University Pages"

of the Andrews site are undergoing a major

renovation that will be unveiled soon.

The main "University Pages" are being developed by the Andrews University Web Coordinators, Jerry Burr and Sharon Prest in the University Relations office. These "University Pages" include the "home page" and first level pages for students, faculty, alumni, and news and events about Andrews. This will provide a unified "personality and style" to the Andrews University web pages.

However, the "University Pages" are only part of the changes needed in the Andrews web site. Departmental web sites will also need to be updated to contribute to an accurate, professional, attractive appearance on the web. Maintenance of these pages continues to be the responsibility of the individual departments.

Departments have several options for developing and maintaining their web pages. They may request the Multimedia Lab assistants to develop their departmental web pages. A department may ask their own staff or student employees to develop the required web pages. Or they may choose to pay an outside web contractor for their web development.

Departments wishing to use the web page development services of the Multimedia Lab should bring any materials already available on disk to the Multimedia Lab located in the James White Library, (telephone extension 3960.)

The Multimedia Lab is also available to assist faculty and staff in learning to use software (such as Microsoft Front Page) for developing web pages. This assistance is available at no charge in the lab during its scheduled hours. Workshops are also offered in web page development. Check the Multimedia Lab web site for more information on scheduled hours and workshops. ([www.andrews.edu/medialab](http://www.andrews.edu/medialab)). The Multimedia Lab is provided jointly by the

James White Library and the Information Technology Services department.

## **ANDREWS TO HOST ASDAL 2000**

Following the July 2000 General Conference Session at Toronto, Canada, Adventist librarians from all over the world will converge on the Andrews University campus for the annual conference of the Association of SDA Librarians (ASDAL). International issues are expected to dominate the five-day conference, July 11-16.

In advance of the conference, James White Library is organizing and hosting an international workshop for Adventist librarians. Titled "Library Foundations for a New Millennium", the two-day event will be the first event of its kind for Adventist librarians internationally. With an emphasis on the new computer and electronic technologies now available to librarians, the workshop will provide instruction, demonstration and hands-on experience for attendees from around the world. A brochure advertizing the workshop is available from the director's office at James White Library.

## **LIBRARY PEOPLE**

Linda Mack (Music Librarian) recently attended the Music Library Association's annual conference in Los Angeles. She presented a poster session and participated in a panel sponsored by the Small Academic Libraries Roundtable. Her poster, "Making Meetings Efficient, Productive, and Fun", drew on analogies to a well-run orchestra rehearsal. Find information concerning her poster session at:

<http://www.andrews.edu/~mack/poster.html>

Kathleen Demsky (Architecture Librarian) has been named consulting editor for *Art Reference Services Quarterly*, published by Haworth Press. Recently, as president of

the Association of Architecture School Librarians, she presided at its 1999 conference in Minneapolis. At the same conference, she participated in a panel entitled "Re-inventing Ourselves: New Roles for Architecture Librarians."

Keith Clouten (Library Director) participated in an audit visit to Spicer College, India, last November, and conducted a library consultant visit to Helderberg College, South Africa, in February. He is studying ways in which James White Library can extend library services to Andrews University students at several affiliated sites.

Kristi Lloyd has taken charge of the SAIL program (Services to Adventist International Libraries) as part of her library responsibilities. She replaces Carol Tasker who is now under full sponsorship from the South Pacific Division for work on a doctoral degree. The SAIL office is currently assisting 32 member libraries around the world.

Lauren Matacio has been named Head of the library's Department of Technical Services. The position has been open since Sallie Alger migrated to the campus Development Office last June. Laurie will be responsible for directing the library's acquisition and cataloging services.

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