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THE PURLOINED PENCIL



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Have you ever seen a pencil bearing the words "SKILCRAFT BONDED NO. 1 SOFT?" Chances are you have. If you look carefully at your own pencil, then at other pencils, you may notice something slightly atypical. Mixed in with all the Ticonderoga No. 2s, all the Fibercastells, all the Scriptos and all of the Associated pencils, there are many SKILCRAFT BONDED NO. 1 SOFTs being used every day.

So now you're saying, "That doesn't seem that strange. I mean, who cares what kind of pencils people write with?"

Here's where the plot thickens. Those SKILCRAFT pencils are made especially for use by the government. And any day now, federal investigators may come knocking on our doors wondering what we're doing with pencils requisitioned by the government.

The fact that these pencils have such a unique purpose makes us wonder. Right now we think back and ask ourselves, "Where did I get these pencils?"

Well, I'll answer your question. No, it wasn't your mother, or anyone else's mom for that matter. Our culprit, the man who spread the SKILCRAFT BONDED NO. 1 SOFT pencils through our area, the person who may doom us to spend our lives in federal prison, is a certain person whom we eat with, live with and play with every day.

His name doesn't matter. What matters is that we understand his mission. He spreads pencils throughout the area so that finding a writing utensil will never be a trauma again.

Enough about pencils. If a determined someone can scatter something so unimportant so easily, what might we spread into the minds and hearts of others around us?

Love?

COVER: Stuart Hackley is a Sabbath school member of the New Hope church in Laurel, Maryland, where according to his mom, he loves to sing and learn about Jesus. Kathy Hackley photographed her 2-year-old son during a trip to Saint Michaels, Maryland, and says the picture reminds her of the scripture where Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven,"—*Matthew 19:14*.

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Handicap leads to unique baptism

When Sarah Watkins joined the Williamstown church in the New Jersey Conference, her baptism by immersion was an unusual event for several reasons.

According to Communication Secretary Bernard Sievers, Watkins was the subject of 25 years of intercessory prayer by her sister, Marcella Jackson from the Trenton congregation. When Watkins moved into Williamstown, her sister phoned Pastor Donald Bozarth and asked him to call on her. That visit led to Bible studies and Watkins' acceptance of Jesus as her personal Saviour.

However, plans for Watkins' baptism were complicated by the fact that she is confined to a wheelchair and can only stand with the help of a walker.

Many locations were considered as possible sites for the baptism. A nearby Adventist church had a baptistery, but its construction made it virtually impossible for Watkins to use.

Then, Sievers said, someone remembered the in-ground swimming pool owned by members Charles and Eleanor Terzian.

The arrangements were made, but Watkins was not home free yet because the water temperature in the pool was uncomfortably low due to cold weather. But when the big day came, both the weather and the water were unexpectedly warm.

After transferring Watkins from her wheelchair to a lawn chair, two deacons carried her into the pool and held the chair steady until Bozarth baptized her by tipping the chair back and up again for the immersion.

"The ingenuity of the members in Williamstown is a fine example of what can happen when the church is viewed as the central focus and driving force of the denomination," said Ron M. Wisbey, president of the Columbia Union. "Sarah Watkins' baptism is proof that no handicap is too great to be overcome through the guidance of the Holy Spirit."—RH



Church deacons Michael Cummings (left) and John King (right) help Pastor Donald Bozarth baptize Sarah Watkins by immersion despite her inability to walk.

Vision 1:

The local church will be the central focus and driving force of the denomination.

Vision 2:

The joy and celebration of worship will attract people to our churches, allowing the Sabbath to become a major evangelistic tool.

Vision 3:

Church fellowship will be so vibrant that member retention will improve and conflict over lifestyle issues will decrease.

FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



Dana Jones, Charleston, Mountain View. Eleven-year-old Dana was baptized into the Lord's family during Pastor Dale Tunnell's multimedia evangelistic crusade in November of 1991.



Ernie Batchelor, Germantown Philadelphia, Allegheny East. Ernie was one of 16 people baptized in August of 1991 after attending a revival series held by Oscar Lane from Atlanta, Georgia.



Jim Harbin, Middletown Valley, Chesapeake. The chilly water of Middle Creek in Myersville, Maryland, was where Jim, his wife and his two sons were baptized in September of 1991.



Pam Harbin, Middletown Valley, Chesapeake. Pastor John Kurlinski re-baptized Pam and baptized her husband, Jim, and her two sons, Brandon and Peter, in September of 1991.



Larry Sullivan, Akron Bethel, Allegheny West. "I feel much better now that God has cleansed me from all of my sins," Larry said after the 13-year-old was baptized during March of 1991.



Harmony Shane, Winchester, Potomac. A student at the Valley View school, Harmony and her younger sister, Miranda, were baptized by Pastor Denis Segebartt in March of 1991.



Miranda Shane, Winchester, Potomac. Miranda and her older sister, Harmony, attended evangelistic meetings held by Bill Zimma before their baptism during March of 1991.

Pelé's curse

DICK DUERKSEN

The rangers of Volcano National Park do not look forward to the arrival of the mailman. Every day he brings more boxes. Some days there are two. Other days, three. Often five or more. Boxes of lava rocks, black sand, pumice and "Pelé's hair," each returned to Hawaii in hopes that Pelé, goddess of the volcanoes, will lift the curse she places on those who remove lava from the islands.

Along with the rocks come letters filled with tales of disaster, trouble, contrition, tragedy and hope.

"Dear Park Ranger: I am returning this lava before it kills me. When I returned from Hawaii, my refrigerator was broken and everything inside was rotten. Then I caught a terrible cold, and now I have lost my voice. Please return this rock so I can get back to my normal life. I'll never do it again!"

"I don't believe in curses, but since we returned my wife developed breast cancer, my son wrecked his car, and last night his lung collapsed without warning."

"I'm returning this rock to Pelé. Please tell her of my sorrow for not listening and believing. I believe now."

"My list of misfortunes goes on and on. Loss of my job as president of a savings and loan, loss of my truck, breakdowns of equipment and stones lost from my wife's ring. But worst was the loss of our son at age 30 by an industrial accident. I have finally located the piece of lava I had taken and am sending it back in the hope that it might be the cause of my problems."

"In July of 1973 I picked up this rock after I was told not to. When I returned home, I went through a messy divorce. Since then I've had innumerable problems. Though I don't believe in the Polynesian gods or their legions, I'm not in a position to argue."

Does the Christian God carry grudges against sinners just like the Hawaiian Pelé?

"Madam Pelé, I took this sand off your island in 1976. Since then my karma has been tainted. Please accept it back and know that I am a believer."

"I still don't believe in curses, but I'd never forgive myself if bad things kept happening and I still had this stupid rock."

The letters come from around the world, each pleading for release from Pelé's curse, hoping for the gift of an untroubled life.

As I paged through the December and January stack of letters, I was amazed that so many "non-believers" were so eager to behave like believers and create a minor lava flow back to the islands.

But I'm even more amazed at the primitive picture of the Lord I found in the letters: "If I offend God, He will smack me hard! He'll destroy my refrigerator, give me cancer, wreck my truck, kill my son and get me fired!"

"My," I thought, "I'm glad Christians don't believe that about God."

Then I listened as a teacher told a group of elementary students about

God's punishment of Nadab and Abihu. And of Peter's summary discipline of Annanias and Sapphira.

Does God truly "smash you across the head" if you disobey Him? Does the Christian God carry grudges against sinners just like the Hawaiian Pelé?

No.

Yes. There are numerous texts and tales that suggest God will respond to misbehavior and unbelief with destruction. Yet Jesus Christ, God's most accurate picture of Himself, effectively presents us with a God who hates sin but loves sinners. A God who abhors death but delights in forgiveness and transformation. A God who gets our attention, sometimes even using Satan's disasters and our bad choices to do so, so that He can transform us with His love.

No, God does not delight in breaking the legs of Sabbath skiers. But He may find, in a broken leg, an ideal opportunity to speak softly about responsibility.

Yes, one of these days "final destruction" will be the result for all rebels. But God will be standing there, tearfully allowing His children to choose that from which He had been trying to defend them.

No, death and disaster do not come from removing rocks. They come from rejecting love.

Dick Duerksen is editor of the Columbia Union Visitor.

RAY DOYLE

Ephrata Pious Cloister

18th century settlers
kept Sabbath,
were vegetarians



The town of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, is the home of the Ephrata Cloister, one of

America's earliest religious and communal societies, who were seventh-day Sabbath worshipers and vegetarians, and believed in the eminent return of Jesus.

The Cloister was founded in 1732 by Conrad Beissel, a German priest. His followers were inspired by his preaching and life-style and separated from the Dunkard church, joining him in the Ephrata area.

Their society was based on Bible study, prayer, self denial, a celibate life as far as possible, hymn writing and singing a cappella. They practiced foot washing and baptism by immersion and were strict seventh-day Sabbath keepers.

Because of their belief that Christ would come at midnight, they did not want to be found sleeping at His coming. They were awakened a few minutes before midnight, and all assembled in the worship hall for Bible reading, prayers and singing hymns for two hours.

Around the year 1750, the height of the Cloister expansion and growth, they numbered between 300 and 400

members. The order slowly decreased in size after the death of Beissel in 1768. In 1814 the remaining members incorporated into the Seventh Day German Baptist Church. They continued worshiping at the original site until around 1934.

Their singing education, music training and hymn writing is still carried on today, and concerts are held throughout the year, especially at Christmastime. The singers perform wearing the period dress of their ancestors by candlelight in the original buildings.

A sidebar to their vocal training was the vegetarian diet required by Beissel. According to him, a strict vegetarian diet was mandatory for the production of a pure, clear voice.

One of the Cloister's long-lasting contributions to American society was its prolific printing and publishing center. For nearly a century after 1743, they printed religious tracts, broadsides, books and other publications.

The Cloister members were a self-supporting group. Some were farmers and fruit growers; others made baskets. Some were printers or hymn writers, while many did carpentry, built furniture, created household crafts and made clothes for the group. Each activity was performed with

great skill and patience and to the glory of God.

When visiting the Ephrata Cloister, which is open to the public daily, one feels compassion for those dear folk who were striving so hard to please their earthly leader and their God by self-denial and good works.

Ray Doyle, a historian, is a member of the Blue Mountain Academy church in Hamburg, Pennsylvania. Prior to retirement, he taught in Seventh-day Adventist academies and colleges in the United States and abroad. All photos are by Doyle.

The Sabbath-keeping Ephrata Cloister religious group built medieval German-style buildings of log, stone and half timber, reflecting the Germanic architecture of their homeland. Each member's cell was furnished very simply with a small wall cupboard for hymn books and a Bible and limited personal items. There were narrow shelves along two sides of the room, which were used for sitting and sleeping. A wood block served as their only pillow.

Inset: The Cloister members' most ambitious undertaking was the translation from German and the printing of a 1,200-page book entitled *Martyr's Mirror*. This was a collection of engravings and stories of the martyrs of the dark ages and was printed for the Mennonite Church. This was the largest book printed in the American colonies. Printing fine arts, such as calligraphy, or "fraktur-schrieten," are demonstrated currently at the Cloister.

Columbia Union academies raise \$500,000

RICK MOYERS

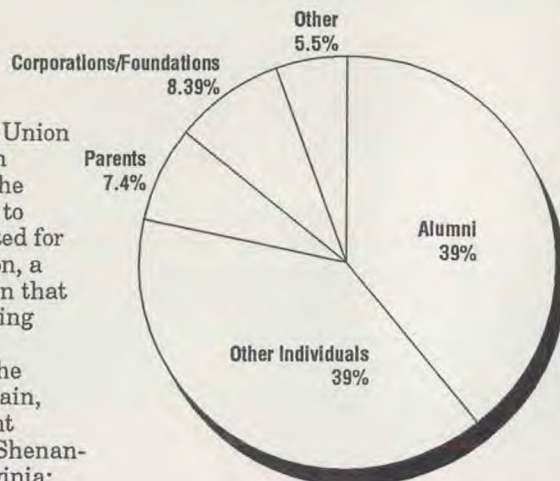
Academies in the Columbia Union received more than \$500,000 in philanthropic support during the 1990-91 school year, according to surveys the academies completed for the Council for Aid to Education, a national non-profit organization that collects and compiles fund-raising statistics.

Five academies completed the surveys, including Blue Mountain, Hamburg, Pennsylvania; Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon, Ohio; Shenandoah Valley, New Market, Virginia; Spring Valley, Centerville, Ohio; and Takoma, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Of the \$513,000 given to academies this past year, \$203,000 came from alumni, \$129,000 from parents, \$170,000 from other individuals, \$1,500 from corporations and foundations and \$9,000 from other sources. Church subsidies are not included in those figures.

Spring Valley Academy, which is raising money to expand its physical plant, raised the most money among Columbia Union academies. Shenandoah Valley Academy raised the largest amount from alumni, and Blue Mountain Academy raised the largest amount from other indi-

Sources of Gifts to Adventist Academies



Total Voluntary Support for Adventist Academies



viduals. Takoma Academy showed the greatest increase over last year.

According to Dick Osborn, vice president for education of the Columbia Union Conference, giving to academies does more than bring in needed monies. "Philanthropy is extremely important to the survival of Adventist educational institutions because of the shrinking resources available to the church for our schools," said Osborn. "But it also allows us the opportunity to keep in touch with alumni and supporters of our schools, some of whom have had little contact with the church since their own high school years. Philanthropy is the opening for some of these alumni to come back to the church."

Gifts to the schools help pay operating expenses, provide scholarships for needy students, purchase equipment and build and maintain facilities.

CUC needs

You can make life better for students at Columbia Union College—with just a few dollars. The main entrance to the cafeteria needs new carpet, the lab needs some new microscopes, and the theology students need a video camera to help them learn how to preach effectively. And there's more.

Please. Take a moment. Review the list and choose a project. Then send your check to the Columbia Union Visitor. Be sure to identify the project on the check. We'll be publishing pictures of the improvements as soon as we are able.

- \$2,400 New furniture for lobby area of men's residence hall.
- \$1,400 Sponsor a room of new furniture in women's residence hall refurbishing project.
- \$2,000 Drapes for the men's worship chapel.
- \$2,000 Quality portable public address system for student activities and general campus use.
- \$300 New International Commentary on the Bible for religion department.
- \$2,000 Apple computers for education department to directly improve instruction.
- \$20,000 New chairs and tables for college dining room. (They'll enjoy it three times a day for years.)
- \$1,200 Video camera for practice preaching in the religion department.

Rick Moyers is assistant director for Philanthropic Service for Institutions for the North American Division.

*Program features
Stephen Lesko,
the pianist
without hands*

JUDY NORTHCUTT

Young adults feature peer speakers and musicians

The youth and young adults of the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hamilton, Ohio, conducted the worship service on Sabbath, January 18.

Leaders of the service planned a program of spoken and musical subjects. Speaker David Lesko presented "What I Like about My Church," and Scott Griessmann talked about "What I Would Like to See Happen in My Church." Musical numbers were performed by Dorothy Monroe, who sang "Upon This Rock," and Stephen Lesko, who played "A Quiet Place" on the piano. Pastor Walter Sherman assisted with the program.

The local newspaper, the *Hamilton Journal-News*, was notified of the event, and attention was especially



The *Journal-News* sent reporter Theresa Loomis to cover the event, and she met with Lesko and interviewed him afterward. Loomis said she enjoyed the service and found Lesko amazing.

The following Sunday's newspaper had a half-page article about Lesko with a large color photo of him playing the piano for the

Hamilton church congregation. Lesko is 17 years old and has been a member of the Hamilton church for 13 of those years. He is active in the spiritual and social activities of the church.

Judy Northcutt is the communication secretary for the 169-member Hamilton, Ohio, church.

Above: Pianist Stephen Lesko, a 17-year-old youth who was born without hands, is interviewed by Theresa Loomis, a reporter for the Ohio *Hamilton Journal-News*, following a program in which Lesko performed.

Left: In addition to Lesko, other young adults participated in the program presented in the Hamilton, Ohio, church. From left: David Lesko and Scott Griessmann spoke and Dorothy Monroe sang a solo. The event was supported by Pastor Walter Sherman.



noted of the unique talent of Stephen Lesko, who plays the piano even though he was born without hands. Lesko's right arm stops at the elbow, and his left arm extends only several inches past the elbow joint with two small digits. He can only play three notes at one time, but he improvises, making it sound like much more. Lesko inspires all who hear him.

Youth summit up

LORI PECKHAM

"I love times like these because they bring me closer to friends and new people, and also to God."

"My favorite part of today was being able to actively participate."

"When is the next one?"

These reactions came from teenagers who recently attended the youth summit in Hagerstown, Maryland. Sponsored by *Insight/Out* magazine, the one-day discipleship seminar drew teens from three conferences.

Groups from as close as nearby Highland View Academy and as far away as Dover, Delaware, converged on the Review and Herald Publishing Association Sunday morning, January 12.

After registration, things took off at 10 a.m. with active group mixers that encouraged 100 percent involvement. The teens then took part in skits, listened and talked during small-group discussions and seminars, enjoyed a delicious—and interesting—lunch experience, brainstormed on ways they could serve others and God, and watched the day recapped on video.

This year's summit focused on love. Seminar choices included: "How Girls and Guys View Love Differently," led by Chris Blake and Lori Peckham

from *Insight* and *Insight/Out* magazines; "How Do I Relate to—You Know—Love?" taught by Ron Hyrchuk, youth pastor at the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland;

"Loving God Is More Than a Heart Transplant," led by Chris Blake; "Haven't I Seen You Before?" (Finding God in Others), conducted by Tom Decker, pastor of the Highland View Academy church, and Richard Parker, Chesapeake Conference youth director.

Throughout the day teens participated, led out, shared and grew together. At the end of the day, they filled

out response cards, and more than half checked the box that read: "I want to be involved in helping others. Please let me know how I could be a part of a short-term mission project."

In addition, three participants checked this response box: "The experience today has impressed me. I'd like to be a Seventh-day Adventist church member."

Youth summits are designed to disciple Seventh-day Adventist youth and to evangelize those who are out of—or on the fringes of—the church. From the response sheets and comments, this year's summit did indeed make a difference.

"My favorite part was fellowshiping with other youth in a Christian environment."

"I liked the discussion groups with free and active participation."



"There's nothing like it."

"You have a great time, meet lots of nice people and learn about God all at the same time."

"It was awesome. I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

Lori Peckham is associate editor of *Insight* and *Insight/Out* magazines. All photos are by Tompaul Wheeler.

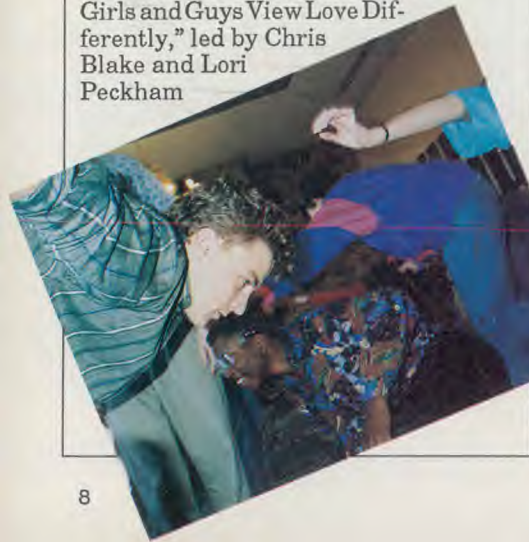
Left, bottom: Youth from various academies and churches get to know each other during active mixers.

Left, top: April Mangum, an "Iraqi," shows her lunch of clumpy rice. The "Iraqi" group got rice and water—but could be served a full, hot meal by their coalition friends. Tom Decker, a "coalition,"

digs into his spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and brownie. As the groups caught the spirit of service, smiles radiated throughout the room, and many students recalled this experience as the highlight of the day.

Right, top: Students participate in the skit, "The Love Boat." The final skit of the day brought everyone together in a group hug.

Right, bottom: Kevin Carbaugh (left) and other seminar students learn that they are God's gloves, and He must work through them.



New Hope Church uses outreach evangelism

David Huber, pastor of the New Hope church, in Burtonsville, Maryland, shared with Wayne Coulter and Neville Harcombe the master planning strategy that the church has for outreach evangelism in the '90s. Ten basic outreach ministry teams have been formed to make this plan a reality. They are: community Bible study group, tender loving care group, Saturday morning community Bible class, cradle roll Sabbath school class, New Hope teen club, Sabbath hospitality ministry, safe-haven winter shelter emergency ministry services, community interest visitation group and Sabbath worship evangelistic team.

The object of these 10 classes or groups is to funnel all interests to the Sabbath hospitality ministry teams. They in turn direct them to the Saturday morning community Bible class. The highlight of this evangelistic thrust is the worship hour itself.

Forty-four Sabbaths have been designated as worship evangelism times for the 1992-93 year. At each worship service an invitation is extended to help people receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour, Lord and King. This is an exciting concept, and Huber was encouraged to continue with his master plan and give a report on a quarterly basis.

This concept has been developed over the past four or five years. Church members are encouraged to take leadership positions as they function in these different teams. We are hopeful that this concept can be used in other church settings.

Conference staff holds planning session

A two-day planning session was a successful event when Dick Duerksen, new vice president for creative ministries and communication director of the Columbia Union, was invited to be the facilitator.

Duerksen began the session by explaining generic principles of the marketing world. He talked about customers, needs and then the product. We then identified our product as Seventh-day Adventists trying to get the interest of the public. The staff then began to develop its own perception of the conference product. For



Left to right: Krissy Bechler, Kelly Gorsche, Tracy Turner, Shena Cain and Wendy

Linthicum project

On October 13, 1991, the Linthicum, Maryland, church sponsored a bike-a-thon for the primary/junior/earliteen division. There were five participants, including Kelly Gorsche, 8, Wendy Donachy, 13, Shena Cain, 14, Tracy Turner, 12, and Chrissy Bechler, 12.

The bike-a-thon was held at Downs Park in Pasadena. The participants were required to bike the trail around three times, which totaled a little over 10 miles. They were also required to find and recruit their own sponsors. When the money was turned in, it totaled \$153 for their investment project. Praise the Lord for the incentive of our young people.

LAURA MCCOMAS
Communication Secretary

instance, the generic product is Jesus, Seventh-day Adventist membership, etc. The expected product would be fellowship, outreach opportunities, moral lifestyles, family, etc. The augmented product would be that of health, the Sabbath, education, prophetic interpretation, etc.

The staff then divided up into two-member teams and began to brainstorm as to how to identify potential products for the conference. After this was shared in a group discussion, they then went back to "flesh out" the various programs that could be augmented in the total Chesapeake Conference program.

We ask for your prayers as the conference staff seeks the leading of the Holy Spirit in helping us reach our goal of finishing the Lord's work in this conference.

HVA establishes marketing task force

A marketing task force for Highland View Academy has been organized to help in the recruiting program for the Chesapeake Conference constituency. The co-chairpersons of the special committee are Bill Jackson, assistant principal, and Tom

Kapusta, publishing director of the Chesapeake Conference. Members of the committee are: Kathy Goddard, English teacher; Steve Gatz, boys dean; Oliver Crouch, a parent; Peter Trepper, also a parent; and Tom Decker and Tim Roosenberg, both pastors. Jackson and Kapusta attended a marketing seminar to get a better understanding of "Project Affirmation" and "Valuegenesis." The seminar also helped them gain knowledge of writing and implementing an education-specific marketing plan.

The committee is attempting to receive a broad input from the entire Chesapeake constituency. They will be contacting students, parents, faculty and pastors to help them develop a marketing plan. After creating a data base, they will then attempt to identify their market segment and direct a mail and recruiting program.

On January 31 they were slated to share a progress report with the academy faculty. In February they will then write a marketing plan and method of evaluation. In March recruiting will then begin in earnest. We are optimistic that this committee, together with the academy faculty and academy board members, will be able to attract students for the 1992-1993 school year.

Andrews Development Center gives children a great beginning



Children from the Andrews Development Center, a part of the John Nevins

Four years ago the John Nevins Andrews School board and administration voted to open a three- and four-year-old program as an extension of family educational services offered by the school. What began in one room with 17 children has now grown to 50 children in three classrooms.

The John Nevins Andrews School and Development Center operates

year-round in a beautiful setting of trees in Olde Towne Takoma Park, Maryland. Approximately 75 percent of the students come from Adventist homes. Parents from Chevy Chase (to the west), Lanham (to the east) and Burtonsville (to the north) drive by prominent centers to bring their children to JNA because of the love, care and Christian atmosphere

provided by the center's staff. And several parents have begun attending area churches due to the witness of the development center.

The strength of the development center lies in its staff and the philosophy that its program is an important part of the total educational program at JNA. Most of the seven Adventists of the original staff are still with the center.

Now in its 85th year, JNA has a long history as a stable leader of Adventist Christian education, not only in the Washington, D.C. area but throughout the North American Division. A continuum curriculum is being developed to include the development center. Art, story time, religion, music, manipulative play and social skills are an integral part of the development of each child.

JNA focuses on offering top-quality care at a time when 60 percent of mothers work outside the home and moral values are under attack. To provide a safe, loving environment that trains our next generation is an enjoyable, rewarding and awesome responsibility for the staff at the John Nevins Andrews School and Development Center.

JACKIE LONTO
Administrative Assistant

Charlottesville Adventist Day Care Center is a witness

The Charlottesville Seventh-day Adventist Day Care Center is located on Jefferson Park Avenue, near the campus of the University of Virginia and close to downtown.

Directed by Debra Cothern, the facility is housed in a large two-story brick building with five classrooms, a fenced-in playground with age-appropriate play equipment, a staff meeting room, computer room, teachers' lounge, four restrooms, a kitchen and the director's office.

Cothern has led the center since August 1989 and oversees five teachers and seven helpers, in addition to 10 college-age volunteers from UVA's Madison House. Two UVA students come each day to play with the children and help them with learning activities.

The Adventist center's enrollment is 60 with a capacity for 70 children

ages 2 through 5. This year the children come from 56 non-Adventist and one Adventist family.

Opened in 1968, the center began in the church basement, helping support the small church school. As the day-care center outgrew the church facility, a building was constructed next door. Still supporting Christian education, funds from the center recently purchased a 15-passenger van to transport children to the Staunton church school from the Charlottesville and Bethany Adventist churches.

Open Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the center begins each day with play time and then continues with learning-table activities, snacks, worship, outdoor play, art activities and learning circles for stories and music.

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Sheri Yarrington is shown with her classroom of 4-year-olds.

Petersburg Day Care Center impacts many lives

The Petersburg Adventist Child Care Center shares a building with the grade school that is also operated by the Petersburg Adventist church.

Sixty-six 2- to 5-year-olds attend the center, which is administered by a staff of nine. The day care has brought a very positive image of Adventists to a community where there was at one time total ignorance of our existence, or at least misunderstanding. Three of the children have Adventist grandparents; otherwise, all of the children are from non-Adventist homes. We have had Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews and Muslims

enrolled.

Morning exercises of Sabbath school songs, stories, pledging to the flag and singing the national anthem are greeted with enthusiasm by all patrons. The vegetarian menu is well accepted. Many parents confess to saying a blessing before meals at home

now upon the child's insistence!

Sixty percent of the church school enrollment is a direct result of the day-care center, putting these children under Christian influence for additional years and increasing the possibility of a full surrender to Christ in years to come.

One mother called persistently before the center opened, trying to ensure a space for her son. She sent us her gifted 3-year-old. He has continued into the grade school and is now in the fourth grade. His younger sister has completed day-care and is



Ruslana came all the way from Russia to play with



You must turn the picture upside down to see the center Nicholas



Danielle is comforted by her friend, Ms. Miller.

now in the second grade. They both attend junior camp at Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Virginia, each summer and go to camp meeting with their teacher!

The church is enthusiastic and supportive of the center, which has a mission of uplifting Christ to community children and their families. The center generates \$20,000 annually for the church and the school, but that is considered a benefit secondary to the impact on the lives of many families for years to come.

JOY BREETZKE
Director

Charlottesville witness (continued)

"We went on a field trip in August, taking the children swimming and on a picnic," said Cothorn. "At lunch time we sang a prayer song and blessed the food before we ate. Later a

mother in the park came over to our teachers and said that hearing our children singing and praying to Jesus impressed her. This was a small but important witness."

The center recently started a new religious curriculum, teaching children they are special, precious in God's eyes and very valuable to Him because they're His children. One child had been having a real problem with shyness due to an alcoholic father and a dysfunctional family, related Cothorn. Her mother recently told the teacher that the child is now coming out of her shell because her self-esteem is being raised. She has learned about God's love for her and has begun to see herself through His eyes.

Come visit and enroll your child in the best day-care center in town.



Debra Cothorn, shown here with some of her charges, is the director of the Charlottesville Adventist Day Care



On playground duty, Angie Phillips, teacher for the 2-year-olds.

BONNIE REYNOLDS JOHNSON
*Charlottesville Public Relations
Secretary*

Church News

Members of the **Cleveland and Akron Yugoslavian churches** have increased their prayers in behalf of their war-torn home country and the friends and loved ones who live there. Many Adventist Christians in Yugoslavia are living in the basements of their homes and worshipping in church basements because of the bombing that has affected so many buildings. More than 200 refugees are being housed in our college in western Yugoslavia in the Republic of Croatia.

Remember to join your Yugoslavian brothers and sisters in prayer for the people in that field.

Members of the **Miamisburg church** met November 16 for a church business meeting to make a decision regarding the selection of an architect for the new Miamisburg church building. Final negotiations are underway and will be completed soon with the hope of locating the new church on the campus of Sycamore Hospital, a division of Kettering Medical Center. Current funds for the project total nearly \$150,000.

The **Wooster church** celebrated a day of baptism when Eric and Cindy Larson joined the church family. Coupled with the baptism was the dedication service of Vickie Larson, the 7-year-old daughter of Eric and Cindy. The Larson family was welcomed into the church fellowship with the presentation of an enormous cake inscribed with the words, "Congratulations on your baptism, Eric and Cindy." The cake was served during a potluck following the service.

A computer telephone ministry coordinated by Will Adams, pastor of the **Beavercreek/Miamisburg district**, is touching lives and homes each day with a three- to four-minute devotional and prayer. From its inception through November 30, 1,499 homes have received the daily telephone ministry.

The **Cherry Street Mission group** at the **Toledo First church** prepared Sunday dinner for homeless people on December 22 as its usual monthly project. This time, however, they delivered new socks and gloves to all of the homeless who attended dinner that day. Members of Toledo provided this gener-

Yellow ribbons represent reunion at Mount Vernon Hill

Yellow ribbons tied around the front pillars of the Mount Vernon Hill church symbolized the welcome for those making the journey "home" during a reunion/revival series held in November. In preparation for the event, the church held a 24-hour prayer watch. Then personal invitations were sent to present and missing members to join in a time of rejoicing, revival and reunion with God and the church family.

The messages for the series were based in the sanctuary truth and featured guest speaker Dick Duerksen, vice president for creative ministries for the Columbia Union.

"Music also played a key part in our series," said Pastor George Pangman. Jimmy Arnett, a baritone from South Bend, Indiana, presented a musical concert. Bill Baker, music instructor at Mount Vernon Academy, coordinated musical presentations by students, and Tibor Shelly and Waverly Tyson, staff members at MVA, led in congregational singing. The King's Players, an MVA drama group, performed several skits under the direction of Sari Butler.

"The Potter" was a favorite highlight. Jon Mourglia of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, impressed the audience with his potter's wheel and clay, which he used to teach Bible principles of creating something as beautiful as a vessel from something so hopeless as a lump of clay.

The success of the event was measured by attendance and number of individual decisions made. "I saw people at the reunion/revival series I never expected to see in our church again," commented one member.

Six individuals made decisions for baptism, and numerous others responded with written commitments to rededicate their lives to God.

DALE GLASS
First Elder

osity in an attempt to make a difference!

Beavercreek church members recently completed a six-week video seminar study on the Holy Spirit. The seminar was presented by David Wolkwitz, a featured speaker at Ohio Conference Camp Meeting '91. Each evening meeting was followed by a special time of prayer fellowship.



Garbed as a potter of Biblical times, real-life potter Jon Mourglia of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, used wheel, clay and vessels to demonstrate biblical truths in a demonstration at the Mount Vernon Hill church. The audience enjoyed seeing a lump of clay transformed into a beautiful vessel in the same way that Jesus transforms people into Christians.

Reynoldsburg parents dedicate children



Six children were dedicated to the Lord on November 9 at the Reynoldsburg church with Pastor Mark Swaisgood officiating.

The children were Kathryn Hazel Calwell, Trevor William Dickerson, Adora Elizabeth O'Kafor, Kodili Ryan O'Kafor, Chika Aimee O'Kafor and Onie Alochukwu O'Kafor.

RUTH ARLEDGE
Reynoldsburg member

A Healing ministry

Health care beyond the hospital

The influence of Adventist health care providers reaches beyond the acute-care hospitals through a full range of home and long-term care providers.

Through these organizations, additional ways are available to touch people's lives in a positive, Christian way.

Adventist Home Health Services

There's no place like home. Often, just being in a familiar, comforting environment surrounded by your family and friends can lift your spirits and help you to recover more quickly or adjust to a change in health. Yet, you may still need skilled professional health care to speed your recovery.

That's where Adventist Home Health Services, Inc. (AHHS) can help. If a patient has been hospitalized, AHHS provides the support that can make the transition from hospital to home not only possible, but also safe and easy. And, when a hospital stay is not necessary but someone still needs skilled care, we can help then, too. AHHS nurses and therapists work with each patient's personal physician to develop a course of home treatment that's right for him or her. The health care professionals at AHHS offer one-to-one personal attention to coordinate a home treatment plan.

As health care demands shift, many insurance companies and legislative



leaders are looking for cost-effective alternatives to provide health care. Home care is a cost-effective method of providing care that does not absolutely have to be provided in a hospital setting. Home health care also offers patients the comfort of being at home with family and the support of a health care professional continuing to provide care as they recuperate.

Home care services like those provided by Adventist Home Health Services

complement the hospital and offer patients continued health care support in the home.

AHHS nursing services include care of adult patients, maternal/child patients, pediatric patients and IV therapy. The agency also offers physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. Ancillary services include medical social work, personal care and diet counseling.

What truly makes Adventist Home

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What is the mission of health care as we look into the '90s? Perhaps the two major driving forces are cost containment and quality care. At first glance, the simultaneous pressure to cut cost and at the same time increase quality appears contradictory. These expectations have always been with us, but not with the driving force and intensity they are

now gathering through public and congressional demands. This is the challenge for the present decade, and for those who step up to it there are productive times ahead. With pressure on cost containment, new questions about what care is available and to whom, who provides it and how, what it costs and who pays are being asked by insurance companies, case managers, health maintenance organizations and employers, as well as you and me.

What is Adventist health care's response to these questions? Perhaps diversification—providing a full range of care outside the hospital setting. Currently Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Washington Adventist Hospital and Leland Memorial Hospital operate a number of outreach services, such as nursing centers, assisted living, adult day

care, home health care and outpatient rehabilitation. Through this diversification, patients can be placed within a "continuum of care" that addresses and meets their specific needs. With such a system, quality is maintained through specialization, and cost is controlled through efficiency in operation.

These arrangements are part of a national move toward a managed system of care, which is probably the most significant outcome of the health care "crisis." This month you will read how each of the outreach services play their part in the health care arena, how they meet the specific needs of their participants and how, in concert, they expand the role of Adventist health care in our community.



Richard Belogh
Adventist HealthCare, Inc.
Regional Director

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Health Services a quality organization are our dedicated health care professionals.

Patients and family members often write how home care services benefitted the patient's recuperation. One patient expressed to her nephew in Louisiana how much both Washington Adventist Hospital and Adventist Home Health Services had helped her. The nephew, impressed by his aunt's gratitude toward AHHS, took the time to write and thank us for the care provided to her during her illness.

As health care continues to shift, home care will continue to play a significant role in the health care arena. This not only

allows Adventist Home Health Services to be a leader in home health care, but also presents the opportunity to be an excellent example of "The Caring Church."

Home Assistance, Inc.

Home Assistance, Inc. is the private-duty, custodial nursing agency of Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic. The agency assists dependent and semi-dependent persons who remain at home through its home health aides, medical equipment, oxygen, infusion management and home cleaning services.

The largest division of service at Home Assistance, Inc. is private-duty nursing.

Through its dedicated staff of 200 home health aides, 450 patients were cared for in 1991, with many returning for additional services throughout the year as additional needs arose. Though nearly 80 percent of our patients are over the age of 85, we also aid younger persons who may have recently had surgery or have other conditions that have caused dependency.

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by a family member of a former patient:

"I am writing to thank you for the wonderful care Home Assistance has given to my mother since August of this year. The personnel you selected gave my mother excellent care marked with dignity and kindness. Please extend my gratitude to all of the home assistants who provided such wonderful care. ...The primary caregiver became a trusted member of our family and we relied on her so much. She extended her care to include gentle words of comfort in mom's depressed hours. She went the "extra mile" for her. ...The move yesterday from the retirement home to the nursing home went much better than my sister and I had anticipated. ...We thank you for the speed with which you always responded to our changing needs and the courtesy and understanding of the human condition that all of your personnel seem to practice. Thanks to the quality of character and skill of your assistants, they became extensions of our family."

Our commitment to quality of care and the personal dedication required to serve others is rewarded when we read words of this kind. Our ultimate goal is to extend the love and compassion of the God we serve to others who have sought us in their need.

Kettering Home Health Services

Kettering Home Health Services (KHHS), an affiliate organization of Kettering Medical Center, is composed of HomeCARING Services, InHome Care and Lifeline — three services created to give patients the option of receiving health care in their home.

"Currently, KHHS is in 800 homes in

Healing ministry

the Kettering Medical Center service area providing quality health care and supportive services to patients and their families," says Betty Fox, director. "We can provide nearly any health care service that a person needs or wants at home," explains Fox.

Unlike many similar organizations, KHHS is unique in its ability to provide patients and their families with a large variety of health care services, from high-tech nursing care to chemotherapy and blood transfusions, occupational and physical therapy, to Lifeline, the personal home emergency response system. All KHHS service lines are fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Also affiliated with Kettering Medical Center, Midwest Home Infusion Services (MHIS) provides the materials needed to administer hospital-quality care in the home. Specifically, MHIS provides supplies for IV antibiotic therapy, chemotherapy, catheter care, total enteral nutrition, pain management and numerous other high-tech therapies. In addition, MHIS provides consultation by physician specialists, analysis of medication dosage based on the patient's physical condition by a clinical pharmacist and a 24-hour patient hotline.

"MHIS provides these services to patients within a 200-mile radius of Dayton in cities like Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis," explains Barry Stegall, manager.

The skilled health care focus of Kettering Home Health Services, combined with the technical expertise of MHIS, allows KMC to provide patients with a wide range of professional health care services in the home. And when possible, there's no better place to receive professional health care than while enjoying the comforts of home.

Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers

A nursing center is defined as a "multi-faceted facility" to its varied clients. For its "residents," it is home—where they will live out their lives. For the short-term rehabilitation "patient," it is a temporary

health care facility between hospital and home. No matter how a nursing center serves its clients, it must function to meet varied needs - from those of individuals with minor limitations to those of fragile, elderly individuals with multisystems failures. It encompasses an environment that provides autonomy, warmth, caring, spirituality, nourishment, entertainment, safety and companionship while upholding basic human rights.

Achieving this requires the team effort of a nursing staff that possesses keen assessment skills and acts professionally and quickly when life is at risk; a dietary staff which prepares food with a flavor that satisfies discerning palates; a housekeeping staff that keeps each room spic-and-span while keeping each resident's personal clothing clean and available on a daily basis; an activity department that ensures adequate numbers of social outings, entertainment offerings and religious activities; a plant operations crew that not only ensures room temperatures individually controlled, but also hangs a favorite painting, repairs a wheelchair or replaces a screw in an old rocking chair; a rehab team of physical, occupational and speech therapists who assist in achieving goals; and a social services department that distributes absentee ballots, helps with financial affairs and ensures that human rights are upheld.

While all these disciplines work in an interdisciplinary fashion to make a nursing center, it is the *caring* that each employee demonstrates through hugs, pats on the shoulder, warm smiles and friendly greetings that makes the facility function in a human way.

News

ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE, INC.

■ **Breckenridge named marketing director**
Carole Breckenridge has been named marketing director for Adventist HealthCare, Inc., a nursing center management company headquartered in Montgomery County.

Breckenridge will be responsible for developing and implementing marketing

Ways to Wellness

Back to Basics

Back problems, a relatively common curse, can be prevented when you adhere faithfully to five basic, yet proven preventive back care measures: 1) Proper Posture—align ears, shoulders, hips, knees and ankles in a straight line. 2) Rest—give your back a breather. When sleeping, try the "fetal" position with knees slightly bent toward the chest. 3) Proper Lifting—hold objects close to body, lift with the legs only and never twist. 4) Exercise—consult journals and books for the numerous exercises designed to strengthen your back. 5) Proper Body Mechanics—apply the basics of back care to all of your daily activities.

Kettering Medical Center

strategies, coordinating sales and monitoring the quality improvement activities of the individual nursing centers.

Most recently, Breckenridge was marketing director of the Adult Evening Program at Columbia Union College. She has also worked in radio and advertising and as a private consultant.

HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

■ **New Year's baby welcomed**
Seventeen Hackettstown area businesses helped Hackettstown Community Hospital welcome the first baby delivered in 1992 with gift certificates, diapers, savings bonds, floral arrangements and more.

The parents of the "New Year's Baby"

^AHealing ministry

were pleasantly surprised with the honor, although they had "just missed a major tax deduction for 1991."

■ CPR training center status awarded

Hackettstown Community Hospital, recently awarded CPR Training Center status by the American Heart Association, offers community members ongoing cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes to help prepare them for crisis situations.

Maria Chervenak, health educator and Training Center manager, teaches classes in infant/child, adult and advanced CPR.

KETTERING MEDICAL CENTER

■ George Burton named KMC chief of staff

George Burton, M.D., officially began his year as KMC chief of staff January 1, 1992. A graduate of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and specialist in pulmonary medicine and sleep disorders, Dr. Burton serves as medical director of KMC's respiratory services. Dr. Burton was also recently appointed American Thoracic Society councillor for Ohio.

LELAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

■ George Malouf Sr. receives Benjamin Rush Award

George Malouf Sr., M.D., recently received the American Medical Association's Benjamin Rush Award for Citizenship and Community Service in recognition of his outstanding service to the people of Maryland and Prince George's County. Dr. Malouf is an ophthalmologist who has been a member of Leland's medical staff since 1982.

■ Brian Bayly named president of medical society

Brian Bayly, M.D., has been named as president of the Prince George's County Medical Society. Dr. Bayly is certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Surgery with special qualification in general vascular surgery. He joined Leland's medical staff in 1981.

READING REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

■ Esmine Townsend named director of medical records

Esmine Townsend recently joined RRH as director of medical records. Esmine formerly held the same position at Garrett County Memorial Hospital, Oakland, Maryland, and at health facilities in Eugene, Oregon.

She has a degree in medical record administration from Loma Linda University, California. She is a member of the American and Maryland Medical Record Associations.

Esmine said she hopes to use her expertise to provide good management to the medical records department so the hospital can "continue its work of restoring injured people to the achievement of their highest potential."

SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

■ Shady Grove pioneers back surgery

A new procedure for treating herniated disks is being offered at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Laser Disk Decompression (LDD) surgery allows the patient, once confined to bed for weeks, to walk out of the hospital the same day he or she has back surgery.

During the LDD operation, a laser is used to vaporize the center of the ruptured disk and remove it, thus removing the pain-causing pressure from the nerve. Not only is there immediate relief from symptoms, but the risk of complications is greatly reduced.

Shady Grove is the only hospital in Montgomery County, Maryland, to offer this new laser technology.

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

■ Washington Adventist joins others to provide low-cost flu shots

Washington Adventist Hospital, along with Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and other neighboring hospitals, donated staffing and supplies to provide low-cost flu shots for residents of Montgomery County, Maryland. Washington Adventist Hospital served 1,922 people through this partnership with the local health department.

■ Employees share during the holidays

During the holiday season, Washington Adventist Hospital employees found a way

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(Nursing Homes)
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Silver Spring, MD 20901
(301) 681-9760

Hackettstown Community Hospital

651 Willow Grove Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
(908) 852-5100

Hadley Memorial Hospital

4601 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20032
(202) 574-5700

Home Assistance, Inc.

10800 Lockwood Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20901
(301) 681-9602

Kettering Medical Center

3535 Southern Boulevard
Kettering, OH 45429
(513) 298-4331

Leland Memorial Hospital

4409 East-West Highway
Riverdale, MD 20737
(301) 699-2000

Reading Rehabilitation Hospital

R.D. 1, Box 250
Morgantown Road
Reading, PA 19607
(215) 777-7615

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

9901 Medical Center Drive
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 279-6000

Washington Adventist Hospital

7600 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
(301) 891-7600

to share. The social work department provided the names of two families in need, and employees flooded the office with money, food, clothing and toys. According to Betsy Clarkin, head nurse of the coronary care unit, employees brought in so many donations that they had to arrange a special trip to deliver the items to the families.

WORLD CHURCH

ADRA prepares shipments of food to former Soviet republics

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency is gearing up for large-scale food distribution programs in several of the former Soviet republics, according to Ralph Watts, ADRA's president.

Through a grant of about \$12 million from the United States Department of Agriculture, ADRA plans to distribute 10,780 metric tons of food to the people in the Ural Mountain region of central Russia. This region is difficult to reach and is an area with some of the greatest needs, a USDA official stated.

Food will leave U.S. port cities this month and is expected to arrive in Russia in April. Distribution to more than 385,000 people will last four months.

In another initiative, ADRA Germany is seeking a grant to provide food to the European portions of the former Soviet Union, such as Baltic republics Belorussia, Georgia, Moldavia, the Ukraine and western Russia, including Moscow. This project is to run from February to April and is worth nearly \$3 million.

"The needs in these former republics are extremely critical," said Watts. "Food shortages have not been exaggerated. There is no question that many people there are hungry."

Food will be targeted to help people with the most needs, including children,



CHESAPEAKE

Students from the David G. Fleagle school in Seaford, Delaware, recently packed clothes for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency on two occasions. The students' pastor provided the clothes and boxes. The children enjoyed learning about what happens to the clothes they give to their church. On the first occasion the students watched a video before packing clothes. The video was about ADRA and where the clothes go. It helped the children understand the agency's purpose. This opportunity really made the students think of how blessed they are to have nice clothes at home.—TIMOTHY COLEMAN, Fifth-grade student

orphans, the elderly, pregnant and nursing women, the homeless and the unemployed. Dry milk, butter oil, beans or lentils, soy-fortified bulgar and rice will be distributed.

Four ADRA officials travelled to Russia during the first week of February to meet with the agency's staff there. Together they chose the most needy areas, established sites of warehouses and organized the food distribution process.

ADRA works to help the poor in developing nations and responds to the needs of disaster victims, including people facing hunger.

NINA MARTINEZ
Correspondent

COLUMBIA UNION CHURCH MINISTRIES

Divisionwide conference offers seminars on health evangelism

Members who are interested in health topics and leadership in health ministries have been invited by the North American Division Health/Temperance Department to become better equipped to use both the knowledge we have and to acquire additional skills in reaching the secular mind. The NAD is offering the opportunity to learn how to integrate health into Bible study and evangelism and develop spiritual interests through health programs.

The Conference on Health Evangelism, April 26-May 3, in Bakersfield, California, features Stoy Proctor with the 1992 Revised Breathe-Free program and Gary Strunk with "In Pursuit of Excellence—The Health Component." There will also be illustrated health exhibits, lectures with Wilbur and Dorothy Nelson and special programs for Sabbath afternoon and Sunday.

Good health and long life can not be taken for granted. True, more people are living longer and medical technology has greatly advanced. However, we are also facing new and awesome illnesses and diseases unknown to our parents and grandparents. Health and fitness is a hot topic in today's world. What are we Adventists sharing with our neighbors and friends on this issue?

For further information on the conference and seminars offered, please call (301) 680-8733.

BARBARA MANSPEAKER
Church Ministries Associate Director

WORLD CHURCH

Santo Domingo project wins awards for Maranatha Volunteers

Maranatha Volunteers International has received a Crystal Award of Excellence from the Sacramento, California, chapter of the International Association for Business Communicators for its audiovisual program, "Santo Domingo '92."

The Crystal trophy is the highest award bestowed through an IABC chapter and is given in eight major categories of communications, including audiovisuals/public service announcements.

"Santo Domingo '92" is the three-project, multi-image vehicle that Maranatha has used to recruit 1,200 volunteers to build 25 churches in and around Santo Domingo, the capital city of the Dominican Republic. Lasting slightly under 10 minutes, this production relates the need for 25 churches and gives the viewer a feel for the people of Santo Domingo and their culture.

The Santo Domingo '92 project is running from January 21 to March 31.

DEBBIE CASE
Marketing Director



Student "parents" Elizabeth Shutt and Michael Flores help an "adopted" daughter unwrap her Christmas present from the pupils at SVA.

POTOMAC

SVA students "adopt" needy children for Christmas

On the cold, crisp evening of December 15, students at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, slowly filtered into the school cafeteria. A feeling of excitement prevailed as they chatted about the events to come. That evening the student association hosted its annual Adopt-a-Child Christmas Party.

A short time later, 35 bright-eyed and expectant kids filed into the cafeteria. They were introduced to their "parents" for the evening, who immediately took them through the food line and sat them down to eat a feast of Veja-Links, french fries, jello and mint brownies. Many of the children were too fascinated or overwhelmed to eat much.

When the meal was over, the students bundled their "kids" up and took them to the administration building to open their presents. The tall, sparkling Christmas tree and a mountain of presents left the children awestruck.

Once everyone had settled down, one of the student association officers, who was dressed as an elf, led the party in singing "Jingle Bells." Santa Claus appeared during the song with a jolly "Ho, ho, ho!" The children excitedly waited for their turn to sit on Santa's lap and receive their presents, which ranged from ninja turtles to baby dolls.

This was especially rewarding for the students who had donated the time and

money to purchase the gifts. Even those who did not adopt a child bought presents to ensure that these kids would have a truly merry Christmas.

When the very last present had been opened and the last squeal of joy uttered, the children followed their parents into the auditorium to watch *Mickey's Christmas Carol* and other Christmas cartoons.

The films soon ended, and the children were once again bundled up and led out to the vans that would take them home. As the final hugs and goodbyes were being given, one small boy looked up into the eyes of a student and said, "Thank you. This is the best Christmas I've ever had."

The more than 80 students who had participated walked back to their dormitories with a warm feeling in their hearts. They had learned the true meaning of Christmas, that "it is better to give than to receive."

LIANE GRAY
Sophomore



MOUNTAIN VIEW

Dale Tunnell, pastor of the Charleston, West Virginia, church, served as auctioneer at a fall sale that raised over \$800 for Ingathering. Members also took part in "free" car washes that brought in more Ingathering donations. Combined with more traditional methods, these activities helped the church raise \$6,725.96 for the 1991 Ingathering campaign, or a total of \$25.09 per member.—RUTH WRIGHT, Communication Director

OHIO

Worthington church celebrates 40 years of service

A memorial program commemorating the 40th anniversary of the first service ever held in the present Worthington church at 870 Griswold Street was conducted this past November.

Former Pastor Harold Gray, who served the church from 1949 until 1956, was the guest speaker during this special occasion. After pastoring the Worthington church, Gray served many other congregations in this country and spent time as a missionary in the Middle East. He is now retired and living in Arizona and Idaho.

The Worthington church was organized in 1920 and held its services in the parlor of Harding Hospital. The names of the 26 charter members are inscribed on a plaque in the foyer of the present church. When the group moved into the new church, which was built during 1951, membership was between 150 and 175. The membership is presently 500.

During the intervening years, members of the Worthington church spawned a new congregation in Westerville that had 51 chartered members in 1976 and now has a membership of 129. Most recently, the believers in Worthington also started a church in Dublin, which has a membership of 35.

RUTH MICHAELIS
Communication Secretary

CUC

Phonathon pledges ring in higher than last year

Alumni and friends pledged \$105,283 in gifts during Columbia Union College's phonathon this year, according to Esther Burrow, director of alumni with the Takoma Park, Maryland, school.

That's \$3,488 more than the 1990-91 school year. Many alumni told callers they could not make a pledge this year due to lost jobs or increased expenses caused by the recession, so Burrow had not expected pledges to rise at all.

"We're thrilled with the overall success of this year's phonathon," Burrow said. "But we must remember those going through hard times in our prayers."

The increased number of pledges actually came from a smaller number of donors this year—1,975 as compared to last year's 1,999 donors.

CUC alumni are extremely faithful in fulfilling their telephone pledges, Burrow said. "Most colleges would consider a 75 percent fulfillment rate successful," she said, "but our rate has always been 85 to 92 percent."

PATRICIA NASH
Public Relations Director

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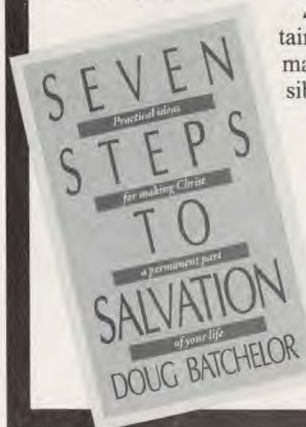
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Regular Conference Session Allegheny West Conference

The regular session of the Allegheny West Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 3650 Sunbury Rd. in Columbus, OH, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 1992, and continue at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 12, 1992.

The purposes of this meeting are to elect officers, departmental directors and members of the conference committee for the next triennium and to transact such business deemed essential and properly presented before the conference at this time.

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Regular Session Allegheny West Conference Corporation

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OBITUARIES

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BLEVINS, Annabel H., born Washington County, VA; died October 29, 1991, Abingdon, VA. She was a member of the Konnarock, VA, church. Survivors: son Arnold, daughters Charlotte Umberger, Mildred Kidd, Ann Machin and Bernice Jackson, sisters Bernice Killen, Esther Huffman and Inez Severt and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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DULL, Genevieve, born September 22, 1905, Warsaw Twp., PA; died October 11, 1991, Buckway, PA. She was a member of the Buckway church for 44 years. Survivors: daughter Esther Light, sons Eugene, Wayne, Bill and Donald, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Jersey City	5:46	5:53	6:00
Norfolk	5:58	6:04	6:10
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Roanoke	6:13	6:18	6:25
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COULTER'S COMMENTS



J. Wayne Coulter

Recent events have driven me to a deeper relationship with Christ and a study of His Word. As I read the newspaper and study current events as they relate to Bible prophecy, I am convinced these are the last days and we are living in that period the Bible refers to as the "Time of the End." I am sure many of you share this deep conviction with me. I sense a waking up among our people with a new determination to do God's will.

Likewise, Satan is aware of all this as well. He is not asleep and recognizes he can ill afford the church being aroused out of its lethargy and unconcern. As a result, he has attacked the church from all angles in his determination to destroy God's people.

Serious allegations have been made against the church. Our theology is being attacked, the credibility of our prophet challenged, and the church's organization and its leadership suspi-

cioned. All of this has had a tremendous impact on our members, especially our youth. While it is true there are problems in God's church, we are not, God forgive us, perfect. However, we do serve a perfect God with a perfect message. I choose to believe God is still in control. He will purge His church. That is His work—not ours. Truth can stand on its own merits. We do not need to defend but SHARE it! If we would do that, I believe these false accusations will be exposed as untrue. We need to be on the offensive, not defensive. No battle is won on the defensive.

Now, dear hearts, I know I run the risk of being misunderstood. Whenever you say something, it can be misunderstood, misinterpreted or misquoted. Especially when you write it out! Having said that, however, I just want you to know my confidence and trust in this movement is greater than ever. Truth will triumph! And God's church with it. Let's just make sure we are victorious with it.

Several articles are in the process of being written for the *Visitor*. I would urge our members to read them, study them. I would appreciate hearing from you and welcome your observations as well.

Let us pray together, study together, work together for the finalizing of God's work in our own lives to then be used of Him to see the work of grace finished in the world around so Jesus can come ... in OUR DAY!

HE IS COMING!

NEWS

Hagerstown member chosen president of association

Eugene Lincoln, a member of the Hagerstown, Maryland, church and former copy editor at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, has been elected to his second four-year term as president of the transdenominational

Bible Sabbath Association, headquartered in Fairview, Oklahoma.

Founded in 1945, seeking to promote fellowship among Sabbathkeepers, observance of the Sabbath and oppose manmade laws designating a weekly rest day. It publishes a Directory of Sabbathkeeping Groups (the current one lists about 180) and a monthly magazine, *The Sabbath Sentinel*, of which Lincoln was editor from 1960 to 1985.

Pathfinders help the hungry

Members of the Mount Aetna Pioneers chapter of Pathfinders decided to do something about the increasing number of hungry people in Hagerstown. Beginning on December 21, they set up what they termed the Chuckwagon Service for the homeless and needy on a downtown street in Hagerstown. Operated from a camper on Sabbath afternoons, the service provides meals from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tony Crouch, an adult leader, said that the project had "built up a lot of enthusiasm" among the Pathfinders.

Bobby Byrd, one of the members, added, "They don't have that much stuff, and they haven't had that much since Christmas."

Evangelism news

Evangelist Willis Dagenais began a crusade in the Norrisville church, in Pylesville, Maryland, on January 17. Pastor Richard Fearing Jr. reported over 40 non-Adventists in attendance. Rejoicing are the members of the church who have prayed and worked hard for this series.

Amazing Facts evangelist Jack DuBosque began a crusade in Hagerstown on January 10 at the Holiday Inn. Due to the strong interest and response from the public, they held two sessions each night. More than 80 non-Adventists have been coming to the meetings, and many are now attending church.

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Gary and Debbie Jensen

New pastor arrives at Atholton church

Pastor Gary Jensen, with the help of his wife, Debbie, and son John, has taken up responsibilities as pastor of the Atholton church in Columbia, Maryland. They are still in the process of unpacking after making a move from California. The church members gave them a warm welcome, and already they have endeared themselves to the congregation.

Jensen has a rich background of pastoral experience. He began his ministry in 1970 in the Iowa Conference. He has also pastored in the Colorado, Montana, Southern California and South-eastern California conferences.

He also has a strong interest in developing an Adventist awareness in the local community. Already he has enrolled as a member of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Religious liberty is another strength that he brings to us, serving on several local and national committees.

Debbie works closely with Gary in his ministry. The Atholton church invited her to serve as a part-time secretary in the church office.

We welcome this pastoral family to the conference and pray that the Lord will bless their ministry while working in Chesapeake.

Youth Summit - 1992

On Sunday, January 12, many of our young people in Chesapeake attended the second annual youth summit held at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland. Richard Parker, conference youth director, reported that more than 70 students and sponsors from around the

Columbia Union attended the youth meeting.

The purpose of the summit was to give opportunity for our young people to share with each other their love for Jesus Christ. It also helped them to learn how to share Jesus with others.

Here are some of the comments that were given by our excited young people:

"Awesome!"

"When is the next one?"

"It was great ... There's nothing like it."

"A great opportunity to know Christ and others."

According to Parker, these are the kinds of opportunities we want to bring to all our young people in the Chesapeake Conference. Opportunities that will involve them in a positive Christian experience and then to actively participate in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Richard Parker

Mount Aetna Camp update and needs

In spite of the winter weather, Irving Barr is managing to continue work on the new cafeteria building at the Mount Aetna Camp in Hagerstown, Maryland. The cement has been poured for the floors, part of the room is on, and a large portion of the framing is completed.

Richard Parker, conference youth director, is excited about the progress at the new camp. The newly constructed cabins are in high demand for weekend spiritual retreats by all of our local churches. Parker says that there are only a few openings through next fall. This camp is just beginning to reach its potential in its witness to our Creator God.

There are many needs at the Mount Aetna Camp. Here are some of the more pressing needs that hopefully can be contributed by you as a member of our conference family: **pickup truck, mechanic tools and carpentry tools.**

If you would like to donate any of these articles, contact the Youth Department, Chesapeake Conference at (410) 995-1910 or write to 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, Maryland 21044.



Left to right: Jodie Foster, Autumn Revels, two homeless men and Ryan Hoover.

Wilmington Junior Academy cares about homeless

A homeless man wearing dingy clothes and a disheartened look on his lonely face was shivering in the cold wintery wind in downtown Wilmington, Delaware, on the evening of December 19. Some students from Wilmington Junior Academy approached him. "Merry Christmas," they greeted him warmly. "Would you like a blanket and some food?" Suddenly his sadness was transformed into a smile as he dumbfoundedly, but gratefully, accepted a festively wrapped blanket and a bag of food.

As an annual project, grades 5-9 and their teacher, Marilyn Parker, collected blankets, hats, gloves, scarves and inspirational books. These items were wrapped in colorful Christmas paper. Food was bought, including fruits, vegetables, a dessert and enough peanut butter and jelly to make more than 150 sandwiches.

The men were extremely grateful and appreciative for the clothes and food. The students enjoyed knowing that they were helping people less fortunate than themselves. Jim Snell, pastor of the West Wilmington church, said, "I feel that two groups were blessed. The homeless received much-needed clothing and food, and all the students and staff who participated were blessed from their efforts."

ERIN HOOVER - 9th grade
JODIE FOSTER - 8th grade
STEVEN THOMAS - 5th grade
Wilmington Junior Academy

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The Highland View Academy faculty and staff participated in a workshop held at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, January 30 through February 1. It was also a time to relax and enjoy the time with their families.

Wayne Coulter, conference president, was the workshop facilitator who invited guest speakers to bring a climate of learning, planning and inspiration to the program.

The focal point of the workshop was the presentation given by Richard Osborn and Richard Duerksen from the

Columbia Union. Osborn used materials from the Valuegenesis and Project Affirmation report to help spark reflective thinking and planning for Highland View Academy.

Duerksen then spent a large portion of the time using marketing principles to encourage creative ways to improve the relation between student and teacher, faculty and community, parent and school.

It was heartwarming to hear the faculty affirm each other during one of

the evening sessions. Each one took the time to give words of appreciation and encouragement for each other.

A special Sabbath program highlighted the four-day event. Richard Osborn, Columbia Union education vice president, guided the staff through the Sabbath school lesson. Norma Osborn, associate pastor of the Sligo church, in Takoma Park, Maryland, presented a message during the worship hour. Neville Harcombe, Chesapeake Conference executive secretary, concluded the Sabbath activities with vespers. Special music was presented by the Tooley and Jackson families.

On Saturday night, a buffet banquet was well attended as faculty and administration had time to relax and enjoy the program. The Tooley family, together with Jack

Davis, gave a special musical program to wind up the social activity.

Conference Executive Secretary, Neville Harcombe presented the vespers program.

Davis, gave a special musical program to wind up the social activity.

Floyd Murdoch, Chesapeake Conference education superintendent, gave a devotional for the final program on Sunday. This was then followed by closing remarks from Wayne Coulter, who concluded with this statement: "We have one of the finest boarding academies with an excellent staff. Together with the Lord's guidance, the best years are before us. Let us take hold of every opportunity to provide a Christian environment within the halls of academic excellence."

Floyd Murdoch, the conference's education superintendent, gave the devotion during the conclusion of the retreat.

Highland View Academy holds faculty/staff workshop

Left: Pastor Tom Decker and his wife, Gladys enjoy a break during the workshop. Below them, Paul Tooley Jr. entertains during the Saturday night social program.



Left: Dick Duerksen and Dick Osborn, both vice presidents from the Columbia Union Conference, were guest presenters at the workshop. Above them are Chesapeake Conference President Wayne Coulter and his wife, Sharon, who led out during the workshop activities.

Atholton students win with stewardship posters

Nine children from the Atholton school won awards for their posters on stewardship as part of a special emphasis held at the Atholton church, according to Linda Elliott, a member of the church's stewardship committee.

Posters were drawn by the students following a special school emphasis held in conjunction with the church's stewardship month, in which the children learned that stewardship includes time and talents, as well as money.

Winning awards in the lower grades were: first grade, Allison Dandrea with "Helping God"; second grade, Heather Whitman with "Helping"; third grade, Amanda Sterner, "Owner and Giver of All"; and fourth grade, Nathan Elliott, "Giving Your Values to Jesus".

In the upper grades, winners were: fifth grade, Troy Elliott, "Time and Talents"; sixth grade, Heather O'Bierne, "A Little Bit Can Do a Lot"; seventh grade, a tie with AmiKay Hebard, "Are You Using Your Money to God's Glory?" and Kartini VanGils, "Our Time, Treasures, Talents for God"; and eighth grade, Chloe Kilham, "Time, Love, Money, Talents, Life Revolves Around God".

A panel of four judges selected the posters based on creativity, content, and execution. Winners received a \$5 prize for their efforts.

LINDA ELLIOTT
Stewardship Committee

Chesapeake and Potomac Conference

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Speakers:

Ron and Karen Flowers
Andre Bustanoby, Ph.D.
Frank Franasiak, M.D.

November '91 and January '92 conference committee actions

VOTED, an enabling action to give the Highland View Academy church building committee permission to select a builder for the new church.

VOTED, to extend a call to Michael John Stevenson, pastor of the Buena Vista/Grottoes district of the Potomac Conference, to be the youth/family life pastor of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland.

VOTED, to disperse \$40,000 in church growth funds to the local churches that made their requests through their pastors to the four ministeriums.

VOTED, to ask the following to be members of a church growth study commission: Neville Harcombe, chairman; Frank Bondurant, Wayne Coulter, Gary Dodge, Dan Goddard, Don Hayes, David Huber, Ralph Libby, George Wennerberg, Columbia Union representative and North American Division representative.

VOTED, to sponsor a Highland View Academy faculty weekend workshop, January 31-February 2, to be held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Dateline New Jersey

New Jersey Conference, 2160 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08648 / (609) 392-7131

What's happening around New Jersey

March 11

New Jersey Financial
Review
Conference Executive
Committee

March 12

Hackettstown Hospital
Board

March 29

Youth Kite Day

April 4

Hispanic Youth Federation
Rally

April 5

Vacation Bible School
Workshops in English and
Spanish

April 12

Garden State Academy
Board
New Jersey Board of
Education

April 24, 25

Columbia Union ASI
Convention
New Jersey Music Festival



Bob Boggess

Global Mission—The meaning is personal

Since the 1990 General Conference session in Indianapolis, the term "Global Mission" has become a household word among Adventists. You read it in the *Review* and the *Visitor*. You hear about it in virtually every mission story and worship service. But what does "Global Mission" really mean? Let's look a moment at the concept.

The church is facing dynamically the challenge of the '90s by planning to extend the work of the gospel into all of earth's unentered territories by the end of the decade. This is a threefold challenge.

1. The challenge of presenting Christ to all unentered nations and major people-groups of a million or more in all nations of the world.
2. The challenge of presenting Christ to all unentered towns and smaller people-groups, as well as all neighborhoods in every community in every nation of the world.
3. The challenge of personal surrender and the gaining of personal victories in preparation for Christ's return.

Consider first the challenge of presenting the story of Jesus and His soon return to every nation, kindred, tongue and major people-group that numbers one million or more throughout the world. Please notice that while this is the most commonly recognized part of "Global Mission," it is by no means the only or even primary emphasis. We will consider the second and third priorities in subsequent visits. The challenge of unentered nations and larger people-groups has been accepted by the world divisions of the General Conference to be achieved during the decade of the '90s.

Notice these plans being set underway by the remnant church in every major people-group around the world.

1. Albania: For 50 years closed to the work of our church and the gospel of Christ. Just last year the mayor of the capital city of Tirana approved the establishment of an Adventist service center under the auspices of ADRA. In addition to health and community assistance activities, at least four public evangelistic campaigns are approved for this year in Albania.
2. Somalia: Moslem Somalia has resisted penetration by the three angels' messages for decades. Today Somalia is open to the gospel, and more than 100,000 baptisms are expected by the end of the first year of work there.
3. North Korea: Closed to missions since the Korean War and for years without the witness of Christ. Four "tentmakers" (self-supporting missionaries) are now

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moving into North Korea to renew the work there.

4. Thailand: Although our work in Thailand has been firmly established for years, only 10 of the 22 states that make up that nation have organized churches, and 12 were without the witness of any Adventist church. After just one year of "Global Mission" emphasis, seven of these 12 states now have organized churches, and plans are already in place to reach the other five in this quinquennium (before 1995).
5. India: Indian believers have spotlighted more than 300 areas in which they will open new work by 1995. Already over one-third of these areas have been penetrated by faithful members moving into these areas to do missionary work.
6. Cambodia: With the easing of tension in that war-torn land, we have 2,000 Seventh-day Adventist members poised in refugee camps on the borders who are already moving back into their homeland with the news of Jesus' love. Soon all 2,000 will spread across the nation to conquer it for Christ.
7. Russia: In the former Soviet Union (now Euro-Asian) Division, our publishing house in Russia is now open and printing Bibles for distribution to the gospel-hungry crowds in virtually every part of the land. The membership of our church in this vast territory was thought to be only 20,000 a scant decade ago. It now exceeds 45,000, each a missionary for Christ to his/her people.

Bold plans! Great steps of faith! The stories are endless! Reaching the unreached in the world's vast harvest field! Preaching Christ and Him crucified! Conquering the world for God! "Global Mission!" Your tithe, Sabbath school and world mission offerings help make it possible. (Incidentally, as a result of the recession and the diversion of tithe from the normal church program to independent work, it has been necessary to restrict our work in these lands. Please be faithful in sending your tithe through normal church channels so that this "Global Mission" work can respond to these unlimited opportunities.

Your support of special projects and your volunteer work to participate in

special programs add to the work. Your prayers of faith and moral support on the home base open the doors and make possible the power of heaven to make "Global Mission" a reality. Lord, finish the work in all of the world and come quickly. Let's remember and plan to enter New Jersey's unentered territories, too.

BOB BOGGESS

President

(Next time: "Global Mission" in your neighborhood)

Pray for Moldavia

Adventist church membership in the Euro-Asian Division (the former U.S.S.R. Division) is now approaching 45,000. In every nation of the Federation of Independent Nations that were the former Soviet Union, opportunities for the gospel are now unprecedented, and the division—under the direction of the General Conference—is reaching out to every possible evangelist to reach the beleaguered and troubled masses of those nations who are hungering after the gospel.

Your president, Robert Bogges, has been invited to conduct a major evangelistic crusade in Beltze, Moldavia. A total of 200,000 people with fewer than 200 Adventists in two churches are in this city. The New Jersey Conference Committee has approved this venture and is adopting Beltze as a sister city by sending the conference president to conduct this evangelistic series and pastoral and lay training seminars for the churches of Moldavia.

Please pray for your president and the people of Moldavia. Those wishing to assist financially should mark their tithe envelopes "Moldavian Project." All funds raised will be used on the Moldavian project.

Conference Committee Actions

January 14, 1992

1. The New Jersey Conference mission statement was extensively reviewed and recommended to conference pastors and church leaders for further study and approval. A copy will be presented to Visitor readers when the review is complete.

2. A resolution was approved requesting the General Conference study the re-establishment of the Medical Cadet Corps with a changed and new emphasis on community service and outreach ministries.
3. The new publishing program recommended by the Columbia Union Executive Committee was approved. This new program is an expanded program covering the Atlantic, Columbia and Pacific unions. The purpose of this new approach to literature evangelism is to enable literature evangelists to more effectively reach their communities with greater quantities of less-costly literature while at the same time realizing a more satisfactory life-style.
4. New Jersey participation in a special union-wide Hispanic lay training weekend seminar was approved. About 200 lay leaders from throughout New Jersey churches will join 300 from other conferences in the Columbia Union. Each will be challenged to win three souls for Christ during 1992. The local conference, union conference and local church will share the \$60 seminar costs equally. Those attending will provide their own transportation.
5. A call to service and the appropriate credential was approved for Charis Boling to become the pastor of the Trenton English church district. Charis and Kelly and their family are moving to New Jersey in February.
6. A worker transfer for Mike Gill was approved to assume the pastoral leadership of the Swedesboro church. Gill will continue to serve the pastoral needs of Bridgeton and Salem.
7. The General Conference has requested the services of Robert Bogges to conduct a six-week evangelistic campaign in the former U.S.S.R. nation of Moldavia. This request was approved.
8. The 1992 balanced tentative budget was approved. The final budget will be presented after the 1991 financial reports are complete.
9. Representatives from Garden State Academy in Tranquility presented their progress report. The enrollment is steady at 87, and the 1991-92 operating budget was presented.
10. The retirement request for Lee

"It's no fun to eat alone!"



Above: Some of the many guests who shared the Thanksgiving spirit at the dinner. Below: Barbara Alonso (left), organizer for the Toms River Thanksgiving dinner, serves the guests along with (left to right) Betty Wilmot, a new church member; Bob Petronella, church treasurer; and members Cara Rios and Laurie Yaiser.

The Toms River Adventist church held a Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day in Toms River with an attendance of about 85 people, including 18 church members and nine outside volunteers. These volunteers called all over Ocean County to find an organization that was doing something for the poor, the homeless and the lonely on the holiday.

The chairmen of the dinner, Barbara and Joseph Alonso, newly baptized members, created and organized the entire program. Barbara envisioned helping and reaching out in the community to those less fortunate for several years. Her goal was specific—It had to include "the lonely" as well as the poor and homeless. The

food had to be cooked in the church so it would smell like home, and there had to be a relaxed and happy atmosphere.

Barbara and Joe would like to make this an annual event, as well as other dinners and programs throughout the year in an outreach to the community. In fact, Barbara stated that she would like to do this monthly, if she could.

Food remaining after the feast was packaged and distributed to the guests for a second meal at home, along with 32 dozen eggs, which were also donated.

All the volunteers were wonderful, caring people. Some were professionals, including a doctor, a pharmacist and an engineer. One of them gave Barbara \$200 for her next program and requested an invitation to help again.

This program did not cost the church any of its budget money. Barbara raised \$1,259.50 from donations by church members and her expenses were \$478, leaving a plus balance of \$781.50 in the bank—very unusual. Barbara concluded her project of outreach to the community with more than enough funds to start her next project!

Media coverage was outstanding for the event. Some reporters stayed at the church throughout the afternoon and the resulting story was written on the front page of the local newspaper as the lead story.

LUCY GREENE

Communication Director

Schoonmaker, a long-time outstanding New Jersey literature evangelist, was approved. Pray for him, since he is recovering from a severe heart attack.

11. Plans were reviewed for a special one-week, all age, summer camp program in July.

Spring evangelism meetings

March

Plainfield, New Jersey, Paterson (Northside), New Jersey

April

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April 26
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Seminar

May 1-3
Pathfinder Fair

June 12-20
Camp Meeting '92

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Ed Motschieder

"Bouquets" for the living

I had several experiences recently that placed Paul's counsel to "encourage one another" in a new light. I was the recipient of some beautiful bouquets.

Let me define bouquet. Winton Beaven paid me a compliment and I replied, "Thank you for your encouragement." Winton then said, "I believe in giving bouquets to the living." A bouquet is honest encouragement given to another person.

The first of my "bouquet" experiences occurred when I visited the home of a young physician who was dying of cancer. His first words to me were "Ed, I love you." He then said that the only benefit of having cancer was that it gave him the chance to say good-byes and to tell people how much he loved them. I then shared my appreciation for his ministry of friendship to me. The young physician and I exchanged beautiful bouquets.

The second experience was a card from one of my daughters. The handwritten note simply said, "I am so fortunate to have such wonderful parents. I love you very much." She gave my wife and me a beautiful bouquet that we will always treasure.

Having experienced the joy of receiving a bouquet, I want to give more bouquets. A recent article in *Reader's Digest* pointed out that children flourish when they hear their parents say "I love you." Marriages are strengthened when partners say "thank you" and "I love you" to each other. Pastors and teachers are encouraged when they are told, "You are a blessing to me and my family." Fellow church members are blessed when we say, "I treasure your friendship" and "I'm praying for you."

Several churches in Ohio take time during each church service to write encouragement cards to each other. Who would you like to give a bouquet to today? When you finish reading this article, pick up the phone or your pen and share with someone your appreciation and love. Who knows? Maybe "bouquet" giving will become contagious!

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■ UPDATE

Church News

Caryn Brion, a 1991 graduate of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and member of the **Toledo First** church, left January 5, for the Philippines to serve as a missionary for one year.—DeLaura Caulder

Sally Christman, a member of the **Kettering** church, recently tied for third place in the Spivey International Harpsichord Festival in Georgia. The church at Kettering recently designated a new room that will be furnished comfortably for the collegiate Sabbath school in an attempt to better serve the needs of the college-age youth.—Sally Wold

"New Eyes for the Needy," a program of the **Zanesville** church, is doing well. Two shipments totaling 84 pairs of used glasses have been shipped overseas.—Pat Opdyke

The **Coshocton** church sponsored a seminar in January at the Roscoe Village Inn. Guest speaker was Susan Shwed, M.S.W., of Harding Hospital. The topic, "Finding Hope in Troubled Times," was a focus on how to cope with joblessness.—Jim Wright

An innovative approach to youth/young adult Sabbath school programming is being launched by the **Mount Vernon Hill** church in an attempt to meet the needs of its youth and young adult population. Patricia White and Pastor Steve Rude are coordinating a contemporary program including inspiration, music and small-group activities.

Four boxes of the old Adventist church hymnals are available at the **Kettering** church for any church that wishes to have them. These have the church's name printed on them. If your church has use for these, please contact Gail Price at (513) 298-2167, Ext. 5940.

School Scene

National Geographic sponsored a national geography bee for grades four through eight at **Spring Valley Academy** in conjunction with Geography Awareness Week. Eighth-grader Tim Dutton was first-place winner at the December 18 final, while sixth-grader Jerel Hutapea came in second. Dutton has the potential of going on to compete in state and na-

tional contests.—Denise Shull

Mount Vernon Academy is the proud recipient of a completely refinished gym floor. Roger Eno, a professional gym floor refinisher and Adventist member, donated his labor and many of the supplies for this project. The only cost to MVA was for the polyurethane finish, which was funded by donations. The students and staff are grateful for this gift and have implemented plans for keeping the floor in top condition.—Tom Ratz

Other News

Daniel Goronzy, executive vice president and chief operating officer at **Kettering Medical Center**, has been named president of the Association of Adventist Health Care Executives, an organization designed to provide Adventist health care executives with opportunities for networking and professional growth. Approximately 75 Adventist hospitals across the U.S. are represented by the group.—Ken Ursin

■ Service is an attitude at Spring Valley Academy

Students at Spring Valley Academy in Centerville have developed an attitude of community service. Students from kindergarten through grade 12 are involved in activities that serve individuals, groups and even the community.

SVA sixth-graders have adopted a class of Head Start preschoolers. The sophomore class has adopted a section of highway. Some high school students have reported involvement in nursing home outreach, a pet adoption center, hospital volunteering and even community clean up. During the second quarter (October 28 to January 15), the high school students logged in 1,173 hours of community service.

The holiday gave opportunity for several special service projects. High school students coordinated a schoolwide collection and distribution of food baskets for needy families. Eighth-graders, juniors and seniors wrapped Christmas gifts for children as part of the Holiday Toy Box program. Students from kindergarten through fourth grade provided gloves, hats, toothbrushes and some toys for the homeless at the St. Vincent shelter in

downtown Dayton.

"For many students, community service is now a way of life," commented Pastor Brennan Francois, Bible instructor and chaplain. "It was unbelievable to see the look of appreciation on the faces of the young ones (pre-schoolers) and the impact that had on our sixth-graders. It was tremendous," said Kathy Franks, a parent who accompanied sixth-graders on a Christmas visit to the pre-schooler classroom.

Whether helping a 99-year-old lady move or shoveling snow for a neighbor, it is easy to see that this attitude of service has a tremendous impact on all involved. And from all indications, this attitude is here to stay!

DENISE SHULL

Development and Marketing Director

■ Myers surrenders heart and life

Upon completion of Bible studies with Mary Lou Davies, a member of the Willoughby church, Tom Myers gave his heart to Jesus Christ. Pastor Colin Mercer led Myers into the watery grave of baptism this past October. "Tom's life has been transformed by the Lord Jesus Christ," reported Davies.



Tom Myers

Ohio Adventist Elementary Students Musical Festival



April 11, 1992

Mount Vernon Memorial Theater
Sabbath Afternoon Concert

■ Outreach ministries bring growth to Bowling Green

Members of the Bowling Green congregation are conducting Bible studies, Revelation Seminar classes and a unique three-week evangelism program, and the results are three new members.

Theresa Parker, a graduate student at Bowling Green University, studied the Bible and accepted the Sabbath truth on her own. Upon locating a Sabbath-keeping church, Parker just appeared in the congregation one Sabbath morning. After studying in a special Bible class during Sabbath school for six weeks, she requested baptism. Parker's enthusiasm and commitment to her newfound faith is contagious. She is sharing her faith with her mother who is, in turn, relaying the truth to others.

Lori Ackerman, a former Catholic, was invited to the evangelism program by a friend. She accepted the truth and has joined the congregation in membership.

Dean Smoyer slipped into a back pew one Sabbath morning during communion. When greeted by the pastor, Smoyer announced, "I'm home." He then described to the congregation his 10-year

journey away from the Adventist church. His journey included experience with drugs and the loss of his wife and children. Smoyer and his brother were involved in a car accident in which their car went over a cliff, leaving him with continuing physical difficulties. Later his brother was murdered. Smoyer is grateful for the experience of coming "home" to his Saviour and the church at Bowling Green.

Smoyer attends a support group, and he invites individuals from the group to church. Visitors continue to stream through the Bowling Green church as a result of his continued effort to reach out to those in need of his Saviour.

Individual members are actively supporting the efforts of the church to reach out to others within the Bowling Green area, as well as surrounding areas, through the newly designed three-week evangelism outreach program called Three Angels Outreach. Feeling that the Revelation Seminar may be too long of a commitment for some, this ministry covers traditional Adventism in only nine evenings.

ROBERT WINGO
First Elder

■ Dreamers attend Mount Vernon Academy

Four "young dreamers," a term that describes young people who come from backgrounds that hold little hope, have been given the challenge of a cost-free education and are enrolled at Mount Vernon Academy.

The challenge given by Stuart Bainum, Adventist owner of Manor Care, Inc., and participant in the New York-based I Have a Dream Foundation, is

that of a college education, at his expense, upon completion of high school.

The challenge was extended to 67 students at a junior high school in the District of Columbia. To aid students, two mentors were appointed who would support and encourage each student to stay on track and complete high school and college.

Bainum, a graduate of Mount Vernon Academy, brought potential students to take a look at MVA this past spring. Four of those students decided to attend during the 1991-92 school term.

Vegetarian food and the strong academic program are major challenges for these young people. The December 30 *Washington Post* Metro section reported: "D'Angelo Dotson, 16, one of the students at Mount Vernon, said at first 'it was very scary being at the school. But when you get to know the people, they're pretty easy to love. The biggest adjustment was going to church on Saturday and every Friday night—but it's fun. My outlook on life has changed. It's helped me think more about God and how the world is messed up. I'm glad that I got a chance to get away from all the violence. Being a Dreamer makes me want to shoot for a higher goal.'"

■ IN TRANSITION

Einar and Dawn

Rom have come back to Ohio following their seminary training. Einar did his one-year externship at the Cincinnati First church prior to going to the seminary. Einar is serving as interim pastor of the Hamlet and Hillsboro churches.



Einar Rom

YOU are needed at Camp Mohaven for a Work Bee April 12, 1992



Last year's workers completely roofed five buildings

Join other skilled and willing workers who have dedicated time and talent to improving our Ohio camp. Logging is available if needed, and Sunday meals are provided. Bring the necessary tools to paint, build and clean. Work begins at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning.



"Passing the Torch"

Fourth Annual Family Enrichment Convention
March 28, 1992

Worthington SDA Church Activities Center

Presenter: Dick Duerksen

Columbia Union Vice President for Communication and Creative Ministries

Topics include:

- Sharing your "faith stories" with your children
- Family worship

For free registration, contact Yvonne Baker at the Ohio Conference office at (614) 397-4665

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Children's play is learning experience

Children in the West Cleveland area saw weeks of hard work come together in a magnificent performance of the musical play "Wise Guys and Starry



Skies" under the direction of Mariann Bjelica.

As a part of the new children's ministry program of the Christ Our Righteousness (COR) Seventh-day Adventist Church, children between the ages of 2 and 11 from the Lakewood, COR and Brooklyn churches, as well as friends who were not previously associated with the churches, worked together for many weeks to bring the message of the search for the newborn King.

They learned of teamwork—how each person, no matter his part, was important and necessary; of commitment, of promises that must be kept and how wonderful it feels to be needed and depended upon. They learned about discipline and that hard work (even when it isn't fun) reaps great rewards. And they learned about the greatest gifts of all—Christ's life and the gift of our lives to

Him for use in His service.

Over weeks of practice the children developed great friendships, and parents became involved by assisting with costumes, props, coaching and feeding the troops.

As it is said in Psalm 127, "Children are the Lord's good gift." The gift brought children and adults together to learn about the Adventist message and to be reminded that the spirit of giving of Christmas comes from the gift of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Children's ministry plans future programs and activities throughout the year as a ministry to nurture the children in our faith and to bring the news to their parents as well.

JANE LEWINS

Children's Ministry Committee
Chairperson
Christ Our Righteousness Church

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Learn

- How a Christian leader relates to the world
- The meaning of compassion
- What attracts people to Adventism
- Ways to lead and manage a growing church

Who should attend

- Church leaders needing additional "hands-on" principles
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- Leaders wanting a fresh vision
- Leaders feeling the need to move their church forward

To be held at the Holiday Inn in Columbus, Ohio. For registration and cost information, call Mary Parrett or Marwood Hallett at (614) 397-4665, or write to: Ohio Conference Church Ministries Department, P.O. Box 1230, Mount Vernon, OH 43050.

Christian Ministry Workshop

at Camp Mohaven

March 20-22, 1992

Guest Speaker:

Henry Wright

Plan today to set aside this weekend in March for inspiration and training that will better qualify you to share salvation and the hope of a soon coming Saviour.

For further information, phone Charla Pooley at the Ohio Conference office at (614) 397-4665.

ANYTHING FOR CHRIST

Youth Rally

March 13 & 14

Spring Valley Academy

Guest Speaker: Dick Duerksen

Brett Barry, Musician

K&K Mimes Ministries

In concert: First Call

Plug into the power

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday. Cost of \$15 includes Sabbath meals and a concert ticket. Contact your local church youth leader, pastor or the Ohio Conference Church Ministries Department at (614) 397-4665 for more details.

Columbus Eastwood Pathfinders win

The Pathfinder club of the Columbus Eastwood church, through its support of the Seventh-day Adventist Church float in the Tournament of Roses parade, qualified as 1992 "Witness Through Roses Trophy Winners."

The club membership, staff and their church have taken the lead, along with nine other clubs in North America that helped raise money for the cost of building the float for the January 1, 1992, parade.

**What's
happening
around
Pennsylvania**

Penn / Notes



Pennsylvania Conference, 720 Museum Road, Reading, Pennsylvania 19611
(215) 374-8331

March 27-28
Alumni Weekend
Blue Mountain Academy

March 27-29
Pathfinder Leadership
Laurel Lake Camp

April 5
Western Community
Services
Erie Church

April 12
Lay Advisory and V.B.S.
Workshop
Harrisburg Church

April 24-26
Couples Spiritual Retreat
Laurel Lake Camp

May 1-3
Adventurer Family Retreat
Laurel Lake Camp

May 8-10
Family Life Weekend
Laurel Lake Camp

May 17
State-Wide Work Bee
Laurel Lake Camp

May 29-31
Graduation Weekend
Blue Mountain Academy

June 12-20
Camp Meeting
Blue Mountain Academy

Camp 1992 Meeting

June 12-20

*Return to your
spiritual roots*

with speakers
Henry Wright
Dwight Nelson
Ron M. Wisbey
Jack Sequeira
George Rice

*Learn about current insights into spiritual
growth, healthy lifestyles, relationships in
family life and the Russian church today*

with presenters

Hans Diehl
Len McMillan
Michael Kulakov
Dale & Kathy Martin

Also featuring

the 1992 Pathfinder Fair on the first Sunday of camp meeting

Conference Penn

is published in the *Visitor* by the
Pennsylvania Conference. Presi-
dent, Jerry Page; Communication
Director, Sheldon Seltzer.

Make your plans now to attend the entire week!

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
720 Museum Road
Reading PA 19611-1942

CAMP MEETING RESERVATION APPLICATION 1992

Name _____ DATE _____
Street or P O Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Please make the following reservation for me at the 1992 Camp Meeting, June 12-20, at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Fill in the blanks completely to eliminate the need for additional correspondence.

QUANTITY	LOCATION	TEN DAY RATE	TOTAL
_____	Dormitory Room	\$135.00	\$ _____
_____	Tent w/electricity & floor	\$ 55.00	\$ _____
_____	Personal tent space	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
_____	Single cot & mattress (tents only)	\$ 9.00	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space (trl size _____ ft.)	\$ 78.00	\$ _____
_____	Cabin-Kamp Keystone	\$ 82.00	\$ _____

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

Facilities for less than 10 days will be considered after full-time requests are filled.

QUANTITY	LOCATION	PER DAY RATE	TOTAL
_____	Dormitory Room	\$ 22.50	\$ _____
_____	Tent w/electricity & floor	\$ 14.00	\$ _____
_____	Personal tent space	\$ 7.00	\$ _____
_____	Single cot & mattress	\$ 4.50	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space (trl size _____ ft.)	\$ 13.50	\$ _____
	Total Charge		\$ _____
	Paid		\$ _____
	Balance		\$ _____

PROTOCOL:

1. A written application is required for all reservations.
2. No applications will be accepted postmarked prior to March 25.
3. All reservations will be processed in the order received. To hold your reservation, your payment must be in to the conference office by May 1, 1992.
4. Reservations will be processed as close to your request as possible. In the event your first choice is taken, please list your second and third choices. Families with children under twelve years of age are requested to make reservations in the Boys Dorm instead of the Girls Dorm.
5. All reservations must be in writing. (Telephone reservations for late applicants will be accepted only within two weeks of camp meeting.)
6. Reservation application must be made by the party attending camp meeting. Reservations cannot be made by one party for another. Please duplicate the application if you need one for a friend.
7. Absolutely no pets allowed on camp grounds or in camping areas.

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

DATE _____
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ PHONE () _____
 STATE _____ ZIP _____

We give permission for _____
 to participate and/or travel in connection
 with the activities sponsored by the
 Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day
 Adventist and/or the _____
 Church.

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____
 (Signature)

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____
 (Signature)

NOTARY _____

CAMPERS HEALTH RECORD

NOTE: Please notify the camp if this child has
 child has been exposed to any communicable
 disease during the three weeks prior to camp
 attendance. (Example would be chicken pox,
 measles, mumps, etc.)

Campers' Name _____ Nick Name _____
 Emergency Phone () _____ Friend/Relative () _____
 Campers' Physician _____ Phone () _____

Allergic (Circle) Hay Fever, Drugs, Poison Ivy, Food, Bee
 Sting, Penicillin, Asthma, Other _____

Known Physical Abnormality _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Last Tetanus Immunization Date _____ Last Booster _____

Current Medication _____

Is Camper a Bed Wetter Yes _____ No _____

Instruction for Camp Nurse _____

Has Camper Had a Health Examination in Last 2 Years _____

IMPORTANT: In case of emergency, I hereby give permission to
 the physician selected by the camp directors to
 hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order
 injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child.

Signature _____ Date _____

1992 LAUREL LAKE CAMP APPLICATION

NAME _____ HOME PHONE () _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 OFFICE PHONE () _____
 AGE _____ BIRTHDAY _____ SEX _____ M _____ F _____
 GRADE IN SCHOOL _____ DESIRE BAPTISM AT CAMP? _____ YES _____ NO _____
 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION _____

We do support and applicant agrees to abide by all camp regulations and policies, and to uphold its
 objectives.

 Signature of Parent or Guardian Date _____

Bus: Yes _____ No _____ Crafts: Yes _____ No _____ Roller Skating: Yes _____ No _____

Father's Social Security No. _____ Camper's Social Security No. _____

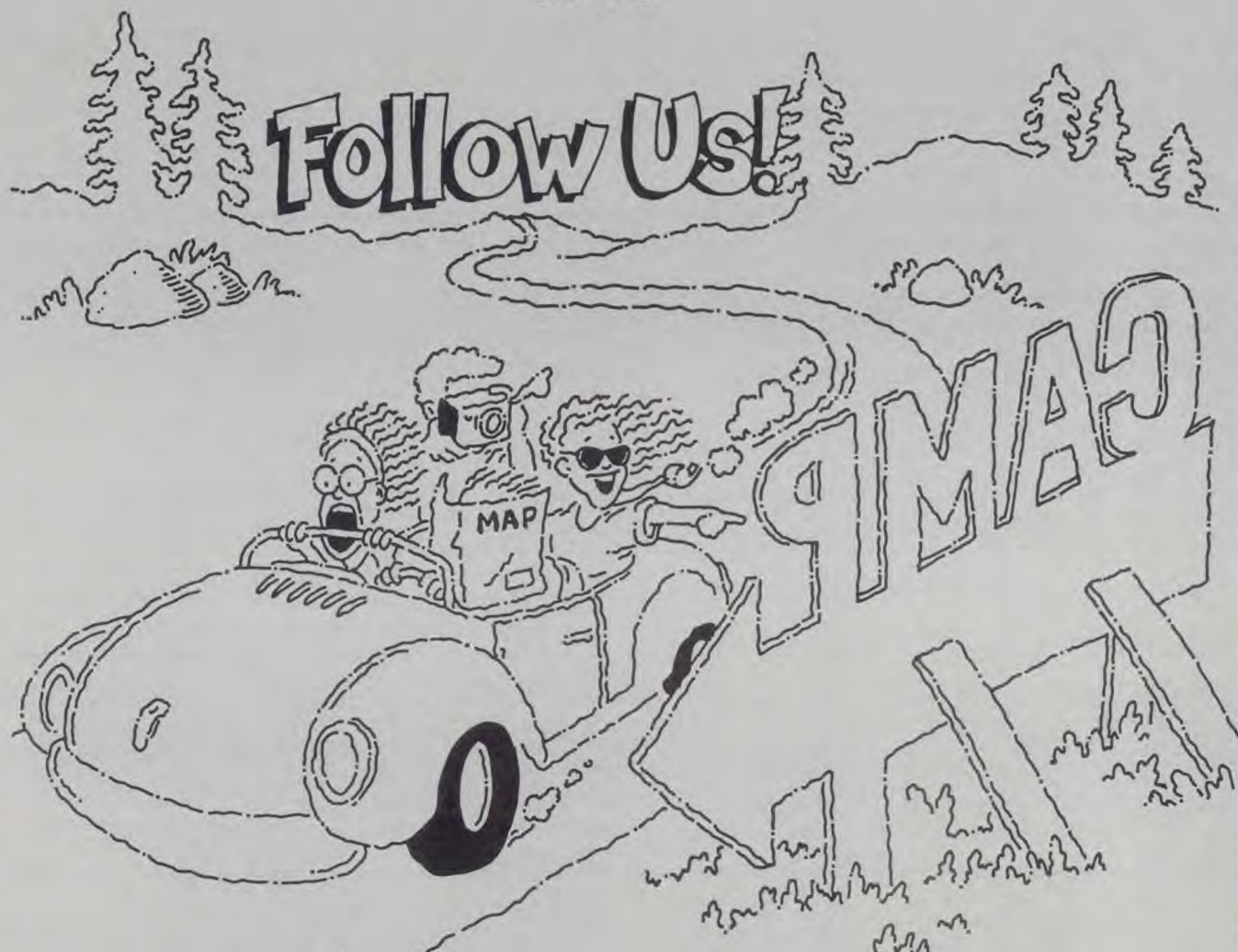
I will attend _____ Camp
 Camp Date _____

* The camp is not responsible for
 items stolen, lost or given away.

For Office Use Only

 Crafts - \$ 5.00
 _____ Deposit (Non-refundable)
 _____ Store Bank
 _____ Bus Fee \$20.00
 _____ Roller Skating \$ 3.00

Laurel Lake Camp Schedule 1992



June 21 - June 28	Adventure Camp	(Ages 7- 9)	\$125.00
June 28 - July 5	Junior I	(Ages 10-12)	\$125.00
July 5 - July 12	Junior II & Tween	(Ages 10-13)	\$125.00
July 12 - July 19	Teen	(Ages 13-16)	\$135.00
July 19 - July 26	Young at Heart	(Ages 55-up)	\$135.00
Aug. 2 - Aug. 10	Canadian Canoe Trip	(Ages 16-up)	\$135.00
Sept. 4 - Sept. 7	Family Camp		\$ 45.00
	* Bussing - One way or round trip (Extra)		\$ 20.00
	* Roller Skating (Extra)		\$ 3.00
	* Crafts (Extra)		\$ 5.00

COST: \$20.00 discount on all camps when \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is received in our office with application by June 15, 1992. Deposit will be credited to camp fee. Mail deposit and application to Laurel Lake Camp, 720 Museum Road, Reading, PA 19611.

Blue Mountain Academy COMMUNIQUE



Industry Expansion

Blue Mountain Academy's industry program began in August of 1990 with the contract of a manufacturer of women's garment wear. With this and the employment of 30 students, the industry was off and running.

Industry now has contracts with three manufacturers, and negotiations are taking place with three other manufacturers. Student employment has increased to 60.

The rapid growth and success of our industry program has created the need for additional space, and the decision was made to add 5,000 square feet to the existing building for a total of 10,000 square feet.

Gene Ronning, a retired Adventist businessman, recognized the need for Blue Mountain Academy to have an industry program and was very instrumental in contracting the first job. He continues to help with the industry program by donating many hours working with architects, en-

gineers and contractors and in getting permits and bids for the expansion program. BMA is very fortunate to have Ronning overseeing the expansion.

Jim Halye, the general contractor, has been right at the job site making it hap-

pen. Halye has a special spot in his heart for our school since he once worked here and has put his children through school at BMA. His daughter, Donna Jean Smith, is in charge of the quality control department at industry, and his granddaughter, Ellen, attends school here and works in the industry. Thanks to Mr. Halye, we are ahead of schedule in our expansion program.

MIKE MESARIC
—Industry Coordinator

Echoes

One of the high points of each school year is the day the yearbooks arrive. The yearbook staff works diligently throughout the year to make that day particularly special. BMA students learn early on to be prepared at any moment to have their images frozen on the pages of time.

Each year around this time, the yearbook staff is especially anxious as they reach their final due date. The last of our pages were sent to Taylor Publishing on February 20. The staff has worked very hard to make this book of memories meaningful to all those who have attended Blue Mountain Academy this year, and we are very excited about its potential.

There have been some rushed, hectic moments—typing copy and developing film half an hour before it had to be dropped off at the Federal Express pick-up—but we managed to stay on schedule. Working under such deadline pressures can be stressful at times, but the lessons that are learned make a large impression on all of the students who are involved in the yearbook's production. Lisa Karpenko, a senior and *Echoes* editor, comments:

"The experience of being the yearbook editor has taught me responsibility and that I can't depend on myself or others to get things accomplished. Only with God's help can I reach my goals."

KARYL L. KRAMER
—*Echoes* Sponsor



Jim Halye, left, with
Gene Ronning at the
building site.



Lisa Karpenko,
Echoes Editor



Beth Lemkelde, top;
Ana Rojas

Students Reflect on FOCUS Week

During FOCUS week, Pastor Dan Serns talked to us about prayer, our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. He always prayed and invited Jesus to be with us before he began. His talks would make us think about our lives and Who should be number one.

I think this was one of the best FOCUS weeks we've had!

BETH LEMKELDE

—Student

The winter FOCUS week at BMA brought Pastor Dan Serns all the way from Texas. We were all fortunate to hear our guest speaker twice a day during our regular student chapel and also in the evenings, when the BMA church was filled with faculty, students, church members and visitors.

Pastor Serns emphasized the importance of

prayer and the need for youth involvement in our churches today. In order to get our academy youth involved, each religion class chose a group of people whom they would be interested in ministering to. Ministries varied from orphans and prisoners to prostitutes and the homeless. Each group was very excited in expressing their love for God through a special ministry.

Our week of prayer came to an end with the baptism of 11 academy students and the realization of the importance of prayer.

ANA ROJAS

—Student

Despite the cold weather of January, Pastor Dan Serns brought the comforting warmth of Jesus into our lives. This FOCUS week was not just any ordinary FOCUS week. It was filled with the excitement of people dedicating their lives to Christ.

Several students chose to be baptized. FOCUS week was topped off with outreach programs. Each religion class was involved. Pastor Serns encouraged us to "get involved" in the community and to go that extra mile to make a difference.

One thing I thought was unique about this FOCUS week was that it was the students who planned and followed through with the ministries. It just proves that a group with God as its leader can really get things done.

Focusing on Christ's ultimate sacrifice is what makes each day here at BMA a little better and what made FOCUS week a spiritual success.

LARRY KARPENKO II

—Student



Larry
Karpenko II

Message from the Principal

Focusing on Christ's ultimate sacrifice is exactly what happened during our winter FOCUS week. Thank you, Pastor Dan Serns, for leading our student body in projects that shared Jesus in our community. We expect that the Holy Spirit will use these experiences to increase Blue Mountain Academy's activity for the Lord.

Saints in Pennsylvania and across North America, pray for us! Join us! Look what the Lord has promised:

"There is no line of work in which it is possible for the youth to receive greater benefit. All who engage in ministry are God's helping hand. They are co-workers with the angels; rather, they are the human agencies through whom the angels accomplish their mission. Angels speak through their voices, and work by their hands. And the human workers, co-operating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience. As a means of education, what 'university course' can equal this?"

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!"—*Education*, page 271.

We've been rather dormant far too long! With God's abundant promises, what are we waiting for?

"...I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

"And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,"—*Joel 2:28,32 (NIV)*.



STAN ROUSE

Principal

A Miracle of This Age

Greta Griffin came to school the fall of 1990 as a senior. She immediately was recognized as a talented student who had a lovely voice. Nobody would have imagined what an amazing miracle was going on at home in a Philadelphia suburb.

Mrs. Griffin, who was a single parent, was providing a Christian home for Greta, Peter (a junior), Kathy (an eighth grader) and a smaller brother, Paul. She taught the children to be individual thinkers who would weigh decisions. This caused Greta and Peter to recognize the public school influence on each of their lives. The conversation with their public school peers was generally concentrated on drink, drugs, sex and parties, which Greta and Peter especially understood as unacceptable for a Christian.

The family decided that they could no longer expose themselves to the school jargon and social

influence. Attending a school that charged tuition was a dream that had to materialize. Only God could work such a miracle.

Peter, who was in his second semester, left his public school friends and joined his sister at Blue Mountain Academy in 1991. However, there was yet a little sister, Kathy, in the eighth grade, who needed to attend a school with Christian principles.

In the fall of 1991, Kathy and Peter were able to attend Blue Mountain Academy, while Greta went on to Andrews University.

The question one can ask is: How could a single mother working as a nurse and the three-way plan pay the bill for these students in the Seventh-day Adventist educational system?

You guessed it! It is a modern-day miracle!!

MAURICE CRANDALL
—English Teacher

Physics

When school resumed after Christmas break, the physics students found grocery bags full of goodies waiting for them. Each bag contained two boxes of plastic soda straws, a roll of masking tape, a bottle of glue, a piece of posterboard and two paper clips. The reaction of the students was just like on Christmas morning, for this is what they look forward to all first semester. The class



split up into engineering and construction teams of two and went to work.

After 18 weeks of studying vectors, forces and seemingly endless formulae, it was now time to do some eyeball engineering to apply the concepts learned. The task: Use the goodies in the grocery bags to build bridges. Sounds simple enough until you realize that the soda straw and posterboard bridges had to support real bricks (at four pounds per brick) and chunks of lead (at over six pounds



Kathy and
Peter Griffin

per block). Only the materials in the bag and the bag itself were allowed in the final bridge.

There were specifications for length of free-span, road-bed width and overhead clearance. The bridges would be judged according to several criteria. Naturally, a major criteria would be the total weight supported, since all bridges were tested to destruction. But a more relevant criteria to elegant design was the strength-to-weight ratio that each bridge supported. There was a separate category for the longest bridge that would support weight at the center of the span.

The bridges were tested by loading them gradually until they collapsed. The testing process was videotaped. Each team had a chance to explain its design philosophy to the camera before destroying its own bridge. The tape became a record of where and how each bridge failed. Each failure was followed by a class discussion of how the bridge performed.

John Kim and Dimitrios Mitsouras built the bridge that carried the greatest weight. It supported 76.2 pounds before collapse. (Not bad for a bridge that weighed only 11 ounces.)

Quinn Shamblin and Ben Milton built the bridge with the highest strength-to-weight ratio. Their bridge supported a weight of 61.7 pounds with a weight of only 6.6 ounces. Their bridge supported a load 150 times its empty weight.

Matt Timmins and Han Woo Cho went for the longest bridge, having a length of 36 inches.

The project was great fun and a good break from the mathematical aspects of physics. The students also learned some of the practical aspects of transferring forces, compression and tension, bending and breaking. Their research into bridge design sparked a lot of interest.



Bridge builders
Ben Milton and
Quinn Shamblin
(bottom, far left);
Brian Nelson and
Jose Bonilla
(top); and John
Kim (left).

Did You Know?

Eleven BMA students were baptized at the close of FOCUS week.

Thirteen BMA students are preparing for baptism.

Elected Parent Advisory Council Officers are:
Caron Oswald, Chairman
Slatington, PA
Carl Becker, Vice Chairman
Walnutport, PA
June McIntyre, Secretary
Hamburg, PA
Lois Holtry, Asst. Secretary
Shartlesville, PA
Kaye Allen, Treasurer
Hamburg, PA

Blue Mountain Academy and Philadelphia Academy Alumni Weekend is March 27-28, 1992. The honor classes are: 1982, 1972, 1967, 1962, 1952, 1942.

CARY CORBIN
—Physics Teacher

Notes from the Farm



This year, Blue Mountain Academy farm employs 12 students—seven ladies and five men—milking 130 cows and taking care of 250 head of cattle. The majority of the 500-acre farm is used to grow corn and alfalfa to feed the cows. There are also fruit trees from which we make apple cider and sell apples.

Working on the farm is more than just a job. Students are depended on for every facet of the operation. Most who work on the farm have had no prior experience, but are soon involved in milking the cattle, assisting the birth of calves, operating farm machinery, keeping computer records, etc.

Each one is an important part of

F.Y.I.

March 7 - PA Youth Rally

March 13-22 - BMA Spring Break

March 22, 4 p.m. - Parent Advisory Council Meeting

March 27-28 - Alumni Weekend

April 1 - Student FOCUS Week

April 3-4 - Junior Presentation

April 5 - Junior/Senior Reception

April 11 - Lasonette Tour: New Haven, Stanford, AUC

April 14, 6:45 p.m. - Parent Advisory Council Meeting

April 18 - Lasonette Tour: Pittsburgh Area

May 3 - Academy Days

May 12, 6:45 p.m. - Parent Advisory Council Meeting



the team. They know their job and how much we need them. Every student working on the farm has that position because they want to work there. They can be depended on, whether it's early in the morning, late at night, cold or hot. The students who work on the farm are helping to pay their school tuition, but it's more than that.

Students are finding out work can be fun and satisfying and that going the extra mile is rewarding. These are habits and attitudes they will take with them for life. Seventh-day Adventist workers can preach one

of the best sermons by how well they perform in the work place. The BMA farm is training workers for the Lord.

WILL COMLEY
—Farm Manager

A Retreat Without an Agenda

With absolutely nothing on the agenda and no guest speaker, staff members took two days at the end of their Christmas break to gather for a "refreshing time" at the home of Principal Stan Rouse and his wife, Donna. After inviting the Holy Spirit to lead the group, Mr. Rouse led a discussion that focused on the exciting and troublesome things happening in the world and the importance of coming back to a personal relationship with Jesus.

The staff noted an increasing spiritual tone at the academy as staff and students are involved together in outreach projects with the community. As Nancy Edison stated, "I feel there is much therapy in doing service for others—therapy for students as well as adults." Rouse commented that "outreach is a vital part of the education at BMA, and we are always looking for ways to improve in this area."

The staff was uplifted through the time spent in prayer and sharing together.

DIANE MATTHEWS
—Administrative Secretary

Is It Over Yet?

Church lasting for four hours? Church not over until after 2:00 p.m.? Who ever heard of such a thing at an academy church?

If you could have been at the Blue Mountain Academy church on January 18, you would have enjoyed church at its finest. The Sabbath school—songs of praise to God, a report on mission outreach projects, Bible study and prayer in small groups. The worship service—singing, praying, sharing thanksgiving to God, praising God openly for His continued guidance, asking for support and prayers in areas of need, a baptism and God speaking through His word and through His servant, Pastor Dan Serns. This special Sabbath was inevitable considering the events of the preceding week.

FOCUS week at BMA means a fast on homework and a feast on spiritual food. Focusing on Christ's ultimate sacrifice brought new meaning for many as Serns helped us realize that when we truly focus on Christ, we lose sight of self and focus on others. A no-holds-barred approach to witnessing was offered to the students, and they accepted the challenge. Sharing Christ's love with others helped many realize just how much Christ meant to them.

Is it over yet? No, not yet. But with an army of youth rightly trained...

HAROLD CURTIS
—Graphic Arts Teacher

Potomac People

Potomac Conference, P.O. Box 1208, Staunton, Virginia 24401 / (703) 886-0771 or (202) 554-4581

What's happening around Potomac

**Spanish Family & Personal
Worship Seminar**
Washington Spanish Church
March 14

**Teacher Commissioning
Services**

Hadley Acres (Damascus
Church) - March 13

Sligo (Sligo Church) - April 25

**SVA Basketball Alumni
Weekend**

Shenandoah Valley Academy
March 13-14

**Takoma Academy Bible
Conference**

Camp Blue Ridge
March 20-22

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March 27-29

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Groundbreaking**
March 29

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Event**

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April 4

SVA Alumni Weekend
April 17-18

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Grand Opening**
Richmond
April 18



Ralph Martin

Global missions and you in '92

Our General Conference has a great idea to support Global Missions. They are promoting **92/92**. Every one of all 7,000,000 Seventh-day Adventists is asked to give 92 hours to mission or evangelistic service for the church in 1992.

I like the idea very much. Two hours a week, or two weeks in 1992, is possible for even the hyper-busy among us. This challenge could be an exciting adventure for all of us, whether we are church workers, office or government employees, farmers, medical, business or law professionals, retired or youth. If every Adventist in the world would grab the plan, it would mean 644 million hours of charity work on Christian projects and goals. That is staggering, isn't it? If our 18,600 members in

Potomac gave 92 hours to gospel work this year, it would mean 1,711,200 hours of work. All this for only two hours a week or two weeks a year.

The motto of Global Mission is *think world—act local!* I encourage you and your family to go on a Maranatha building project in 1992 if you can. It is life-changing! If that is impossible, think of something you can do in your own neighborhood that will make a difference.

Time magazine said recently that "people of all faiths find in charity a chance for thanks, praise and obedience.

"Core Trowbridge, 26, volunteer coordinator for TreePeople in Los Angeles: 'Young people come here, treating this as a singles' scene. Old people who've retired but not run out of energy come.' But when researchers inquire further into motives, the most common reason cited is a desire to do something useful. To comfort a child, succor a patient, rescue a school or salvage a neighborhood gives volunteers a sense of success that few jobs can match. The chance to create and control a daring solution is irresistible and restorative.

"Charity, too, needs its entrepreneurs, dreaming on a different scale, and perhaps genius ripens most fruitfully in a free and private space. That may explain why 105,000 new service organizations were born between 1982 and 1987. 'Volunteers are now expected to solve problems,' says Jerri Spoehel of the Volunteer Center, 'not just stuff envelopes.'

"The examples of some national heroes—Candy Lightner, founder of Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Bruce Ritter, father of Covenant House for kids in trouble; and Eugene Lang, whose 'I Have a Dream' program has spawned innumerable imitations—all proved what extraordinary good can be reaped from one person's crusade."

I am excited about my "92/92" which is an evangelistic crusade in Waynesboro in May. Pray that God will give you a challenging and adventuresome global mission, even if it is in your own backyard, so that you can also enjoy "92/92."

RALPH MARTIN
President

Potomac People

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Project AFFIRMATION

The report adds that giving all young people ample opportunities to serve enables them to "become contributors, problem-solvers and partners with adults in improving their communities and society at large."

Across the country, schools, community organizations, congregations and agencies are taking seriously the possibilities for learning, growth and community improvement when they tap young people's ability and desire to serve.

Seventh-day Adventists have long sensed God's call to serve in their community and recognize that service contributes to the development of faith in young people.

A report from the William E. Grant Commission on Work, Family and Citizenship argues, "There is virtually no limit to what young people ... can do, no social needs they cannot help meet."

The value of service is clear. Not only does the service benefit society, but it also has a positive impact on teens themselves. The Valuegenesis study has established a positive correlation between service activities and faith development in Seventh-day Adventist youth. The Search Institute's study of 46,000 young people, titled *The Troubled Journey*, found that youth who serve others are less likely to be involved in at-risk behaviors. Out of 20 at-risk indicators, boys who serve one or more hours per week average 2.9 indicators, compared to 3.4 indicators for boys who spend no time serving. Girls who serve average 2.2 indicators, compared to 2.9 indicators for non-servers. At-risk indicators include such behaviors as smoking, drinking, sexual activity and school absenteeism.

Other benefits for young people include:

- Building self-esteem and self-efficacy.
- Developing new social skills.
- Strengthening decision-making and leadership skills.
- Nurturing an ethic of civic responsibility and social welfare.

Despite these and other benefits, many young people rarely or never serve others. Overall in the United States, 43% of sixth to 12th graders report giving no volunteer help during an average week and spending no time in the past year "helping people who are poor, hungry, sick or unable to care for themselves."

Perhaps more troubling, young people serve less as they grow older. The percentage of students who report no service rises from 32% in the sixth grade to 46% in 12th grade.

Only 26% of Seventh-day Adventist 12th graders view their local congregation as emphasizing service to the poor and hungry. This failure of our young people to perceive that the church is actively calling them to and involving them in service to the poor and hungry is a major failure of our denomination to focus the energy of our youth on serving others. We may feel that we are calling our people to service, but in the perspective of our own youth, the church is not involving them in such service activity.

Youth who serve will be significantly more likely to have loyalty to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination and a mature Christian faith. Those youth who experience care from adults in their congregation are connected through verbal dialog with adults in their congregation, and experience dialog on practical life issues with peers in their congregation are far more likely to be involved in service.

Every Potomac Conference church and school should actively pursue opportunities for service involvement for its youth. Contact the youth ministries department of the Potomac Conference for assistance, or ask Skip Bell, vice president for administration of the Potomac Conference, for assistance in leading your church into a program that involves its young people in community service. You may wish to consult the following selected resources:

Rich Willits Cairn and James C. Kielsmeier (editors), Growing Hope: A Sourcebook on Integrating Youth Service into the School Curriculum (Roseville, MN: National Youth Leadership Council, 1991).

Jane C. Kendall, Combining Service and Learning: A Resource Book for Community and Public Service, (Raleigh, NC: National Society for Internships and Experiential Education, 1991).

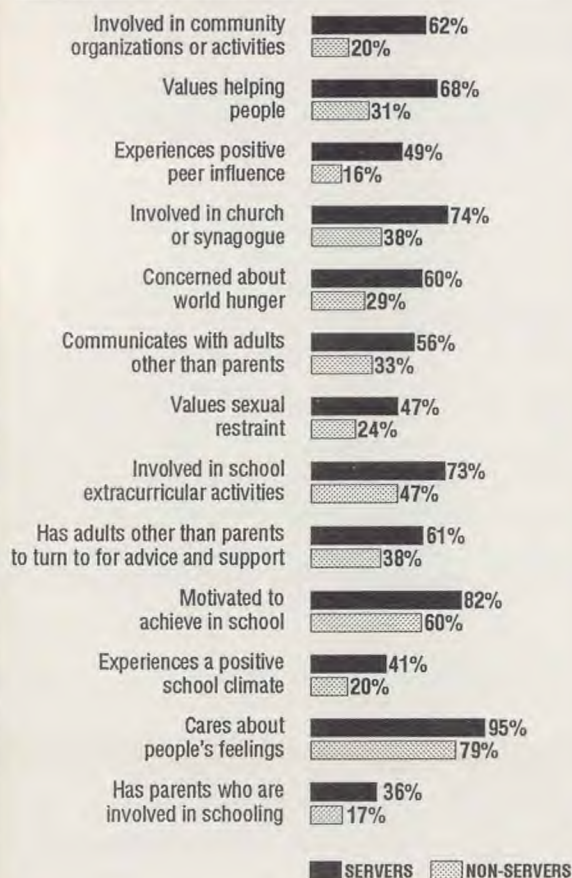
Barbara A. Lewis, The Kids' Guide to Social Action, (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, 1991).

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The preceding article was adapted from the December issue of the Search Institute's newsletter, *Source*.

SKIP BELL
Vice President for Administration

Servers and Non-Servers



Newly-constructed church at Williamsburg

Sabbath, November 2, was the date of yet another historic occasion in Williamsburg, Virginia, site of the first capital of the original colonies in America. On that Sabbath, more than 175 individuals gathered in the beautiful, newly constructed Seventh-day Adventist church for the official open house celebration. A sit-down meal was served following the services. A highlight of this first service was the baptism of two fine young couples who continue to be very active in the church.

Although many denominational conventions have been and are held in this beautiful, historic area, Adventists previously had no church or building of their own. Though small in number, Adventists living in the area had given offerings and prayed that they might build a church in which to honor God and serve as a base of outreach to the community.

Less than four years ago, an unexpected gift of more than 10 acres from a non-Adventist friend to the Potomac Conference brought that dream much closer. Still, it seemed to the small membership that actual construction would be years away in spite of their sacrificial giving.

Due largely to the vision and work of John Kozel, head elder of the Williamsburg church and retired associate treasurer of the General Conference, substantial cash gifts were made by the North American Division as well as the Columbia Union.

Although it is contrary to usual policy for a local church to receive funds from these two sources, the historic location of the Williamsburg-Jamestown-Yorktown area and the fact that over one and a half million visitors come to this area annually (including untold numbers of Adventists), the division and the union were also most anxious to have a suitable presence in this area.

The national ASI organization also made a sizable donation. Support and gifts from the Potomac Conference added to the continual giving of the congregation and boosted a major fund drive conducted by them. The church was constructed and furnished with a debt of

less than 15 percent of the total cost of over one-half million dollars.

The architecture is modified colonial. In addition to the beautiful sanctuary, a commodious vestry gives a warm, pleasant welcome to all who attend. A multipurpose room and well-equipped kitchen provide ample space for seminars and classes of various subjects as a public outreach.



Hardly a week passes without having visitors from all parts of the country and occasionally from Canada and other places for services. A number of others are attending Sabbath services regularly, planning for baptism soon. C.L. White, a retired minister, has been pastor during the construction and continues with a strong outreach program for the coming year.

The church address is 3989 John Tyler Highway (Highway 5) in Williamsburg. For further information or directions, call Pastor White at (804) 220-3127.

Pennsylvania Avenue church gains a leader; keeps moving

The Pennsylvania Avenue church in Washington, D.C., has been making strides even through its transition. After about three months without a leader, we were blessed with Pastor Louis Preston and his family.

The PASDAC family continues to work together with programs like "Feed and Clothe the Hungry and Homeless" and adoption of the obstetrics unit at D.C. General Hospital, where clothes are provided for newborns. Providing Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for the needy is also an ongoing program.

During the holiday season, a Christmas program is organized for the area residents in which a sermon is given by a church elder, and gifts are presented to the children of the attending families.

The programs are in full swing and, with the help of our members—particularly the youth—we are able to accomplish our goals. Since an average of two calls a week are received requesting assistance, Community Services Director TiJuana Thomas-Jackson is kept extremely busy. Maryland Social Services also refers families to our program and requests our assistance in such services as a soup kitchen, which began in February.

A prison ministry is under way, and literature and games are distributed to inmates. Also in effect is a free food

bank where food is distributed to members of the community once or twice a month. A new community program that began in February entails visiting a shelter one Sabbath each month. In addition to these programs, three Sabbath afternoons a month are set aside for a spiritual program in nursing homes.

We are truly blessed here at the Pennsylvania Avenue church, and we are endeavoring to be ready for the Lord's return. Our aims are to gather in souls for the Lord and to give our lives to Him without reservation.

FLONA P. FRANCIS
Pennsylvania Avenue
Communication Secretary

SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY

Alumni Basketball Weekend

March 13-14, 1992

There will be a welcome and refreshments for all alumni Friday evening at 7:00 in the Student Center. Sabbath school will be held in the Ad Building Chapel at 9:30, and worship in the church sanctuary at 11:00. The basketball game will be held Saturday night at 7:30 in the gymnasium. We look forward to having our alumni return for this special weekend and hope that you will plan to join us and cheer for your favorite basketball team.

Staunton church holds multi-church Christmas program

Musicians from several local churches, including Memorial Baptist and St. Paul's United Methodist, participated in a Community Christmas program held Friday evening, December 20, 1991, at the Staunton, Virginia, church. Other Adventist churches represented were Buena Vista, Grottoes, and Waynesboro.

Jeannetta Miller, organizer of the event, opened the program by welcoming the congregation to the celebration of Jesus' birth.

After the invocation by Pastor Bob Clarke, the congregation sang "Angels We Have Heard on High," then settled back to be blessed with a variety of musical selections, which included a trumpet solo by Dennis Snell, an instrumental by Christa Brill (flute), Amy Sheffer (saxophone) and Kelly Sheffer (flute); a trumpet solo by Jim Garber, a vocal solo by Dorenda Dodge and a piano solo by Bonnie Moyers.

Clifford Hevener read a poem he wrote entitled "I Wonder," and Patsy Rinehart read a Christmas story.

Gaylon Hevener, Jeannetta Miller and Charlene Sheffer joined their beautiful voices in singing "Carol of Christmas" and "Some Children See Him."

All too soon Linda Dove, song leader, announced the closing song to be sung by the congregation. Bob Rice gave the benediction.

Following the program, everyone was invited downstairs for fellowship and refreshments.

When one of the performers was thanked for coming to share her talent with us, she replied, "I just came to worship my Lord." And that we did!

LURA DEMERS

Staunton Communication Secretary

Staunton prison ministry team holds baptism

The Staunton, Virginia, church is praising God for the wonders He's performing at the Staunton Correctional Center. On December 28 the prison ministry team held a baptismal service where six precious souls were baptized.

Pastor Samuel Lizardo of the Alexandria, Virginia, Spanish church performed the baptisms, assisted by Staunton member John Miller. Lizardo speaks little

English, so Lucy Wright of Staunton translated the sermon.

On Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. the team conducts Bible lessons. Lucy has a separate class for Spanish-speaking inmates, and three of her class members were baptized. From the other class one Afro-American, one Nigerian and one white were baptized.

Praise God! He's preparing a people for His kingdom.

MARIE MCINTYRE

Staunton Prison Ministry Director

Ministerium

Evangelism in Potomac

Evangelism takes on a variety of forms these days, but we need to always remember that some of the older, "traditional" methods are still being used by God's Spirit, too. The multi-week evangelistic preaching method is alive and well in Potomac!

We have all heard the great reports of our conference effort in Kosice, Czechoslovakia. Hundreds came out each night to hear the message of a soon-coming Saviour. We are so excited about the opportunity God has given us there, but have you heard what is happening at home? It is just as exciting!

The Beltsville, Maryland, church is hosting a series with the Amazing Facts team led by evangelist Leo Schreven, and they are having more than 100 visitors per night. The church has been full each night, and the members are having an exciting time. Schreven, his staff and the Beltsville pastoral staff are all visiting new interests daily, and I am certain the Lord has a rich harvest planned.

Just as exciting is what is happening in Strasburg, Virginia, with Potomac evangelist Ken Wilber. Between 15 and 20 visitors are coming regularly, and many nights the count is even higher. The members are also excited about what is happening in their church, and they are doing an excellent job of making friends with the interested folk.

I have visited both of these meetings, and I can clearly see one common theme. Whether we are talking about thousands in a foreign country, hundreds in a large city church or dozens in a smaller rural church, the spirit of evangelism is alive, well and contagious. God's richest blessing is not dependent on numbers; only on our willingness to be His vessels.

MARVIN WRAY
Ministerial Director

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Family Life

Body language

A mother consulted her pastor because her eldest son was using too much profanity. Being from the "spare the rod and spoil the child" school of theology, the pastor advised her to slap him every time he uttered a profanity.

When her two sons came to the breakfast table the next morning, the mother asked, "What would you like for breakfast?"

"I want some of those blankety-blank Post Toasties!" exclaimed the oldest son. At that the mother slapped him so hard that he fell off his chair and landed with a thud on the floor.

Then she turned to her other son and asked, "Now, what do you want for breakfast?"

Stammering meekly, the other son replied, "Well, one thing is for certain. I don't want any Post Toasties."

Perhaps one of the most important aspects of family communication is body language. To prevent giving mixed signals and causing a snafu, parents need to practice and teach body language that is appropriate for the intended message.

The most important communicating tool in the body is the eyes—not the tongue. Your words may be sweet; but if your eyes are flashing fire, children will get a message of insincerity and dishonesty. If you break eye contact too soon, you may appear weak. If you hold eye contact too long, it may be perceived as a challenge or threat.

Parents should also learn proper gestures that will provide communication clues. The basic nod indicates agreement. The wrinkled brow says your message is unclear, please repeat or restate. The upward glance says you are boring me or I am searching for the proper words.

Touch is a tremendous communicator and can offer instant affirmation, encouragement or comfort without saying a word. Parents will find it extremely beneficial to cuddle their children while talking to them. Even teens appreciate a sincere hug or pat on the back, especially if it isn't done in front of their peers.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.—*I Thessalonians 5:11, NIV.*

LEN MCMILLAN

Director of Church Ministries

Musical notes about Roanoke

It doesn't take too many weeks of attending the Roanoke, Virginia, church to realize that this congregation has been blessed with an abundance of mu-



Advent Quartet members (counterclockwise): Don Eckenroth, Bill Nicely, Lee McLennan, and William Dixon.

sical talent, both vocal and instrumental. In 1991 some of those talents re-

ceived special recognition.

The Roanoke church is privileged to be the home base for the Advent Quartet. This men's gospel group sings mostly a cappella arrangements. They chose their name because the central theme of their ministry is to tell others that Jesus is coming.

In March the quartet won first place in a local contemporary Christian music competition. This sent them to the regional competition in September, when they attained a perfect score, entering them in the national competition at Nashville in October. While they didn't win any awards in the national finals, it was quite an honor to have made it that far and to meet some of the other vocalists and groups from around the country.

The Advent Quartet also performed in September at the First Annual Gospel Sing-Out in Roanoke. There they won first place in the singing group category and first place overall. They received trophies and appointments to sing and share their message in several area churches, in addition to 16 and a half hours of free recording time in a local studio.

While it is wonderful to be able to hear and enjoy the musical abilities in our church, it is also exciting to see the Lord using those talents to bless others!

ROSE BOWEN

Roanoke Communication Secretary

SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY

Alumni Weekend

April 17-18, 1992

Guest speaker for the weekend will be Dr. Ben Carson, Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The weekend begins Friday evening at 6:30 with registration and light refreshments in the Administration Building lobby, followed by vespers at 7:30. On Sabbath, Sabbath school begins at 10:00 in the gymnasium, and church at 11:30. Children's Sabbath school classes will be held in the church at 10:00, with a children's church program at 11:30 in the sanctuary for children ages 5 through 12. Following church there will be a potluck dinner. We ask that alumni and visitors bring **two salads OR one salad and one dessert**. The alumni association will provide the entree and tableware. Saturday night the SVA Symphonic Band will perform at 8:00 in the gymnasium. We hope that you are making plans to be here for this special weekend, a time to rekindle old friendships and an opportunity to make new friends.

Pastors in transition

There have been a number of pastoral moves over the past two months. We are happy to introduce four outstanding families who have joined us from outside of Potomac boundaries.



Marvin Wray

Cliff and Sue Gleason, along with Nicole, 14, and Jeffrey, 12, have begun work in the Stanley, Virginia, church, having moved from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in the Southern New England Conference. They have quickly involved themselves in the church but just missed the apple butter season. Nicole is attending Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, and Jeffrey is in the Stanley school.

The new leaders of the Norfolk, Virginia, church are **Ed and Shirley Barnett**, who have moved from South Bend, Indiana. The Barnetts have two children: Andrew, 11, and Ryan, 5. They arrived in Norfolk in mid-December and have already endeared themselves to the congregation.

Arriving from Texas, **Pablo and Martha Perla** have begun work in the Capital Spanish church in Washington, D.C. Pablo brings a rich background of pastoring, evangelism and administration on both the conference and academic levels. We are delighted to include the Perlas on our pastoral team.

Craig and Tina Heinrich have just arrived from sunny California, where Craig was boys' dean at Rio Lindo Academy. He will now serve as the associate pastor at the Beltsville, Maryland, church with emphasis on youth and young adults. Craig and Tina will add a lot of enthusiasm and joy to the Beltsville family.

Another move that will take a little time in transition involves...

Richard and Sallie Fredericks, who will take the helm in the Damascus, Maryland, church when Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, is out this spring. Richard has been teaching in the religion department there for the past several years. We are excited that he and Sallie now form part of our pastoral staff, and we wish them well.

There have also been several moves within our conference staff.

Rick and Ruth Anne Labate have moved from the Yale/Hopewell district to take over the Danville/Martinsville churches in Virginia. They replace...

Paul and Betty McGraw, who recently moved to the Woodbridge, Virginia, church.

Bob and Joan Clarke have left the Beltsville church to take up responsibilities in the Staunton church.

Pete and Dianne Watts are moving from the Powell Valley church in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, to new challenges at the Meadowbridge church in Mechanisville, Virginia, where they will follow...

Andy and Becky McRae, who have just accepted the call to move to the Washington, D.C., area so that Andy can join the Sligo staff there.

As you can see, there has been a fair amount of activity in the Potomac Conference over the past two or three months. We want to wish each family God's blessing during this transitional time and assure you that we think of you often in our prayers. We especially want to welcome those who are new to the Potomac family.

MARVIN WRAY
Ministerial Director

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June 23-27, 1992

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I would like to reserve the following for the 1992 Potomac Camp Meeting:

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Special rates have been arranged with certain motels/hotels in the New Market area. If you have questions, please call Sue Bendall at the Potomac Conference, (703) 886-0771, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Update: Cherish Czechoslovakia!

Staunton, VA February 6, 1992

The Objective—Nádej do Budúcnosti

Hope for the future and souls for the kingdom.

The Place—Kosice, Czechoslovakia

The building called the White House, which is the former headquarters for the Communist Party, was filled to over-

Tony Mavrakos, pastor of the church in Wheaton, Maryland, not only presents the message at four nightly meetings, but is also conducting conversational English classes and Bible studies.

Jan Muran, Slovakian Conference personal ministries director, serves as translator and crusade coordinator.

The Response

On Sabbath, February 8, the first baptism of 108 occurred, an event that was filmed by the local television station for later broadcast through all of eastern Czechoslovakia. When Mavrakos announced that the baptism would take place at the local indoor swimming pool, 300 people made some advance "preparations" by going to the stores and purchasing swimsuits!

A young atheist, Peter Sichula, informed Mavrakos and Pastor Weiss that the "Bible is for crazy people." He continued attending and has requested to be baptized.

Because the sessions were at a time inconvenient to his work, an artist who attended decided to take his vacation during February so that he would not miss a single meeting.

Young people from all over the Slovakian Conference—more than 300—came to Kosice to distribute 50,000 handbills, posters and signs in preparation for "the Miracle of Kosice."

Students at the university where government pilots are trained (the equivalent of the U.S. Air Force Academy) will be addressed by Mavrakos at their request. He will speak to them on moral and religious issues. They have also asked that religious material be made available to them.

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Three hundred young people from all over the Slovakian Conference came on Sabbath, January 11, to distribute 50,000 handbills promoting the crusade at "the White House."

flowing on the opening night of the evangelistic crusade, January 17.

Even though there was a seating capacity of 700, more than 200 people sat or stood in the aisles throughout the meeting. At the writing of this article, when many of the distinctive Adventist truths have been presented, attendance continues to surpass 900. In addition, 350 non-Adventists are coming to the Sabbath morning Bible classes.

The Event

You and I—the people of the Potomac Conference—have set in motion the largest Adventist evangelistic crusade in the history of Czechoslovakia, truly "the Miracle of Kosice."

By combining our resources and prayers with the efforts of our fellow Adventists of the Slovakian Conference, God's loving desire to save fallen humanity is proclaimed, reaffirming His pentecostal powers.

The People



The former Communist Party headquarters, which is known as "the White House," was the site of the Kosice crusade.

"Czechoslovakia" continued from page 12C

The Commitment

"the Miracle of Kosice" has begun, and it will continue during the next months when more and more people will decide to become followers of Christ and members of the remnant of God.

We have committed to continue Project Cherish Czechoslovakia so that as many of the 16 million Czechs as possible will have the opportunity to learn of Christ.



Roger Weiss (left), Potomac Conference evangelism coordinator, joins the personal ministries director of the Slovakian Conference, Jan Muran (center), and Tony Mavrakos, the Wheaton pastor and evangelist who was the speaker for the Kosice crusade. Muran also served as translator during the meetings.



Inside "the White House," more than 900 people packed the auditorium nightly, well beyond the normal seating capacity of 700. More than 350 guests continue to attend Sabbath Bible classes.

The Need

Fellow believers, we have this great opportunity to serve the Lord in this unique way to continue "the Miracle of Kosice."

Without your participation, this miracle would not have even begun. We thank you for what you have begun; we thank you for your continued assistance with your prayers and much needed aid.

The Reward

Many of us will have to wait until our

Lord returns before we meet face to face with those in this crusade for whom we have prayed and to whom we have dedicated a portion of our financial resources. A few of us have seen the need and experienced the excitement of "the Miracle of Kosice."

To think of the joy that Jesus brings when we share in His work may be reward enough until we join Him on the streets of gold.

Thank you for sharing.

The Future

As you read this, the evangelistic meetings will have concluded, but not "the Miracle of Kosice", for studies will continue and efforts to proclaim the gospel will not end with this crusade.

We will continue to hear from Kosice and provide updates.

ROGER WEISS
Church Ministries Associate
Director

THE CHRISTIAN & sexuality

Sabbath, April 4, 1992

3:00-7:00 p.m.

General Conference Headquarters Auditorium
12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland

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Male and Female—Why?

What it means to be a man or a woman—the divine intention for the division of the sexes.

■ DR. FRANK FRANASIAK

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Sexual freedom for Seventh-day Adventists in the 1990s—or safe sex vs. no sex!

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