Where Have They Gone?
Another Changing of the Guard

The General Conference Education Department has been blessed over many decades with the service of committed professional staff members. In recent years, people such as Drs. Reo Ganson, Donald Sahly, Humberto Rasi, Enrique Becerra, John Fowler, Luis Schulz, Andrea Luxton, and Mrs. Beverly Rumble have helped us continue the departmental trend of committed service to the church’s education program. Currently serving in the department are Luis Schulz (who one year ago left the presidency of River Plate Adventist University [Universidad de la Plata] in Argentina to join the department), John Fowler, myself, and Beverly Rumble (editor of the JOURNAL OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION).

Over time, some of the above-named individuals have moved into other areas of endeavor. Upon leaving the department, Reo Ganson became president of Canadian University College in Canada. Donald Sahly left to become president of Southwestern Adventist University in Texas, but has more recently become the president of Griggs University and International Academy, located at the General Conference headquarters. Humberto Rasi retired to California, but continues to work with the department’s Dialogue magazine and also serves as a special projects assistant to the department director. Enrique Becerra, though retired, still prepares the international editions of the JOURNAL OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION.

In June 2006, Dr. Andrea Luxton, associate director and executive secretary of the Adventist Accrediting Association, left a large hole in the department by accepting the position of president of Canadian University College in Alberta, Canada. Anticipating Dr. Luxton’s departure, an intensive search was initiated, and under what we believe to be the Lord’s direction, we are pleased to introduce the newest member of the General Conference education team—Dr. Lisa M. Beardsley.

Lisa Beardsley was born in England and completed two years of theology at Newbold College, England, before graduating with a Bachelor of Theology from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Far East (now Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies) in the Philippines. Her studies continued with an M.P.H. from Loma Linda University, a Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and an M.B.A. from the Peter F. Drucker School of Management, Claremont Graduate University, California.

Dr. Beardsley has served as an educator since 1980, teaching at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. She has served on the faculty of the University of Hawaii at Manoa; the University of Illinois; Andrews University (AU) in Berrien Springs, Michigan; and Loma Linda University (LLU) in Loma Linda, California. Her administrative posts include department chair of health education at Finland Junior College, Piikkiö, Finland; assistant dean for medical education and evaluation, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria; dean of graduate studies and research and associate vice president for academic affairs at AU; and vice chancellor for academic affairs at LLU.

Dr. Beardsley has served as commissioner for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities and is a Trustee for the C. S. Lewis Foundation. Her research, publications, and presentations are in clinical performance assessment, culture, and health, as well as faith and learning.

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7. Prisco, p. 33.
8. In most cases, acetaminophen (i.e., Tylenol) is recommended rather than aspirin.
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “Fact Sheet 1 Influenza Symptoms, Protection, and What to Do If You Get Sick” (January 2006), pp. 1, 2; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, CDC, “Guidelines and Recommendations: Preventing the Spread of Influenza (the Flu) in Child Care Settings: Guidance for Administrators, Care Providers, and Other Staff” (February 2004), pp. 1-3.


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11. Ibid., p. 3.
12. Ibid., pp. 3, 1.
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25. Allegheny County Health Department, p. 1; CDC, “Chickenpox: It’s More Serious Than You Think,” pp. 1, 2.
26. Allegheny County Health Department, p. 1.


30. “Guide to Infectious Disease for Schools and Day Care Centers,” pp. 11, 12.

35. Preventing the Spread of Germs: Help Your Child Stay Healthy Year-Round,” p. 1; White, et al., pp. 1, 2; Morton and Schultz, pp. 161-167; “Guidelines and Recommendations: Preventing the Spread of Influenza (the Flu) in Child Care Settings: Guidance for Administrators, Care Providers, and Other Staff,” pp. 1-3.
36. “U.S. School Teachers Give Classrooms Failing Grade on Cleanliness,” pp. 1, 2.
38. White, et al., pp. 1, 2.

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