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*"That our
sons may
be as plants
grown up in*



*their youth; that
our daughters may
be as corner stones,
polished after
the similitude
of a palace."*

Psalms 144:12

Atlantic Union Adventist Youth on the March

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About Our Front Cover

From top left clockwise: Young people from Atlantic Union who participated in the 1996 Ultimate Workout in Panama. Edman Fuentes left, Alfonso Vega, Jr., and Hebert Mesa were among the Lancaster, MA, Pathfinders on the 1996 Mission Trip to Puerto Rico last summer. They are assisting with landscaping at Academia del Norte in Arecibo. Nine Pathfinders with their director, Cheryl Cardenas and Joel Hutchins, back left and right. They participated in the Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Tim Morgan (left) and Aaron Finnegan constructing a boardwalk at the Washington, NH, SDA Church for use during inclement weather.

Atlantic Union Welcomes Dr. Donald G. King and Family

The most recent individual to join the Atlantic Union Conference team, Dr. Donald G. King, has been called to be Administrative Assistant to the President and Communications Director/*Gleaner* Editor.

Dr. King comes with a background of pastoral, administrative and communications experience, having served eight years in the Alberta Conference, Canada, as Executive Secretary and Communications Director. He has 22 years of church employment—10 years of pastoral work and 12 years in departmental and administrative work. Don possesses an indomitable and earnest desire to facilitate, equip, and train God's people to accomplish the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and to see people join His kingdom.

For several years, Elder King joined Elder W. C. Scales of the North American Division (NAD) conducting Bible and health evangelistic meetings in North America and overseas. While serving Alberta, he initiated the program GMA (Global Missionaries to Alberta), as a means of placing lay missionary workers in unentered territories of Alberta and lay pastors in churches with small or declin-



The Donald G. King Family

ing memberships. He authored the first comprehensive *Manual for the Local Church Clerk/Statistical Secretary*, now used extensively in many conferences throughout the NAD.

Dr. King, a graduate of West Indies College, Jamaica, WI, holds masters degrees from Loma Linda University and Andrews University in Health Education and Religion, respectively. His doctorate is from Loma Linda University in Health Promotion and Education.

Don is married to the former Lois Sibaran from Trinidad. In Alberta, she served seven years on the faculty of

Canadian Union College as Director of the Department of Careers and Continuing Education. In 1995, she received the Black Woman of the Year award from Operation ReachBack, Inc. for outstanding service.

The Kings have two sons, Louie, a sophomore at AUC, and Marvin, an academy senior at Crawford Adventist Academy in Toronto, Canada.

*Theodore. T. Jones, II, President
Atlantic Union Conference*

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614 BAPTIZED IN SIX-WEEK "CHRIST IS THE ANSWER" CRUSADE

By God's grace, 614 persons were baptized during the "Christ Is The Answer" Crusade this summer in Miami, Florida, at which Elder R. C. Connor, pastor of the Brooklyn Church in Greater New York Conference, was the series evangelist. Another 48 persons were baptized by a newly organized church that resulted from the crusade.

Some 1,400 persons attended the tent meetings nightly except Thursdays for six weeks. Pastors of the four area churches sponsoring the meetings included Elders T. A. McNealy, T. McCalla, C. Holness and T. Young. Music for the series was provided by Mrs. Jacqueline Connor and Sandra Ball, a Brooklyn Church member. A mass choir and other Miami musicians were also featured.

Religion reporters and photographers from local media covered the crusade, which was announced throughout the city by strategically placed billboards. Each evening, a nightly religious broadcast promoted the series.



A portion of the more than 1,400 persons that attended the nightly meetings.

Among the newly baptized members were two Protestant ministers. The subjects of baptism and health reform had stirred one, a Methodist. A Baptist minister had heard of Adventism from his grandmother in the



R. C. Connor, evangelist

Caribbean. After coming to the U.S. at age 14, he accompanied his aunt to her church and decided to become a Baptist. He stated that he has been preaching for the past 23 years, and now has accepted the truth he learned from his grandmother nearly 30 years ago.

Janet Thompson
Communication Leader, Brooklyn Church



One of many signs that advertised the crusade throughout Miami.

PINE TREE ACADEMY'S TURNING POINT

It's harder, but I like it better," commented a student at Pine Tree Academy (PTA) recently. PTA is on the move. Just by walking into the building, one can sense the change in this 12-grade school in Freeport, Maine.

There is a difference in student behavior. They attend classes to learn. The approach with them is one which conveys the thought that

Another vital part of the education at PINE TREE ACADEMY is our housing program. We were among the first in the Atlantic Union to offer mini-dorm housing for students attending from around the conference and the union. We have three mini-dorms in operation this year, boarding up to 26 students in our present facilities. The mini-dorms provide small, friendly, well-structured boarding facilities. Local Adventist families are always willing to take overflow.

the student may not really pursue the vocation which he or she is thinking of following at the moment. The teachers are preparing them for any eventuality; therefore, there is strong emphasis on academic excellence. Graduation requirements have been raised to prepare students for strong college programs or for preparation for life in general.

With a student-teacher ratio of 6:1, students are able to receive the help they need outside of the classroom. There are plans for upgrading the computer lab so that everyone will have access to the Internet. The vision is clear, and we are serious about making modern technology available to each student.

Along with renewed emphasis on academics, the atmosphere is one of friendliness. To help create and maintain a friendly environment, a "mystery guest day" is planned for each month. In this program, stu-

dents will be greeting and encouraging everyone with the hope of being among the first to greet the special "mystery guest" and thus receive special recognition for friendliness.



Sponsor Ed Goodman (left) and Kelly Smead and Lynn Zabaleta make ice cream for the PTA ice breaker.



Forever friends (L. to R.) Alison Copsey, Kelly Knowlton, Kim Harbison, Jen McConnell, Amy Torchia, Kristy Smead.

Pine Tree Academy has an affordable financial package. Our business office is ready to work out a financial plan for any parent who has a student wishing to attend PTA. Just give us a call at (207) 865-4747 for an appointment.

We just finished our annual Spiritual Retreat at Camp Lawroweld which emphasized getting acquainted with one another and especially spiritually preparing for Jesus' coming. This event has aided the friendly atmosphere on our campus.

There is also a renewed emphasis on community service. Each student is required to perform 10 hours of community service each quarter

for another person or group of persons, without financial gain. Some of the projects thus far have been helping with NET '96, working on the New Hampshire Sabbath Trail at the Washington church, helping in soup kitchens, and assisting on the Brunswick Community Service building renovation. This truly encourages our students to reach out to others, preparing them for service beyond their school years.

PTA also encourages a good work ethic by providing work opportunity for everyone who wants or needs to work. There is on-campus work available, and the outlet town of Freeport employs many of our students. It is important to learn good work habits and dependability; therefore, we have made working a part of the students' education.

We have some highly motivated students who desire a Christian education so much that they make their own arrangements and work to pay a good share of their school costs. We also have a very caring faculty who contribute regularly to the worthy student fund to help students who just couldn't afford this education otherwise.

Yes, PTA is at a turning point. We have a contented, active, friendly student body who are committed to making this one of the best years. The faculty and staff join the students in their commitment to provide an atmosphere conducive to a productive, active life here in this world and in preparation for the world to come.

Ron Goodall, Principal

For more information concerning PINE TREE ACADEMY, please write to 16 Pownal Rd., Freeport, ME 04032; Tel. (207) 865-4747; or Fax (207) 865-1768. We will be happy to hear from you!

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY ENROLLMENT IS UP

Each new school year brings its own unique excitement, but preschool excitement this year at South Lancaster Academy (SLA) was exceptionally high for a combination of reasons: new students, new teachers, an upgraded computer lab, and new classes being offered were just a few of the elements contributing to that excitement.

School spirit is high and the year has begun with an outstanding enrollment of 101 students, exceeding the school's budget which was set at 90. In the academic area, students are excitedly participating in chemistry, biology, and anatomy and physiology labs completing fascinating experiments using new equipment under the careful direction of Mr. Lynn Lee. Other students are examining spreadsheets,

databases, presentations, and desktop publishing software, as well as researching through using the Internet, in a newly offered Computer Applications course.

Under the direction of John Ward, Bible teacher, a group of 14 students participated in the work



South Lancaster Academy students who helped to construct the new Sabbath Trail at the Washington, New Hampshire, Seventh-day Adventist Church site. Stephanie Moses (left) and Holly Graves.

at the Washington, New Hampshire, church on the Sabbath Historical Trail. This one-mile historical trail, predicted to be finished for the summer/fall of 1997, will eventually contain 33 stations which will contain information on the history of the Sabbath from creation through eternity. Although the students worked in damp weather that day, their hearts were on fire as they realized they were contributing to the spreading of the gospel of the Sabbath message.

The Lord has truly blessed SLA this year in numerous ways. Please remember the students, faculty, and staff of SLA in prayer as we continue to work and to plan programs for our young people this year.

Patti Vandenbroek

NEW FACULTY AT SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY

Several new faculty members have brought a new dimension to South Lancaster Academy (SLA). The science department has a new look under the direction of Lynn Lee. Mr. Lee is an alumnus of SLA. He graduated with a B.A. degree in biology and chemistry from Southern Missionary College and a M.A.T. degree in biology from Andrews University. Before coming to SLA he taught science at Highland View Academy in Maryland. He is married to Patricia (Gadway), and they have three children, Joshua, 17; Jenny, 15 1/2; and Jeffrey, 9.



New faculty at South Lancaster Academy are (L. to R.) Lynn Lee, Kelly Aylward, Cameron Loss, Whitney Gray, Shawn Cabey.

Kelly Aylward has joined the faculty to offer his talents in the areas of history and Bible. Before coming to SLA Kelly taught Bible at Valley Grande Academy in Weslaco, Texas. He graduated with a B.A. degree in Education from Southwestern Adventist College. He is married to Flory Gidding.

Joining the faculty in the English department is Cameron Loss. Cameron is no stranger to the South Lancaster area as he graduated with a B.A. degree in English and minors in history and religion from Atlantic Union College in 1994. He is married to Debbie (Pike).

Shawn Cabey and his wife Whitney Gray have also become a part of the SLA family. Shawn is teaching the academy music classes while Whitney is the girls' dorm dean and guidance counselor. Shawn is also an alumnus of SLA. He graduated from Boston University with a major in Business Finance. Whitney graduated from Trinity Christian College in Illinois

with a major in psychology and minors in English and sociology. They have four children, Nicholas, 10; Zachary, 8; Bryanna, 6; and Noah, 10 months.

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY ESTABLISHES HOME PAGE ON INTERNET

Alumni and friends are invited to check out South Lancaster Academy's home page on the Internet at the following address: ATLANTICUC.EDU/SLA. In addition to having the latest information about SLA, this is a quick and easy way for the alumni to keep the school informed of address changes and other up-to-date information on their achievements and professional and personal accomplishments. Send an e-mail message and tell us what you are doing and where you are so that it can be included in the alumni newsletter. Check it out!

LANCASTER PATHFINDERS MISSION TRIP '96

Last August 1 to 15, 13 Adults and 25 Pathfinders traveled to sunny Puerto Rico. Their mission? To become familiar with, and to serve, the brethren of the West Puerto Rico Conference.

The members of the group raised approximately \$12,000 through donations and special projects. These funds were used mainly for plane tickets and food. The real blessings came from the West Puerto Rico Conference President, Fred Hernandez, who graciously donated the use of the SDA Camp Elias Burgos for our lodging. He made arrangements with Antillian University for lodging the first weekend and the use of a bus to help with transportation. Eliel Cruz, Teacher at Bella Vista Academy, provided us with a 15 passenger van owned by the Rocha Moca church.

Approximately 75 percent of the participants had never visited Puerto Rico. Less than a third spoke Spanish.

The Lancaster Exhibition Drill Team performed at the Bella Vista Academy and the Anones church. The youth there were very much interested in marching and drilling and learned new moves from our team.

We painted and helped with the landscaping at the Academia del Norte in Arecibo. Southern New England Conference President, Charles Case, helped build this academy. Pastor Dennis Martinez, Bible Teacher and Chaplain, was so pleased with the results of our labor, he had our group sign on a wall in his classroom.

In addition to the work projects completed by the youth, they par-

ticipated in worship programs in five different churches in the West Puerto Rico Conference. Sybil Bacon, a senior Personal Ministries major at AUC, spoke at two churches.

In addition to the work and witnessing projects, the participants were able to do much sightseeing. The island is rich in man-made and natural beauty. From the beaches to the rain forest, Puerto Rico is truly an island paradise.



Crash Boat Beach in Aguadilla



Group pictured in front of Castillo del Morro in Old San Juan



Group in front of Academia del Norte



Translator Raquel Martinez (left), and Sybil Bacon at the Rocha Church



Members working



Group in front of Catarata del Oro in El Yunque



Pastor Martinez and Cheryl Cardenas by signed wall



The group enjoyed the cedar tree which is more than 400 years old.



ATLANTIC UNION YOUTH BUILD CHURCHES IN PANAMA

Teenagers from 33 states and five countries took their vacation in Panama to build four Seventh-day Adventist churches during the Ultimate Workout project held July 14-28, 1996. This group of 176 participants, seven from the Atlantic Union, was the largest Ultimate Workout since the first in 1991. More than 100 were teenagers between the ages of 14 and 18.

Another unique feature of the 1996 Ultimate Workout was the leadership, on all four building projects, who were youth themselves. The construction superintendent, lead mason, and spiritual leader for all four churches were between the ages of 19 and 26. Project coordinators on all four projects were under the age of 40.

The Ultimate Workout is a one-of-a-kind mission service event for teenagers ages 14-18, sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International with support from *Insight* magazine and Piece of the Pie Ministries. Maranatha provided the building projects, materials and financial backing for the annual Ultimate Workout, *Insight* magazine publicized this phenom-

enon to the Adventist youth and Steve Case, president of Piece of the Pie Ministries, provided leadership, spiritual cohesiveness and coordination for the project.

Maranatha Volunteers International believes it is vital to provide short-term mission experiences for young people. "Maranatha supports the Ultimate Workout," says Don Noble, president, "because it

Darren Hagen, 20, from Stoneham, Massachusetts, was the spiritual leader on the Corozo, Panama, project. "I have learned kids love REAL experiences and they love to see what they've accomplished. Being in a new environment is like magic. It's incredible how open they are spiritually."

When the 1996 Ultimate Workout concluded, four churches stood to the glory of God in the Panamanian villages of San Carlitos, Bongo Abajo, Corozo and San Miguel. On the last Sabbath of the project, participants worshipped in the church they helped build with their own tenacious hard work.

"It's really special to build the house of God," said one young volunteer, "just think of all the things that will be happening in here in the future—baptisms, marriages."

Maranatha has found that short-term mission projects like the Ultimate Workout are transforming, no matter what your age. Here is what a father and son said after they participated together on the 1996 Ultimate Workout:

The father wrote on his evaluation form: "This was good for my son." The son wrote: "This was really good for my dad."

If you are interested in the 1997 Ultimate Workout or want to introduce your church, school or family to short-term mission service, contact Kyle Fiess at Maranatha Volunteers International, (916) 920-1900.



All of the participants at the 1996 Ultimate Workout (176) including young people from the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, England and Newfoundland.

builds people while also building urgently needed churches and schools."

The Ultimate Workout brings together young people from all over the United States, Canada and the world. Many of these teenagers attend public school or home school so the Ultimate Workout offers them a chance to experience short-term mission service with a larger group of Christian youth. Within hours of meeting, this group of strangers become friends and family. This camaraderie is what brings participants back to the Ultimate Workout experience year after year.

"I went last year on the Ultimate Workout and made a lot of friendships, so I came back this year. It's been great," says Sandy Caballero, Wallingford, Connecticut.

PARTICIPANTS FROM THE ATLANTIC UNION

Sandy Caballero Connecticut
Darren Hagan Massachusetts
Diadette Hernandez Connecticut
Gina Hotham Maine
Katy Shoemaker New York
Kacy Spooner Connecticut
Dennis Valdes Massachusetts

Greater New York

UNITED CAMP MEETING CONVENES A "CAMP OF ALL NATIONS"

The prayer and theme of the entire Greater New York camp meeting season, "Come, Holy Spirit,"

pervaded this final gathering. Members who attended expressed gratitude; it had been very good to

collaborate in witness, prayers and song at the United Camp Meeting, where God's Spirit blessed richly.



The joyous day drew to a close with a Commissioning Service for 27 Ministers of Teaching from Conference elementary schools and Greater New York Academy (shown, in first two center rows). Shirani De Alwis Chand, Ed.D., Professor of Educational Psychology and director, the Teaching Learning Center of Loma Linda University, urged teachers to foster shared learning experiences by utilizing students' and colleagues' abilities, collaborating to enrich the learning process.



Greater New York members from all parts of the Conference and representing a wide variety of languages and cultures, worshiped together September 14 at United Camp Meeting.



The day's program featured speakers Steve Bohr of the Pacific Union, translated with gusto by Herbert Orellana; and Randy Maxwell, author of *If My People Pray* (shown, at lectern). Soloists' and choirs' songs of many lands lifted hearts and minds heavenward. Stories and reports focused on evangelism in Greater New York (and in far-off India, by visiting missionary John Baxter, a former Greater New York member) stirred many hearts to recommitment.

OFFICIAL NOTICE Greater New York Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that a special Constituency Session of the Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, December 15, 1996, at the Richard Green Middle School, 3710 Barnes Avenue, Bronx NY 10467. (Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.)

The purpose of the meeting is to consider changes in the Greater New York Conference Constitution and ByLaws; to discuss and approve the Task Force for Education, and any other such business as is deemed necessary by the conference administration.

Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each 30 members. Each church shall be entitled to elect alternate delegates who may be seated at the conference session in place of any regular delegates not present.

Charles J. Griffin, President
Linford Martin, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-Day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that a special Constituency Session of the Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the special Constituency Session of the Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, convening at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, December 15, 1996, at the Richard Green Middle School, 3710 Barnes Avenue, Bronx NY 10467. The delegates to the Conference are also delegates to the Corporation.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider changes in the Greater New York Conference Constitution and By-Laws and any other such business as is deemed necessary by the conference administration.

Charles J. Griffin, President
James Church, Secretary

PHOTOS THIS ARTICLE: THANH TIN LOI, GERRY MATTEUSON

600 ATTEND EIGHTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S PRAYER RETREAT

"In His Hands," the eighth annual Women's Prayer Retreat drew 600 to participate in a program of spiritual fellowship activities. Enthusiasm ran high, despite a late change of hotels when the hotel originally contracted with closed to repair extensive damage from the previous



Fellowship is a key ingredient of the prayer retreats. Some come to enjoy the Retreat with friends and fellow church members, as these women from the Spanish Far Rockaway church did. The weekend's varied program offers many opportunities for fellowship and developing new friendships.

winter's heavy ice and snow.

For the first time, a full track of seminars and a keynote speaker were scheduled for young women ages 12 to 16. Celeste Ryan was Youth keynote speaker. Celeste is coordinator for the Adventist Communication Network and founding editor of *Adventist View*. Forty to 50 young women attended.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

The Women's Prayer Retreat Committee is currently working on arrangements for the 9th Annual Retreat, which will be held April 11-13, 1997, in the Raleigh Hotel (located in the Catskill area). Featured speakers will include Sylvia Barnes, a professor at Oakwood College; Maria Rando, Women's Ministry director of the Austral Union in Argentina; and youth speaker Libby Forrester, who is with the Center for Youth Ministries at Andrews University. For further details, contact Evelyn Griffin at (516) 627-9350.



Music again played a key role in the Prayer Retreat. A mass choir, assembled as the Retreat opened, enhanced worship on Sabbath; other musicians were featured throughout the weekend.

Before and after a Friday-night agape supper, ten seminars offering guidelines to help meet many of the challenges Seventh-day Adventist Christian women face daily, including sessions on the devotional life, stress management, parenting, happy Sabbath-keeping, and more. A full track of meetings in Spanish were offered, featuring Alvy Quispe, Family Life director for the Pacific Health Education Center in California. Seminars were repeated on Sabbath afternoon and Sunday morning.

Keynote speaker for the 1996 Retreat was Ruthie Jacobsen, coordinator of Prayer Initiatives for the North American Division. She encouraged women to develop deeper relationships with the Lord, turning to Him as to a close friend.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA AT SPANISH QUEENS CHURCH

Young people at the Spanish Queens church are making music, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Xiomara Flo, who is shown conducting the youth orchestra on a Sabbath morning. The budding musicians attend music lessons for the various instruments they're learning to play, taught by Ms. Flo on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. In addition to enriching Sabbath mornings at the church, the orchestra conducts quarterly con-



certs on Sundays for members and neighborhood residents.

Xiomara is working on an undergraduate degree in Music Education and hopes to continue her

work with the youth orchestra. As an Adventist musician, she enjoys working with church young people and helping them develop their musical talents for the Lord. She observes that the lessons, rehearsals and performances are not only helping the young people develop

their musical talents for the Lord. "I've noticed that their involvement with music is affecting their characters as well," she says, "and that's a great blessing to see happening."

Lashley Named AUC President

Experienced administrator to build on successes in college growth.

On Sunday, September 29, the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees elected Sylvan Lashley, Ed.D. president of the college, to assume responsibilities of the office immediately. At the time of his appointment, Dr. Lashley was president of Caribbean Union College in Maracas, Trinidad; he has also served as Academic Vice-President and later, president of West Indies College in Mandeville, Jamaica. He is an alumnus of West Indies College and holds a Master of Arts degree in history, a Master of

We want to turn out students who can spread the Gospel to many people, in many ways—through a wide variety of human experiences.

Business Administration, and Doctor of Education from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Dr. Lashley brings a twenty-year teaching career to the position of president, including five years' teaching experience on the graduate level.

He has also served as consultant to ROYTEC (Royal Bank Institute of Technology); Price Waterhouse; CAREC (Caribbean Epidemiology Center) in Trinidad; and Bailey Incorporated Group in Washington, DC.

Dr. Lashley's administrative strengths and interests lie in college and community building and has had remarkable successes in nurturing small colleges and building enrollment and faculty census; he is particularly interested in developing strong ties with the local community, through community service as well as through other college programs.

Dr. Lashley is "delighted to be here—working in a campus community with a surprising wealth of academic and cultural resources. Both the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the community at large can learn from the



Sylvan Lashley, Ed.D (right), newly elected president of Atlantic Union College, is greeted by N. Clifford Sorensen, Ed.D. (left), interim president of AUC, and Theodore T. Jones II (center), Chair of AUC Board of Trustees. (Photo: Donald R. King)

extraordinary academic strengths and spiritual energies of AUC."

Dr. Lashley sees the mission of the college as a student-centered one: "We are in the business of producing students—world citizens, who can live well and creatively in this intercultural world. We want to turn out students who can spread the Gospel to many people, in many ways—through a wide variety of human experiences. That's what AUC's inter-cultural mission is. And where we want to go—where we want to be, determines what we will be doing today and what we do right here. AUC's resources for that are immense. Our objective is to use them efficiently and creatively."

AUC Professor Honored

Former department chair named among three “women of the year.”

Ottilie Stafford Ph. D., Professor Emerita of Atlantic Union College and long-time chair of the English department, arguably the denomination’s most prestigious, was named one of the Seventh-day Adventist church’s women of the year by the Association of Adventist Women this year. Dr. Stafford will be honored at the 14th Annual Conference of Adventist Women to be held October 31 through November 3 in San Diego.

Cited for her “courage,” the Association named Stafford among three women who have influenced and shaped the church. Known to English majors for decades as “The Great Lady,” Ottilie Stafford has led a life of dedicated teaching and high intellectual achievement. She has taught and trained some of the Seventh-day Adventist church’s best professors and professionals, including many college presidents and department chairs. Stafford received her B.A. from Atlantic Union College in 1941, and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Boston University in 1948 and 1960, respectively; she has been on the teaching faculty since 1951.

Ottilie Stafford is also a Renaissance woman, who is a talented organist and composer-she sat on the Adventist hymnal committee and contributed selections to the volume of sacred music nearly all Adventists use in Sabbath services today. She is also a competent mathematician. In short, “She’s a formidable professor, a great inspiration, and a wonderful friend,” adds former student Norman Wendth, Ph.D. current director of AUC’s English program and chair of the college’s division of general studies.

Dr. Stafford was instrumental in bringing rigorous academics to the English department at AUC and also helped found what is now AUC’s



Honors Core as well as the college’s internationally-known Adult Degree Program.

Considered one of the four most influential people in the history of Atlantic Union College, Professor Stafford is modest about her accomplishments, “I am still perplexed about being cited for ‘courage,’” she says, not addressing the tremendous energy and faith being a woman professional in the Adventist church during the post-war era required. Most of her colleagues recognize that she could have been nominated for intelligence, creativity, professionalism, teaching, mentoring, administration, or leadership.

This year’s conference studies “Women at the Crossroads: Wisdom, Witness, and Worship for the 21st Century” and features a series of workshops and addresses by many of Seventh-day Adventism’s most influential women.

New York

NEW BEGINNINGS

The 1996-97 school year is "off and running" with great things expected! Although enrollment for the elementary schools is down, spirits are high as we start this year with several new teachers on board. Following is a short synopsis of our schools.

Our school in Elmira has adopted a new name. The new "Adventist Christian Academy" expected to have about 12 students this year, but has been blessed with 26! Adele Morgan, who has been the teacher there for four years, is this year joined by her husband, Jim Morgan. Welcome aboard, Jim!

The Bay Knoll school in Rochester is being taught by Autumn Frase

who comes to us from Michigan. Autumn is no stranger to New York. He did some substitute teaching here several years ago and is glad to be back home.

The students of Frontenac (who are increasing in number almost daily) are being taught by Becky Fraker. Becky has taught at Wellsville and Bay Knoll, and her husband Steve is on staff at USA.

Gloria Arehart, who has traded the mountains of Colorado for the beauty of New York, is teaching at Genesee Valley in Rochester. She has eight delightful students, two of whom are the children of the new pastor.

Bob Lehrer has returned to New York to join the teaching team at Kingsbury. Bob has taught in sev-

eral schools in our conference in the past.

John Spano has accepted the challenge of principal and teacher at Parkview Jr. Academy. We look forward to an upward swing in enrollment under John's able leadership over the next few years! Carol Bergeson has joined the staff at Parkview to teach Kindergarten.

Returning teachers are:

Dexterville	Calvin Duncan
Fingerlakes	Debbie Muthersbaugh
Jamestown	Lori Younce
Kingsbury	Richard Keech
Parkview	Suzanne Hayford
	Kim Kaiser
Pleasant View	Karen Blanchard
Vienna	Joan Fischer

NEW SHOES FOR KYRGYZSTAN

In an agreement with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) International Central Office, the employee-owned United Airlines, Inc., complimentarily flew six large boxes of shoes from Dulles airport in Maryland to England's Gatwick airport, where the shoes remain in transport to ADRA Kyrgyzstan.

The shoes, a collection from the New York Conference, were donated to the Tadjik and Afghan refugee communities for the impoverished people in the high mountain areas of Kyrgyzstan. They were given following a request from ADRA Kyrgyzstan director, Jay Edison, a former member of the New York Conference.

In England, the 3,670 pound shipment was turned over to the Kumtor Operating Company, a Canadian firm. From England, Kumtor flew

the shoes to Bonn, Germany, where company personnel will complete the transport into Kyrgyzstan by truck.

The shipment of shoes was the follow-up of 12 shipments of clothing to the same area, where the consistent request was, "Do you have shoes?" Edison says, "Many children in these areas do not attend school because they have no shoes, but the need includes all age groups."

"We hope that the people in Kyrgyzstan are happy to have these shoes," said Judy Hartman, secretary to the New York Conference president Skip Bell. It was after Edison made the request to the conference that they decided to send flyers to each area church requesting members to bring shoes, even socks, to the upcoming camp meeting. "We just couldn't believe how many shoes were brought. They almost completely filled one of our cabins," Hartman says.

The two men from United Air-

lines who helped make this flight possible are Joe Jones, airfreight sales, and Jim Pinto, Dulles airport station planning. Pinto expresses a great respect for the agency and says, "ADRA has always been very accommodating to us. They are always behind the scenes and they contribute to a lot of the world's needs without a lot of recognition."

Jim Lanning, director of acquisitions, was the ADRA spokesperson responsible for working out the agreement with United. He says of the company, "It's refreshing to see a major corporate player that's not consumed with making money, but who recognizes the global community we are and offers humanitarian aid to those in need." He expresses that this kind of service from United has earned them a good name.

"We appreciate so many people working toward providing us with the privilege of meeting this need," says Edison.

WHAT'S NEW AT UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY

Finance Structure: Tuition is down significantly (more than half for New York Conference constituents)! USA has found a way to make Christian education affordable to any student who wants to attend. Is your student there? He/she should be!

Staff: Bill Hinman has come to USA from Alaska where he was Superintendent of Schools for the past nine years. With his innovative leadership, great things will be happening at USA!

Richard Bergeson has come from Hawaii to teach math to the stu-

dents of New York! If you have not yet met Mr. Bergeson, stop in and get acquainted!

The new girls' dean, Carol Raney, has the experience of being dean in a mini-dorm in Maine. She has wonderful insight and a lot of love to share with the girls in her dorm! And she has Connie Hoover to help her as assistant girls' dean. Connie has a real interest in seeing that the girls experience growth this year—both academically and spiritually!

Joel Morgan has joined the staff as the new assistant boys' dean. Joel is no stranger at USA, having graduated from here just two years ago. Joel's strong leadership ability has

been apparent here and at Camp Cherokee!

The Family Enrichment Resource program is being led this year by Amy Foote and Brad Minett (soon to be married). Amy and Brad have been literature evangelists for several years. They have great enthusiasm for bringing God's Word to the people of New York and watching our youth develop their own leadership abilities.

We are blessed this year to have students from many parts of the world including Russia-1; Japan-2; Germany-1; Ethiopia-4; India-2; Puerto Rico-1; Bermuda-3; and Canada-3.

NEW INDUSTRY AT USA

Beaver Creek Log Homes, under the general management of Robbin Obomsawin and craftsmanship of Jules Obomsawin, is in the final negotiating stage of moving their business to the Union Springs Academy location. Robbin is a member of the board for the International Log Building Association for Handcrafters. Beaver Creek has been featured on the cover of *Log Home Guide*, and has future feature articles coming up in *Log Home Illustrated* and *Log Home Living*. Beaver Creek has been in business for 17 years.

Beaver Creek specializes in handcrafted log home construction. They have constructed many of the Adirondack Great Camps of today. The log home comes from a tradition of building that is centuries old, now perfected by modern techniques and tools in the hands of experienced craftsmen. Start with large diameter, natural logs. These are carefully scribed one to another—a slow but precise way to fit



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Log shells are reasonably priced: starting at \$18,000 and may go up to \$200,000 for large-scale and commercial projects. In addition to log construction, Beaver Creek operates a custom-cutting saw mill production. Large and small orders are available at competitive rates. All log shell construction is completed on the Union Springs site, numbered, dismantled and shipped to any location throughout the United States and Canada.

This corporate partnership in Christian education enables students to learn old world craftsmanship, and keeps costs to consumers affordable. Mr. Bill Hinman, Principal at Union Springs Academy, extends an invitation for you to visit this site to meet Robbin Obomsawin and receive an estimate on shell costs. You may also telephone Robbin direct at (315) 889-5670.

Northeastern

CONFERENCE VOTES TO PURSUE DIVISION

On Sunday, June 2, constituents of Northeastern Conference gathered at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde park, New York.

Constitution and Bylaws issues were discussed and voted, but the principle reason for the meeting was to listen to and vote on a proposal to divide the Northeastern

Conference. The proposal, the work of a commission empaneled at the 1994 triennial session, suggested that the conference divide into two parts with Conference A consisting of the New England states and Conference B, the state of New York.

Questions as to logistics, finances, properties, timetables, and new conference names have yet to be finalized. The vote, however, authorized the administration to

proceed with the venture. The motion, as stated, passed with 301—Yes and 61—No.

It was noted that several meetings and fact-finding sessions would be held before the actual division occurs, and that the constituency would be called together at a later date to vote on the subsequent steps as outlined in the proposal by the committee and conference administrators.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CREDITED WITH STOPPING SUICIDE

Niagara Falls is a tourist Mecca. It is a world-famous vacation, honeymoon, sightseeing destination. Sadly, it is also an attraction for those who find little joy in continuing their lives, and who wish to end them.

The two worlds came together on July 6, as Yolanda Hunt and her husband from the Emmanuel Temple church in Buffalo, and Ron

(not his real name) met at the Falls.

The Hunts came to bask in the scenic glory of nature's revelation of God and to affirm life. Ron came to end his. "We were on a nature walk and I noticed his movements. He had climbed the fence on the pedestrian bridge near Prospect Point."

"I talked to him," Yolanda recounted in the church one Sabbath later. "I asked him about his life and his problems. I told him how terrible a thing it is to end his life and then I told him about Jesus. While I was talking, my husband

got a police officer. When I checked I noticed that we had talked for almost 45 minutes." The police officer, Peter Tarasow, also spoke with him for a time. The 26-year-old man was taken to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center.

"I have invited him to church," Hunt said. "I plan to keep in touch with him. The story appeared in newspapers in Niagara Falls and Buffalo."

C. A. Murray
Communication Director

NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ORGANIZES 122ND CHURCH

Cornerstone Hispanic church, under the leadership of Pastors Mario Augustave and Ramon Cabrera, was organized last June 1. This is the fifth church organized this year, swelling the total to 122 organized churches in the conference. President Stennett Brooks; Elder Trevor H. C. Baker, Secretary; and Mrs. Ida Williams, Acting Treasurer were among the many guests.

Other churches organized this year are Mattapan, MA; Esmirna, MA; Cambridge Hispanic, MA; Emmanuel French, NY; and Shiloh



Members of the newly organized Esmirna church and officers of the conference

Mission, organized September 28. It is the goal to organize at least three more churches by year's end.

Eunice Senior
Administrative Secretary

NEWS FLASH

The Northeastern Conference Executive Committee voted on August 1, 1996, to ask Pastor Newton Cleghorne to serve as the Youth Director of the Northeastern Conference.

Pastor Cleghorne, presently pastor of the City Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church, assumed his new position October 1. Your prayers are solicited on behalf of Pastor Newton Cleghorne as he takes up this challenging responsibility.

Stennett Brooks, President

Northern New England

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND PASTORS AND TEACHERS RETREAT AT LAWROWELD

The pastors gathered August 12-14 at Camp Lawroweld for meetings with Dr. Ernest Bursey, Professor of Religion at Walla Walla College, on Relationships in Leadership. His presentation was filled with Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy. He is noted for his faithful interpretation of Scripture. The wives also met with Sally Streib, author of children's literature, to learn story telling and lessons from the sea.

The pastors found wonderful fellowship with God and fellow workers, on the ball field, at the waterfront, and at their annual corn roast campfire supper.

Pastors and teachers fellowshiped August 14-16 during a meal together at the beginning of this retreat. The retreat was packed with learning, fellowship, fun, and worship. Diane Wood from Landmark College spoke on The Learner Friendly Classroom: oral communication, reading, writing, study



Pastors' Retreat: Clockwise from the top left: Collette Pekar, Beverly Burke, Dr. Bursey, Pastor Pekar, Sally Streib, and Pastor Gilbert.

skills, and organization. Teachers brought ideas, curriculum, books and bulletin boards to share at the teacher fair. Wednesday evening campfire by the lake with music provided by Frank Stahl and fellow teachers was very special. Worships were conducted by Daphne and

Robert Cross, Roberta Merrow, John Baker, and Trudy Wright. Laughter was almost nonstop during Talent Night in the David Shaw Lodge Thursday evening. Talent night concluded with a teacher skit showing how to have classroom control.



Teachers' Retreat: Clockwise from the top left: Diane Wood; Jonica Peppard, Bill Snow, Dana Waterman in a Teacher Skit; David Perkins in a Unicycle & Juggling Act; Frank Stahl in group discussion; Ed Goodman, Bill Snow, and Lailani Gepford acting naughty; Larry Robbins in serious thought, Roberta Merrow conducting worship; Janice Grant and Gary Frost ready to host the Talent Night; David Knott in group discussion.

Southern New England

SUMMER FUN EQUALS CAMP WINNEKEAG

Our ministry at Camp Winnekeag is to illustrate God's plan for our lives and to share His love with the campers. We are not solely for the activities, to ski, to sail, to ride horses, or to make ceramics, but mainly for planting the seed of having Jesus in the heart and accepting Him as Saviour. The staff worked with God to fulfill this purpose and through God's help make a difference in campers' lives.

Campers come in all shapes and sizes, young and old, blind and

sighted, each with a specific need. Some came with anticipation. Others came just for something to do. Still others, for the day care provided. Each Sunday, staff met new campers and looked for ways to share God's love and caring for them. During the week, camp pastors and staff members demonstrated in tangible ways God's love.

One camper who had pressed to the limit his counselor's patience demonstrated the amazing power of Christ. Sunday, when the camper was going to the family car, he turned and ran back to the counselor, gave a huge hug and stated with

tears in his eyes that "You've changed my life. Thanks for the funnest summer ever!"

Amazing things happen at Camp Winnekeag. They happen not because of something the staff does, but because God is leading and guiding the counselors and other staff to reach out, to share, and to give of His love to each camper. God is using Camp Winnekeag as a place of refuge for campers, a place where they come to meet Jesus.

Sarah Fanton

A BIG THANK YOU FROM RUSSIA ECHOES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

"Спасибо Большое (thank you very much)!" chorused 60 teachers from Estonia, Siberia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, and Russia in response to \$4,000 worth of teaching supplies (felts, pictures, inflatable balls, crayons, pens, pencils), toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and other items donated to them. Three boxes, the maximum size allowed by the airline, were used to transport the 210 pounds of materials.

The teachers were attending Bible Doctrines and Health Methods courses during the Summer Institute at Zaokski, Russia. The Institute is sponsored by the Euro-Asia Division and the General Conference with instruction being provided by representatives of Atlantic Union College. This year's courses were taught by Brian Leavitt and Ruth Pope.

Twelve of the teachers have attended the Institute each year since



Students and teachers of the Zaokski church school standing in front of the Seminary building.

it began four years ago. After these twelve finish classes in 1997, they will be eligible for denominational certification. Thirty-three teachers were new to the program this summer.

Currently, five Adventist church schools are operating in the territories of the former Soviet Union. Teachers committed to the Ad-

ventist message are working to begin three additional schools during 1996-1997.

Teachers in the program are dedicated to Christian education. They adapt available materials in very creative ways. They look forward to using the teaching supplies given by members of the Atlantic Union.

WORCESTER CHURCH SCHOOL RECEIVES GIFTS

By participating in the Bank of Boston's Investment in Education program last year, the Worcester Seventh-day Adventist School became the recipient of six play-ground balls, two sets of encyclopedias, and a Magnavox TV/VCR combination. The pupils are pictured with Miriam Di Biase, their teacher from 1994 through 1996 school terms.



BERKSHIRE HILLS COOKING SCHOOL A SUCCESS

The Community Services committee of the Berkshire Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lanesboro, Massachusetts, recently sponsored a vegetarian cooking school. It was held five consecutive Tuesday evenings.

The sessions included breadmaking, healthful breakfasts, balanced nutrition, and healthful desserts. About 60 non-Adventists attended the five sessions.

Various church members demonstrated food preparation and served what they made at the close of each session. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship and the prepared dishes.



Louise Gai, Community Services chairperson, making a presentation.

Riley Bates, Public Relations Secretary

LONGTIME MEMBER HONORED FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE

Fred Carpenter, member of the Providence, Rhode Island, Seventh-day Adventist Church, was honored by church members for his 60 years of service. He has served as an elder for most of those years and is a favorite Sabbath school teacher. He has spent his life serving his God and has been an inspiration to many. Thank you, Brother Carpenter. He is pictured here with his wife of 64 years.



BAPTISM IN DANBURY-BETHEL, CONNECTICUT, CHURCH

A lovely baptism took place in the Danbury-Bethel church with Pastor Thomas LeBlanc officiating. Peter Piliero conducted Bible Studies with both Lawrence Davis and Lawanda Hall. Ronald Magboo studied his Bible with Dolly Smith, another faithful member. He was assisted by Bill Jamel, volunteer associate pastor of the church.

The Danbury church is growing in both membership and building size as construction continues on our new sanctuary. These precious members will be a valuable asset as we embark on the exciting adventure of building, finishing, and worshipping in our new church. May the Lord richly bless these new members of God's family.



Pictured (L. to R.) are Bill Jamel, Ronald Magboo, Dolly Smith, Peter Piliero, Lawanda Hall, Lawrence Davis, and Pastor Tom LeBlanc.

Rose LeBlanc

Bulletin Board

Sunset Table

Eastern Standard Time

	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
Bangor, ME	3:54	3:54	3:57	4:01
Portland, ME	4:04	4:04	4:07	4:11
Boston, MA	4:11	4:12	4:15	4:19
So. Lancaster, MA	4:13	4:14	4:17	4:21
Pittsfield, MA	4:20	4:20	4:23	4:27
Hartford, CT	4:19	4:20	4:23	4:27
New York, NY	4:28	4:29	4:32	4:36
Albany, NY	4:21	4:22	4:24	4:29
Utica, NY	4:25	4:26	4:29	4:33
Syracuse, NY	4:29	4:30	4:32	4:37
Rochester, NY	4:35	4:35	4:38	4:42
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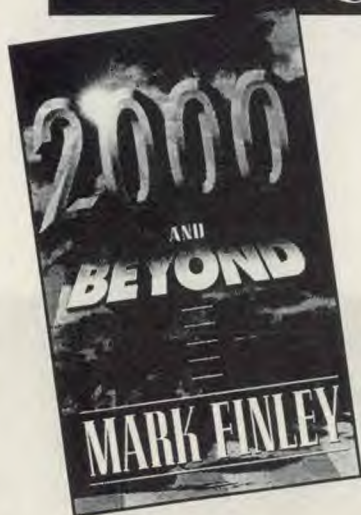
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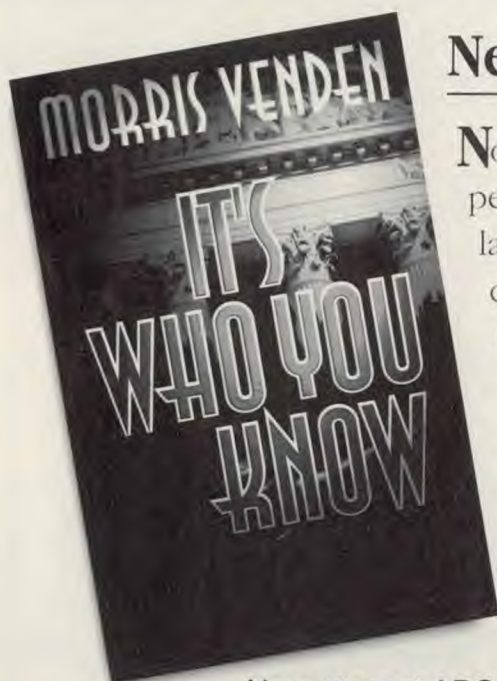
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