



Heather Prouty helped staff the White House personnel office.

## Four CUC women intern at White House

When Starla Crandall voted for Bill Clinton she didn't know that a year later she'd be working for him.

Crandall, a senior at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, is one of six students who have interned at the White House since the fall of 1993.

The first three to gain internships were Heather Prouty and April Stafford (both freshmen) and Mitchell Scoggins, a junior. Their supervisor was so impressed with their work that she took on three more CUC students this January. Barry Casey, associate professor of communication and English at CUC, introduced the students to the internship possibilities at the White House.

According to a letter sent to Casey from Peg Clark, director of information systems at the Office of Presidential Personnel, the first three CUC interns "showed a willingness to learn and exhibited accuracy in completing the tasks assigned. You may be certain that they will be duly commended in the months ahead for their dedication, enthusiasm and professional attitude."

Clark added that if CUC could provide

more applicants of the same quality as the first three, "it would be my privilege to sponsor 5-10 Columbia Union College interns in 1994."

The three students accepted for internships during second semesters were Starla Crandall (senior), Stephanie Landing (junior), and Michael Coe (freshman).

"The interns have discovered that their days are filled with a lot more than their routine tasks of scanning résumés and typing letters," according to a report in CUC's newsletter, *I&Q* (Winter 1994). For example, "when the head of the Drug Enforcement Administration resigned, a CUC intern wrote a letter of response for President Clinton."

The interns work in the executive office building located immediately next door to the White House. Before they were accepted they filled out stacks of paperwork and had background checks by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Although the students are not paid for their work, they feel they gain valuable experience, some great recommendations, and a résumé that's hard to beat.

## September 29 to October 2

## Metro D.C. chosen for AAW conference

by Patricia Habada

"Expectations are high as plans for the September 29 to October 2, 1994, AAW Conference unfold," according to Betty Howard, coordinator for the event. "The beautiful Doubletree Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, the site of this year's conference, is conveniently located near Washington National Airport and just minutes away from the museums and sights of Washington, D.C."

The conference theme, "Nurturing and Nourishing the Spirit," will be supported by three tracks of seminars and workshops emphasizing personal and professional growth, spiritual growth, and relevant women's issues.

"Keynote speaker, Dr. Iris Yob, will lead us to review our past, look at the status of Adventist women today, and challenge us to consider our role as women in Adventism

tomorrow," says Howard. The address is entitled "Nurturing the Future."

Yob, an Australian, holds an Ed.D. from Harvard University, has taught in Adventist institutions, and most recently taught in the School of Education at the State University of New York at Geneseo.

In Adventist circles, she is known for her work with the Adventist Women's Institute (AWI), an educational organization aimed at enhancing the lives, influence, and personal development of the women of the church in both its theology and practice.

One of AWI's founders and leaders, Yob regularly writes for AWI's magazine *Ponderings* and other publications produced by the institute.

(See NURTURING, p.2)

## In Central States Regional Conference

## Woman becomes acting president as conference weathers crisis

by Wanda Grimes Davis

For the second time in 94 years in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and for the first time in a regional conference, a local conference has been run by a woman.

Phyllis Ware, secretary-treasurer for Central States Conference, was appointed interim president by the executive committee in March 1994. Ware was responsible for 35 churches and two companies. In the months prior to this, she had borne increasing responsibilities for the conference as President J. Paul Monk suffered with the cancer that took his life.

Ware was chief operating officer of the conference until the May 1994 constituency meeting when Alfred Johnson, former personal ministries director of the Allegheny East Conference, was elected to the position.

The other Adventist woman known to have served as an interim conference president is L. Flora Plummer in 1900. (See below, p. 3).

## Breaking the Sabbath barrier

Phyllis Ware is no stranger to "firsts." After graduation from Notre Dame with a degree in accounting, she became the first Seventh-day Adventist hired at the Kansas City office of the prestigious accounting firm, Arthur Andersen and Company. Some had said the company would never hire a Sabbath observer. But Ware believed that God wanted her to have the position, despite the usual Saturday work requirements. She got the job and she thrived. Her success appears to have opened the way for other Sabbathkeepers to become employees at the same company.

In 1983 Ware was hired as an accountant by Central States Conference. In 1986 she was appointed assistant treasurer and in 1989 she was appointed secretary-treasurer. Then in 1991 she achieved the same position by election. Thus, clergy and laity have unequivocally endorsed her skills and leadership. Ware's election as an officer constituted a first for regional Adventist conferences.

As chief financial officer of the conference, Ware oversees all financial records, accounting, budgets, and statistics. As secretary, she maintains statistical data on local churches, manages all aspects of policy application and record keeping, and assists the president wherever needed.

## Sligo to celebrate seven women in ministry

As part of the celebration marking Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church's 50th anniversary in its present building, a weekend has been set aside to honor the seven women who have served on its pastoral staff in the past 21 years. All seven plan to attend and participate in the weekend events, September 23-24.

Guest speaker for Sabbath morning, September 24, will be Madelynn Jones Haldeman, professor of theology at La Sierra University. Haldeman's class was one of the first from Columbia Union College to hold its graduation services in Sligo church. Wanting to become a pastor, Haldeman

Ware believes she sees God's hand in all these firsts. Once shy and quiet, Ware has become an articulate, poised, self-assured, and well-respected leader of men and women.

She says her assurance is found in this favorite text:

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know he heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14, 15).

In addition to God's providence, Ware credits the team spirit of the Central States Conference workers, and the vision and courage of J. Paul Monk and of the confer-



Phyllis Mosley Ware

## Florida elects woman secretary

At its January 23 meeting, the Florida Conference executive committee elected Gloria Becker as one of its officers.

Membership growth and other factors contributed to separating the vice presidency from the secretariat, according to Cynthia Kurtzhals, director of communication. The situation led the conference to name Lewis Hendershot as vice president for administration. Becker, who had worked with Hendershot, was promoted to secretary. She had been associate secretary.

Becker began work for the Florida Conference Association in 1983 as secretary/accountant.



Gloria Becker

studied religion at CUC. One of her religion teachers was Maybelle Vandermark (later Goransson), who had pastored churches in Virginia in the 1930s.

On Friday evening, September 23, a panel will probe the significance of the Council on the Role of Women at Camp Mohaven, Ohio. The meeting, held in September 1973, was the first major discussion on women's ordination by the church in recent times.

Several women who were members of the Camp Mohaven council will be on the Friday night panel including Haldeman, Leona Running, Kit Watts, and Josephine Benton.



# Mary, the builder

by Elisabeth Wear

"This is a study in Southern diplomacy," said Judy Osborne, associate professor of Consumer Related Sciences. She motioned me, then a first-year college instructor, to stand outside an open office door.

Inside, Mary Byers, chair of the Consumer Related Sciences, sat composed behind a mountain of papers. She was listening to a phone conversation, which might as well have been one-way, by holding the earpiece three feet away.

"Yes, Dr. \_\_\_," she said sweetly, bringing the phone close enough to speak, then returning it to arm's length.

Then, in a normal voice level, Mary said to Judy and me in her calming Southern accent, "It's a university official. He may be a little upset." We could almost decipher the angry male voice from our safe distance in the hall.

Mary brought the phone close enough to speak into it again. "That's absolutely right, Doctor," she said.

Then she held the phone at arm's length for a full minute. *More angry tones from the phone.*

"You certainly have a point."

*Sweet as cream.* Phone held at arm's length. A full minute passed.

"We really must talk soon."

*Gentle as a feather.* Phone at arm's length. Another minute.

"I have to go, Dr. \_\_\_, there are people waiting to see me. Bye now."

The tirade continued.

"It's time for me to hang up now. Bye, bye." She hung up sweetly, careful not to chip her nails, dousing the voice on the phone.

"What was that all about?" Judy and I asked weakly, easing into nearby chairs.

"Don't worry," said Mary, adjusting her hair. "If it's important, we'll get a letter."

## NURTURING THEME FOR '94 AAW CONFERENCE

From front page

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### Sabbath focuses on women in ministry

"Sabbath will be a high day featuring women in ministry," Howard adds. Two women who are doctoral candidates at the SDA Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, are organizing the morning worship.

The two women also bring an international flavor to the conference. Vivianne Haenni, currently a teacher at the Walla Walla College School of Religion, is from the French-speaking section of Switzerland and a former pastor there. Sally Andriamiarisoa is from Mauritius. They have invited Ginger Hanks Harwood, former chaplain and religion teacher, who holds a Ph.D. from Iliff School of Theology in Denver, to help plan the worship services.

### Remember Mohaven

The 21st anniversary of the Camp Mohaven Council on the Role of Women in the Church will be celebrated Sabbath afternoon. The coordinator is Kit Watts, one of the women who attended the 1973 council and was a member of the Sligo pastoral staff at the time.

At Camp Mohaven the church undertook its first official study of the role of women during this century. The Mohaven recommendations stimulated a series of three more study commissions on women's role in the church and ongoing debates among church leaders about ordaining Adventist women.

### Meet and greet

As in years past, this conference will offer opportunities to dialogue with representatives of women's groups from all over the world. Among them:

Ann Campbell, president of the Sydney, Australia, AAW chapter plans to attend. Invitations have been extended to representatives from the General Conference and North American Division Offices of Women's Ministries, the Adventist Women's Coalition, T.E.A.M. (Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry), women who are pastors and chaplains, and women from other major women's groups.

*Patricia Habada is chair of the board for T.E.A.M.*

We never got a letter.

Two weeks later the official stopped by her office, took both her hands in his and said, "Mrs. Byers, you're just as lovely as ever." No further comment was ever made.

### Sweet determination

Professor Byers trained younger faculty to build committee agendas, hold weekly staff meetings and keep minutes, and to design programs with the proper input from the state, the conference, faculty members, and students. She never raised her voice, always looked beautiful, and generally had her way in almost everything.

The Loma Linda University Planning Committee told her there was absolutely no money for a desperately needed home economics building. Undaunted, Mary Byers, together with Professors Betty Davis and Yvonne Sonneland, met for weekly prayer meetings, telling the Lord of their needs. Each meeting included progress on their architectural dreams.

As months passed, Mary was impressed to contact a wealthy San Bernardino friend of her Aunt Rochelle Kilgore. One day Mary stopped by President David Bieber's office and requested permission to solicit funds.

"Well, we'd like some experienced individuals from the university to make the call," she was told.

The university development officers made the visit and returned with a pledge of two million dollars for Loma Linda University. It was decided that Mary Byers should have one million dollars for her building.

In 1967, one of the most modern home economics buildings in California was completed on the La Sierra campus. Delegates from the Home Economics Association in Sacramento were sent to La Sierra to see the modern textiles lab; a foods lab with four unique dining areas—country, formal, and modern, including a complete set of china in each area; and the child development center.

Today the School of Business at La Sierra occupies Mrs. Byers' building. The beautiful home economics labs are gone. But the building remains and students are trained there for Christian service.

Mrs. Byers, 80, now builds hope in the La Sierra community. She and her husband, Douglas, supervise a team of seven volunteers who feed 40 to 80 families each week, often carrying food directly to homes.

What women build—the hope, the people, the families, the programs, and yes, even buildings themselves—may continue on in the way envisioned. Or they may be occupied, modified, or taken over by others.

But the legacy lives on.

"A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates" (Proverbs 31:30, 31).

**AAW MISSION STATEMENT**

**"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."**

**Genesis 1:27**

In God's sight each individual has the potential to make a valuable contribution to our world. It is the purpose of this group of Adventist women to help individuals in our church reflect more fully the image of God in their relationships to others in the home, the church, the work place, and the community.

This association, which focuses on the development, discoveries, interests, and potentials of Adventist women, has these goals:

1. To encourage communication, support, and wider understanding among Adventist women in diverse situations.
2. To acquaint the church community at large with Adventist women's potential and achievements.
3. To assist Adventist women in achieving fulfillment in their personal development, interpersonal relationships with others, and their relationship to God.
4. To help Adventist women maximize their options, whatever their age and situation, so they may reflect more fully the image of God.

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# Pioneer church communicator retires but will not quit

by Kit Watts

After 30 years as a spokesperson for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Shirley Burton retired in March. In her most recent post, held since 1988, she was director of the General Conference Communication Department.

Burton had also been one of a handful of women holding major leadership posts at the General Conference in recent times. (Two others currently holding office are Rowena Rick, associate treasurer; and Rose Otis, director of the GC Office of Women's Ministries.)

Although she's retiring from full-time work, Burton is not turning her back on either her career or her church. This summer, when she moves back to her home in Lincoln, Nebraska, she will continue to work with several key projects for the world church—Adventist World Radio, the East Asia Committee, and ASI (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries).

Burton will also teach at Union College. She wants to inspire young journalists to work for the church as she has.

Burton sees dedicated PR people as unique, front-line evangelists. They can help make or break the public's perception of Seventh-day Adventists by the copy they write, the contacts they establish, and the information and perspective they are ready to share.

### Crisis intervention

And Burton has practiced what she preaches: she has made scores of friends for

Kit Watts writes from Silver Spring, Maryland.

the church by her contacts with reporters in the public press. "If you know people in the local press, they tend to call you when questions arise," she says. "This kind of contact can prevent erroneous material from going on the air or in the paper. It's important to have a good grasp of our theology and history. You never know what you will be asked."

Burton should know. She was on the other end of the line when the Waco story broke in 1993. It was her previous contacts with reporters that paved the way for accurate comments about Seventh-day Adventists and their relationship to the Shepherd's Rod and Branch Davidians. Front-page and in-depth stories were carried by the *Washington Post* and were sometimes carried far and wide by other news services.

Burton had had some experience with crises. In 1964 she became the first paid, full-time conference public relations (PR) director in the world when she was hired by the Oregon Conference. Subsequently, she spent 16 years directing PR for the Pacific Union.

"While I was in the Pacific Union we had 18 different crises in one 18-month period," she recalled. "Everything from the Davenport affair to a colporteur being accused of kidnapping a child, and from the Harris Pine bankruptcy to a radio station being commandeered by some former Seventh-day Adventists."

Because a crisis involves the church's



Shirley Burton

image in the public eye, Burton works to counter misinformation with correct information. But she is also known for her personal ministry to reporters and church communicators. "Sometimes we talk theology and beliefs, sometimes we pray together," she says.

Besides making an impact on the public press, Burton has made a contribution to the church by training young journalists. Among those who have worked with her are Myron Widmer, now an associate editor of the

*Adventist Review*; Jay Prall, communication director for the Oregon Conference; Glen Robinson, an editor at Pacific Press; Carolyn Agee Johnson, now a hospital PR director; and Rick Kajiura, a current member of the GC Communication Department team.

After graduating from Union College, Burton spent 14 years as an educator.

Eventually, Burton acquired an M.A. in Humanities (emphasizing English, speech, and communication) from Southern Oregon College. Later she honed more of her journalism skills when she received a *Wall Street Journal* Fellowship at the University of Oregon.

## HISTORY (FINALLY) REPEATS ITSELF

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ence executive committee for the success and growth of the conference during Elder Monk's terminal illness.

Ware's current objectives include supporting the new president, concentrating on the secretary/treasurer's work, getting her M.B.A., and providing financial planning workshops on the local church level.

### Footnote on history

The first Adventist woman known to have led a local conference was L. Flora Plummer. While carrying departmental responsibilities, she became secretary of the Iowa Conference in 1897. Then, in 1900, when Elder Santee was called to become president in California, Plummer became acting president until she moved to Minnesota late that year.\*

Most Adventists remember Plummer as secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, a position to which she was elected in 1913 and which she held until her retirement in 1936.

\* Plummer's outstanding record of leadership has been documented in the unpublished paper, "Lorena Florence Plummer: A Sabbath School Success Story," written in 1983 by Sherman McCormick, then a graduate student at Andrews University.

Chaplain Wanda Grimes Davis is manager of pastoral care and volunteer services at the Regional Medical Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

### Request hearing at special NAD meeting on October 3

# SDA college students seek support for women's ordination

by Lisa Bissell Paulson

Collegiate youth are requesting the North American Division (NAD) and the General Conference (GC) of Seventh-day Adventists to support the ordination of women.

A recent Walla Walla College (WWC) student senate vote supported the issue and recommended that students on other Adventist campuses indicate their support publicly.

The topic generated considerable discussion when more than 100 student leaders from SDA colleges in North America assembled for the annual Adventist Intercollegiate Association (AIA) Convention held at Union College, April 4-10. In essence, the petition stated, "...as Adventist youth we support and pray for the unity of women pastors by ordaining them to the gospel ministry."

More than a thousand individual petitions from WWC students were signed prior to the AIA meeting in Nebraska.

Sallye Pershall, 1993-1994 editor of the WWC student newspaper, the *Collegian*, states, "Although women's ordination is an important issue in and of itself, the fact that AIA moved ahead and took a stand on the issue is, to me, the salient result of the convention. WWC pushed AIA into discussing relevant matters affecting our church."

Rich Tyler, president of the student body at WWC and AIA Regional Director, anticipates that women's ordination will be widely discussed on Adventist campuses. He adds that "AIA will be represented at the [church's] Annual Council where the issue of women's ordination is [expected] to [be] on the agenda."

Once the tally is gathered from the various NAD college and university campuses, the AIA officers have asked to present a

formal proposal to a special session of the North American Division officers on October 3, 1994. The student leaders will request that women's ordination be considered favorably by Annual Council and the 1995 delegates to the General Conference session.

### And elsewhere

On April 20, 1994, the *Student Movement*, newspaper for students at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, published a cluster of articles on women and the ministry.

In the lead story, Susan Ross explained how she had come to study theology and why. During her sophomore year in college a health crisis precipitated a spiritual crisis. "During this struggle I fell in love with [Jesus]," Ross explains. "Within me grew an unquenchable passion to share Jesus with others who were searching to find meaning in the disappointments of life..."

Ross goes on to say simply, "If God has given you a talent, it's wrong not to use it."

### Major questions

If Adventist students are to take this initiative, what are the rest of us doing to ensure that the issue of women's ordination receives favorable consideration?

If church leaders take up the discussion, what will the exact issue be?

1. Will women in the SDA world church attain full ordination status?

2. Will women in NAD attain full ordination status?

3. Is there a statement forbidding women to be ordained?

Could our current NAD Working Policy establish a policy for conferences, unions, divisions?

4. Will qualified women be allowed to be on the ordination track by receiving a ministerial license?

5. Will such women be allowed to start a company or church?

6. Will qualified women be allowed to hold administrative positions within the Adventist Church which now, by policy or practice, are restricted to ordained ministers?

I am eager to see how those at church headquarters receive our student leaders in October. Pray for them and pray for the women pastors and chaplains who minister moment by moment.

## 1000 WWC students signed petition in April

"We, the concerned youth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, envision our church as a place of spiritual solace in a world of faddish movements, of high morality and justice in a world motivated by politics and convenience, of a community of believers in a hierarchical world of power structures. We look to the church to act with vision and courage in a world where expediency caters to the lowest moral common denominator for the sake of harmony.

In issues such as the role of women in ministry, our church has failed to act on its own vision of the equality of believers. How can God fully bless a church that does not pursue simple moral justice?

As we Adventist youth weigh our continued participation and potential leadership in this church, we wonder if it will continue to be meaningful to us. We want to honor our church when explaining its beliefs and practices to non-believers, but we are ashamed when we must make excuses for our church's political actions and compromises. We need our church to

hold the highest possible moral standards.

We request that the Seventh-day Adventist Church fully recognize the spiritual gifts of its women pastors by ordaining them to the gospel ministry. We pray for continued unity of belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the fundamental doctrines of the church as well as an invigorated tolerance of cultural difference throughout the world body.

We join with the Ministerial Council and Pastors' Meeting of the North American Division Ministerial Association, the Gender Inclusiveness Commission of the Southeastern California Conference Executive Committee, the Potomac Conference Executive Committee, the Seventh-day Adventist Healthcare Chaplains Association, the Seventh-day Adventist Military Chaplains, the North American Division Women's Advisory, the Association of Adventist Women, and Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry (TEAM) in asking the church to enable the North American Division to ordain its women ministers.

Lisa Bissell Paulson is vice president for student administration at Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington.

## First SDA woman named prison chaplain

Detroit native Bernadine Archer was hired in February as chaplain at the Macomb Regional Correctional Facility in New Haven, Michigan. It is an all-male facility with 1,100 inmates.

Says Archer, "I and members of my congregation had prayed that I would be given a church. Instead, I've received an entire institution in which to do ministry."

Archer's appointment is historic, since she is the first Adventist woman to be employed as a correctional chaplain, according to Marty Feldbush, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM), at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Having completed an M.Div. degree at the SDA Theological Seminary, Archer enrolled in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Detroit. Feldbush reports that Archer is the third Adventist chaplain in the Michigan correctional system. She is the second Adventist chaplain to work at Macomb, replacing Milo Allison, who took a position at a facility in Sandstone, Minnesota.

Archer says she first learned about the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1974 when a Voice of Prophecy crusade was held at the University SDA church in East Lansing, Michigan. She was baptized at the Bethel SDA church in 1975.

In addition to her seminary training, Archer holds a B.S. Degree in child development and teaching from Michigan State University. She has taught in Adventist schools and worked with Don Gray and Dan Collins in evangelistic crusades in the Detroit area.

One aspect of her ministry at Macomb has been coordinating a bachelor's and master's degree program for inmates through Zoe College. "As a result they are offering me

the chance to take a master's degree in pastoral counseling," Archer says.

Archer identifies her call to ministry as occurring in 1980. "My answer was a resounding yes to God, but in God's providence and timing the condition was 'wait.' I waited with much heartfelt longing, anticipation, and grief," Archer recalls. "Wanting to work for God and not being able to is one of the worst forms of human suffering."

She studied at the SDA Theological Seminary from 1984-1987. Upon graduation she received no call. "It was a test of faith for me," she admits. She often thought of the old gospel song that says, "I'm climbing up on the rough side of the mountain," and "I'm doing my best to make it."

Says Archer, "This test of faith resulted in a mustard seed experience, and God has removed great mountains of difficulty."

How does she feel about working with prisoners? "It's my understanding that the Spirit of Prophecy says that when prisoners are converted they will make some of the best heralds of the gospel in the last days," she says. "Prisoners are unlikely to be as fearful of persecution or imprisonment. So I want to assist in building up God's army. I'd appreciate the prayers and support of Adventist women."

Archer has received ecclesiastical endorsement from ACM and a commissioned minister's license from the Michigan Conference.



Bernadine Archer



Norma Collins was named an assistant director of the White Estate on January 9, 1994.

## In Ellen G. White Estate

### GC grants promotion after 24 years

After 24 years as a secretary at the Ellen G. White Estate, Norma Collins was promoted to assistant director at the January 9, 1994, meeting of the White Estate Board of Trustees. The Estate is housed in the General Conference headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Collins has been secretary to Arthur White, Robert Olson, and the current director, Paul Gordon. She has gained broad experience as a resource person, answering questions from the world field, and meeting speaking appointments. She has also helped establish research and study centers in the Southern Asia and Far Eastern Divisions.

While Mrs. Collins is not the first woman in White Estate history to hold the title of assistant director, she is the first to carry major administrative responsibilities. Miss Bessie Mount and Mrs. Hedwig Jemison were named as assistants in 1961 and 1966

respectively, their duties dealing mainly with compilations of Ellen White materials and the Ellen G. White research center at Andrews University.

Collins' new responsibilities include general administrative work; being office manager of the White Estate; overseeing the general work of the letter-manuscript processing team in Silver Spring, Maryland, office; and doing grammatical editing of Ellen G. White materials being prepared for publication. She also answers questions on Spirit of Prophecy issues that come daily by telephone or letter from the world field.

She was born and reared in the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas and, in 1950, became the only Adventist in her family. She is a graduate of Mount Vernon Business College and has attended Southern College and Montgomery College in Maryland.

## Skilton heads metro evangelism project



Gail Skilton

The December 1993 issue of *Southern Tidings*, a news organ for Adventists in the Southern Union, featured Gail Skilton on the cover.

Skilton, director of metropolitan evangelism, helped spearhead a major project in Charlotte, North Carolina, the nation's fourth largest banking center, and a city of about half a million residents. She was pictured by the tallest building in the Southeast, The NationsBank.

Skilton is quoted in the cover story as saying that "The major goal in starting the 'Metro Evangelism' program was to establish a process of evangelism in the local church that would not be dependent on the director or the local pastor, but on laity. The ultimate goal is to train, mobilize, and equip church members for outreach."

## Mom's Time Out proves attractive

Mom's Time Out started small. In 1992 less than one dozen women attended the first meeting of the newly organized group.

As word spread, however, attendance increased, peaking at more than 40 women from many churches in the Carolina Conference.

The attraction? A one-hour program followed by a vegetarian potluck luncheon. The group has been meeting on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, at the Hendersonville church.

Kathy Hadley, program organizer, has used local talent for speakers. Among the first programs: vegetarian cookery, flower arranging, household organization, teaching children, and creative worship ideas.

The programs are primarily geared to mothers with small children. However, women of all ages and backgrounds, and



Vangie Archer presented a flower-arranging workshop for Mom's Time Out.

even a few men, have been blessed by this unique ministry.

Summarized from a report by Patricia L. Guthrie, *Southern Tidings*, August 1993

## Anchorwoman joins GC communication

The voice, the face, the name—all are familiar to those who have been seeing "OnLine Edition," a quarterly video magazine sponsored by the *Adventist Review* and the president of the General Conference (GC). Paula Lorreen Webber, a member of the GC Media Services Department, until recently, was OnLine's anchorwoman for the news segment of the video, UPDATE.

In March a major reorganization of communication efforts at the GC resulted in a new appointment for Webber. She was named assistant director of the GC Communication Department and is responsible for the broadcast services of the department.

During the communication shuffle, the OnLine Edition video program was cancelled. Local congregations are now being urged to purchase equipment that will pick up satellite programs from the newly launched Adventist Communication Network (ACN).

In her new position, Webber will produce the monthly news show, "Worldnews," which will be aired on ACN. She will also do news



Paula L. Webber

research and be media liaison between division communication directors and the GC.

Prior to joining the GC Media Services Department, Webber was managing director of the Adventist Radio Network, which involved 15 stations. She produced the weekly religious programs, "Dateline Religion" and "Dialog."

After graduating from Andrews University with a B.S. in Broadcasting in 1985, Webber worked at several radio stations in Michigan and Florida.

## Monument Valley nurse wins award

The Rural Nurse Organization named Sara Sue Sidmore, the nurse manager of Monument Valley Hospital, as the recipient of its 1993 Anna Mae Ericksen, R.N. Annual Award. The ceremony took place in Spokane, Washington, during the organization's annual conference.

Monument Valley Hospital, a Seventh-day Adventist mission outreach, ministers primarily to native Americans.

Sidmore was cited for her nursing care and management of a variety of nursing areas including pediatrics, medical/surgical floor, coronary care unit, obstetrics, emergency department, and emergency medical services (ambulance).



Sue Sidmore (Center) receives her award. Report summarized from the *Pacific Union Recorder*, August 2, 1993.