Attention, Adventist Educators!

If you hold a master's degree or its equivalent in any field, you are invited to join the Adventist Professionals' Network (APN). This global registry assists participating Adventist institutions in locating consultants, short-term volunteers, and candidates for positions while fostering international networking. There are no charges or dues.

Obtain a registration form by contacting APN at the following address:
General Conference Education Department, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20903, U.S.A. You can also request the form by fax: (301) 822-9627 or E-mail: 105541.3200@compuserve.com. Or you may submit directly the information requested via the World Wide Web: http://apn.adventist.org/

Student Healthy Lifestyle Contest

The Student Healthy Lifestyle 2000-2001 Contest seeks to involve students from the North American Division, grades 1-12, in committing to the temperance pledge and to a healthy lifestyle.

Categories include posters, essays, videotapes, and computer-generated presentations. Student prizes range from $100 to $500, depending upon the grade level, with a matching amount for the school in which each winner is enrolled.

The deadline for entries to be submitted to the local conference office of education is April 16, 2001.

For more information, contact Frank W. Baker, Coordinator, 3004 NE 160th Dr.; Portland, OR 97230; phone/fax: (503) 252-0133. For entry forms, visit the North American Division Health Ministries World Wide Web site: http://www.northamerica.adventist.org/hm/

 Teens’ Beliefs Surveyed

According to a recent Barna survey report, six out of 10 teens argue that a person can earn salvation through good deeds. A majority believe that Jesus sinned while he was on earth, and two-thirds believe that Satan is not a living being, but merely a symbol of evil. The study suggests that parallels between adults’ and teens’ religious beliefs are fading. For more information, see http://www.barna.org/

Record Enrollment for Adventist Colleges Abroad

Adventist Colleges Abroad, a program for North American students who want to learn a foreign language, has a record-breaking enrollment for 2000-2001 of 166 students—40 more than the previous record.

Sixty-five ACA students are enrolled at Sagunto Adventist College in Sagunto, Spain; 42 at Saleve Adventist University in Collonges, France; 40 at River Plate Adventist University in Entre Rios, Argentina; 12 at Italian Junior College in Florence, Italy; and seven at Bogenhofen Seminary in Bogenhofen, Austria. Another 320 students enrolled in the 2000 summer intensive program, which included schools in Brazil, Greece, and Israel.

ACA began in 1962 when La Sierra College (now La Sierra University) in Riverside, California, sent 90 students to Collonges for a full year to study French. The program was such a success and demanding responsibility that an office was set up at the...
North American Division to handle future planning and implementation of the program. The current director of the program is Odette Ferreira, who is also an associate director of education for the North American Division. For more information, contact ACA’s World Web site: http://www.nadadventist.org/aca or call (301) 680-6444.

Journal Editor Receives Achievement Award

Beverly J. Robinson-Rumble, editor of the Journal of Adventist Education, was honored with an Award of Excellence during the North American Division K-12 Teachers' Convention held this past August in Dallas, Texas.

During the convention banquet, Garland Dulan, associate director of education for the General Conference, presented the award to Robinson-Rumble, who has worked on the Journal since 1971 and became the magazine's editor nine years ago.

Along with receiving six Distinguished Achievement Awards from EdPress during her tenure, Robinson-Rumble was recognized for maintaining a consistent high level of quality in developing themes, finding authors, working on deadlines, editing manuscripts, and promoting the Journal. Special theme issues are bought in large numbers to be shared with boards and other educators. The Journal stands tall among all Christian education journals in the world."

A graduate of Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts (B.A. English), and the University of Maryland (M.A. Journalism), Robinson-Rumble taught English for a year in North Dakota before moving into editorial work. In addition to her responsibilities with the Journal, she has served on a number of major church committees, including the Christian View of Human Life Committee and the World Commission on Human Sexuality, and assisted with the editing of many textbooks and curriculum materials for the North American Division.

Six other educational leaders at the convention received the Award of Excellence, which was granted to individuals with more than 15 years of service to Adventist education who had made a positive impact within a division through a combination of personal excellence and a dynamic Christian faith.

"The Call, the Challenge, the Commitment" was the theme of the four-day convention, which drew about 6,200 attendees, making it the largest gathering of Adventist educators ever.

At the awards banquet during the Dallas teachers' convention, Beverly Robinson-Rumble, third from left, poses with some of the people who helped to make the Journal of Adventist Education a success: From left: Mrs. David Vanderwilt; David Vanderwilt, customer representative at Southwestern ColorGraphics (SWCG) in Keene, Texas; Beverly Rumble; Mrs. David Tharp; Joseph Trombetta, JAE subscription manager; David Tharp, president, SWCG; Mrs. Joseph Trombetta.