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Newsletter of James White Library

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New series, no.2



An external commission of three librarians has been appointed to study the organization and operation of James White Library.

Chair of the Commission is George Summers, recently retired library director of East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. Dr. Summers has had wide experience in both Adventist and public institutions. Assisting him in the evaluative study will be Donna Resetar, Circulation Librarian at Valparaiso University, and Paul Coleman, Library Director at Adrian College. The three have been chosen for the diversity of their experience at several institutions and in different fields of librarianship.

The team of three consultants will spend three days on campus, March 14-16, talking to members of the library staff as well as students and teaching faculty. The Commission's report, due April 30th, will guide the library in some immediate reorganization and in planning towards the 21st century.

S.D.A. PERIODICAL INDEX BOARD TO MEET HERE

The Publications Board for the *Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index* will meet on this campus February 20 and 21. The meeting will be an important one for the future of the Index, which has been under a financial cloud for the past two years.

Last year the Board commissioned an evaluative survey of the *Index*, to determine the extent of its use by pastors, teachers, church administrators, and seminary students. Results of the survey show that the *Index* is widely used and considered indispensable for Adventist students and researchers. The study also showed there is considerable demand for the *Index* to be available electronically.

Since 1992 the Indexing office has been located within JWJL. Dan Drazen is the editor, and Harvey Brenneise the managing editor. During its February meeting here, the Publications Board will meet with General

COMMISSION TO STUDY TREATMENT OF THE INDEX
Don Gilbert, in formulating plans for the future of the Index.

SEMINARY LIBRARIAN PURSUES DOCTORATE

Elder Warren Johns, Seminary Librarian, has recently had the topic for his doctoral dissertation approved. It is "The doctrine of revelation in the writings of Carl Henry and Bernard Ramm, especially as it relates to Genesis 1."

Both writers are prominent evangelicals. Both have training in philosophy and theology. Both have written extensively on the relationship of science and religion. Both men accept the standard geological time scale, and therefore they do not view the days of creation as literal 24 hour days. Yet they differ in their methods of reasoning, and have different conclusions about the manner of creation. Ramm allows for more evolution, while Henry holds to fiat creation.

"My challenge is to discover why they do not hold to 24 hour days while they hold to the historicity of Genesis 1 in general. How does their doctrine of revelation and their philosophical presuppositions affect their conclusions about Genesis 1?" said Elder Johns.

Elder Johns holds a masters in geology as well as the M.Div degree, and views this dissertation as a way to bring the two disciplines together.

For the next sixteen months, Elder Johns will be dedicating afternoons and Sundays towards completing his dissertation.

Terry Robertson

LIBRARY ELECTRONIC NEWS

Patrons have access to world's largest

catalog

During the past two years, the library has added many electronic resources and changed some of the ones that we previously had. This process does not appear will slow down in the near future. It has also been so time-consuming that we have not always been able to keep up with all the changes ourselves, much less keep our users up-to-date on what's happening and how this will affect both faculty and student research. The library will use this column to introduce and explain some of these exciting information resources.

Probably the most important bibliographic database in the world is the OCLC (Online Computer Library Catalog) WorldCat, which is made up of about 29 million cataloging records from about 12,000 libraries worldwide, including many large research libraries. These records are based on the Library of Congress (LC) Machine Readable Cataloging (MARC) format, which has become the international standard for such records. When one of the contributing libraries catalogs a book or other item, they attach their holding symbol (ours is EXN) to an existing record or create a new one. In this way, the WorldCat has developed into the largest electronic "union catalog" in the world. Libraries, including ours, also use it for interlibrary loan.

For a number of years, access to this database in the library had to be done by a staff member in the cataloging or reference departments. This past fall, the library decided to make OCLC WorldCat available on the campus network so that this fabulous resource could be available from the office or even home. To access, simply login to the library (using the directions distributed at the reference desk, or call 3283) and choose the option O > OCLC FirstSearch. You will be automatically logged in. There are still a few technical problems with the software, so you will need to hit the space bar plus return when it asks for return.

You may search by author, title, subject or keywords. With a database of that size, don't be surprised if you get a lot of records! The reference staff (3283) will be happy to assist you if you have questions. Help screens are also available.

SocioFile Now Available

As an experiment, the library has also decided to make the SocioFile (Sociological Abstracts) database available on FirstSearch. This corresponds to the printed Sociological Abstracts to which the library no longer subscribes. It is located in the area of FirstSearch called Social Science, and is searched in the same way as WorldCat.

In the next weeks, months and years, the library plans to make available on the network an increasing number of information resources. We appreciate your interest and support.

Harvey Brenneise

NEW VIDEO SERIES HAS CURRENT INTEREST

A new three-part video series acquired by James White Library has particular relevance to the current campus discussions on the future of Andrews University. "Discovering the Future" is the series title of the three 40-minute presentations by acclaimed futurist Joel Barker, author of a recent book entitled *The Business of Paradigms*.

Barker explores the phenomenon of change and how we can relate to it, even initiate it. He talks about rapid and powerful paradigm shifts, affecting the way we think and do business. He examines the role of those who pioneer change, and emphasizes the power of vision in changing the world and the community in which we live and work or study.

The three videos are cataloged and stored in The Media Center (use JeWeL to identify them). Faculty may borrow them for personal and class use.

ELECTRONIC REPLACES PRINT LIBRARY INDEXES

Because of budget constraints and in an effort to avoid duplication, the Periodical Department has cancelled SEVERAL subscriptions for 1994. All are now available in electronic form.

The following are duplicated by CD-ROM databases at the Reference Department:

Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health-
(CINAHL)

Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE)-
(ERIC)

Index Medicus-
(MEDLINE)

Modern Languages Association Bibliography-
(MLA Bibliography)

Psychological Abstracts-
(PsycLit)

Three more are covered by the contents of the Expanded Academic Index, accessible on JeWeL:

General Science Index

Humanities Index

Social Sciences Index

Two other are accessible by Online Database Searching at Reference Department:

Science Citation Index

Social Science Citation Index

An additional index, Sociological Abstracts is now available for searching through the OCLC FirstSearch option on JeWeL.

By canceling all these printed indexes we have saved the library budget a substantial amount. There is the added advantage that the CD-ROM and other electronic indexes are a faster, more efficient way to search. Come and try them!

UNCLASSIFIED GOES ELECTRONIC

Although the January issue of *Unclassified* was officially available only in print format, it was read electronically at several sites across North America. This was possible when Harvey Brenneise placed the text file of the newsletter on the SDA-Librarian, a list of electronic subscribers on the Internet.

We would be happy to E-mail future issues of *Unclassified* to you if that is your preferred format. To arrange for that, use the tear-off section at the end of this newsletter and send to the Library Director's office, or send your e-mail request to April Grabast (grabast@andrews.edu).

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