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OPENING OF MULTIMEDIA CENTER

The Mary Jane Mitchell Multimedia Center on the top floor of the James White Library was officially opened on Friday morning, April 25, in a short ceremony. The event was timed to coincide with the 1997 Alumni Homecoming, and so was attended by several alumni as well as faculty, staff and students.

Previously known as the Teaching Materials Center and more recently as The Media Center, or simply "TMC", the Center's mission has recently been re-defined to encompass multimedia software and development. The Multimedia Center (still "TMC") incorporates a Faculty Multimedia Lab where Andrews faculty can develop software to support their own instructional activity. There is also a small computer lab for general patron use.

The re-naming of the Center in honor of Mary Jane Mitchell took place at a plaque unveiling in November 1995, coinciding with Mrs. Mitchell's 80th birthday. She was the James White Library Director for the first twenty years of its existence. At the 1997 Alumni Homecoming banquet, Mrs. Mitchell was honored as an Alumna of the Year.=20

During the April 25 ceremony, Mailen Kootsey, newly appointed Chief Information Officer for Andrews University, spoke about the crucial role of electronic technology in the instructional program. The historical development of the Center was featured in an interview with Mary Jane Mitchell, conducted by TMC director, Jess Oliver. After a ribbon-cutting, attendees saw demonstrations of the Center's new electronic technology, and enjoyed refreshments.

JWL HAS A LOGO

This issue of UNCLASSIFIED features the new James White Library logo as its masthead. Incorporating the Andrews University colors of blue and gold, the logo was chosen from several submitted during a campus-wide competition in 1996. The winning entry designed by a graphic arts major, Frank Rho, features a stylized "J W" tied together by a cross at the apex of the design. The logo is already incorporated in the library's new building directories and will be featured in future JWL publications including patron brochures.

DATABASE ACCESS IS EXPANDING

Thanks to the library's participation in ALICE (Adventist Libraries Information Cooperative) and the University's electronic infrastructure, an impressive collection of information databases is now accessible to students, faculty and staff throughout the Andrews campus. Patrons who come to the library building continue to have the maximum access with more than 100 electronic databases at their disposal. However, "beyond the walls", wherever users have either telnet or web access into the campus network, they are able to access dozens of electronic information resources, some including full-text. Among those available across the campus network are these:

Two major indexes with full-text include EBSCO's Academic Search Full-text 1000 (indexes 3100 periodicals, full-text for 1000 of them) and, for Business students, ABI/Inform (1300 periodicals indexed, 600 available full-text.)

SDA databases include the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index and the Adventist Pioneer Library. The second one has full-text of hundreds of Millerite and early Adventist publications, both monographs and periodicals.

Major subject bibliographic databases include these:

- ATLA Religion Database (includes several indexes)
- CINAHL (Nursing and Allied Health Literature)
- ERIC (Education)
- IIMP (Music)
- Medline (Medicine and Health)
- MLA Bibliography (Language and Literature)
- PsycInfo (Psychology)
- Social Work Abstracts
- SocioFile

Britannica Online provides online subject access to the full contents of Encyclopedia Britannica.

WorldCat is the major OCLC database a bibliography of more than 30 million books and reports held in more than 16,000 libraries worldwide.

Among dozens of other OCLC databases accessible across campus are Books in Print, Book Review Digest, and the UMI product, Dissertation Abstracts.

For those who come to James White Library, several dozen additional databases are accessible at CD-ROM stations or other reference area computers. They include, for example, several career-related databases and some specific to religion and theology research. The windows version of SIGI-PLUS is now available in CD-ROM Station #2.

For more information about any of the library's electronic resources, or assistance in using them, contact the Information Services Department via the reference desk.

LOUISE DEDEREN HONORED

Louise Dederen, the first Curator of the JWL Adventist Heritage Center, was honored in a special event at the Center on April 10, 1997. During a period of 25 years, from its establishment in 1966 until her retirement in 1991, Mrs. Dederen directed the growth of the original small SDA Heritage Room into a research center of major importance to Andrews University and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

At a program attended by more than 70 faculty, students, alumni and friends, a small plaque and accompanying photograph of Mrs. Dederen were unveiled. During the program, the President of Andrews University, Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen, spoke about the place of research at Andrews University, and the present Curator of the Adventist Heritage Center, James Ford, presented a brief history of the Center. Light refreshments were served following the program.

When it was established in 1966, the then Heritage Room occupied a single room of 1,000 square feet. The collection was housed on about 100 linear feet of shelves, plus some filing cabinets. Its major resource at

that time was the Advent Source Collection from Dr. L.E. Froom and some early periodical material from Emmanuel Missionary College. Today the Adventist Heritage Center occupies more than 5,000 square feet and is in urgent need of further expansion. Its contents include 30,000 books, more than 25,000 small print items, 1200 theses and dissertations, and over 1700 periodical titles. Current periodical subscriptions total nearly 700. Of core research value are almost 200 manuscript collections. The Center collects material both by and about the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its antecedents.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Several JWL librarians have been involved in professional writing or conference presentations during recent months.

Harvey Brenneise is author of an article entitled "Adventist Librarianship Accesses the Electronic Future", published in the December 1996 issue of Journal of Adventist Education. He also presented a paper at the 1997 annual Innovative Interfaces User Group Meeting in Oakland, California. Recently Harvey accepted appointment to the Technology Advisory Committee of the American Theological Library Association.

Keith Clouten planned and chaired the 1997 annual meeting of AICUM (Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan) Library Directors, held May 1 at the Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing. Last October he conducted a week-long seminar in Nairobi for the librarians of the Eastern Africa Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

Kathleen Demsky has been elected President of the Association of Architecture School Librarians for 1997-98. Part of her responsibility includes planning and directing the 1998 annual AASL conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Cynthia Helms is currently the editor of ASDAL Action, which is the newsletter of the Association of SDA Librarians. The newsletter is published three times a year and contains news items, reviews, and short articles.

Linda Mack presented a poster session at the annual conference of the Music Library Association, held in New Orleans last January. Her presentation featured ways of maximizing the contributions of student assistants in a branch library such as AU's Music Materials Center.

Wolfhard Touchard presented papers at the Michigan Library Association's 1996 annual conference in Dearborn ("Standardized User Interfaces for Electronic Searching, A Myth or a Reality") and at the 1997 LOEX Convention in South Carolina ("Evaluating Faculty Bibliographic Instruction - Successfully Marketing Bibliographic Instruction"). He has also authored articles appearing in two recent issues of The Christian Librarian.

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