

NAD Commission begins work

Church studies sexual misconduct

The number of sexual misconduct cases reported where victims sought compensation from the Seventh-day Adventist Church rose dramatically in 1992 over previous years, according to Jerrold E. Fritz of the General Conference Risk Management Services.

Concerned by the alarming amount of money involved in settling some cases (\$1.4 million per individual in one case) and responding to a specific request by the North Pacific Union, the North American Division called a Sexual Ethics Commission to meet on March 8.

Originally billed as the "Commission for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment," members quickly realized the scope of their work would be broader and voted a name change. The group also pooled ideas for a two-pronged approach to sexual misconduct (which includes child molestation and other criminal

offenses). First, what should conference or school officials do when sexual misconduct occurs? Second, how can the church help prevent sexual misconduct from occurring?

The commission plans to develop, revise, and expand the division's existing guidelines for preventing and responding to sexual harassment in the Adventist work place in the near future.

The approximately 25 members include educators, attorneys, healthcare professionals, advocates for women, pastors, and church administrators. About half the members are women; three of the members are age 35 or under. The Office of Human Relations, directed by Rosa Taylor Banks, is overseeing the commission's work. Banks hopes a that an initial report and recommendations may be ready for consideration at the NAD year-end meetings this October.



Linda Emmerson (as Mary Magdala) will be one of seven women dramatizing Bible women's lives for the coming AAW conference.

touched Jesus' hem; Sue Dixon, Martha, sister of Lazarus; Beverly Archer, disciple of Jesus; Espy Wasmer, Mary of Bethany; and Natasha Maynard-Reid, Jairus' daughter.

Do-it-yourself presentations

A new feature for this year's annual conference will be the addition of "poster presentations," according to Helen Thompson, director of the conference. The posters, which will be titled "Windows," will be on display during the entire conference.

The posters will indicate the topic and list times when an individual will be at the poster site to make a presentation and answer questions. These meetings may be concurrent with the seminar sessions but may also be during free times.

"Posters may range from topics covered by the seminars to topics of the presenter's choosing but should deal with some aspect of women's issues," Thompson added.

Specifications for posters include:

Maximum size—3x5 feet (for vertical presentation).

Print size—readable at four feet.

Pocket—for business cards, phone number or other contact information.

Pocket—for free literature and information.

Those wishing to make poster presentations should submit a description of the topic content, project name (if appropriate), and their name and phone number to: Marilyn Cramer, 537 Bellevue S.E., #308, Bellevue, WA 98004, or call (206) 454-1568.

Registration information

Early registration for Seattle '93 is July 1. The fee is \$79, which includes a Friday noon luncheon, an agape supper on Friday evening, Sabbath lunch, the Saturday night cruise, and all seminars and materials. Mail registration forms to AAW Convention '93, Box 84, Walla Walla, WA 99362. For more information call (509) 529-5964.

Hotel accommodations are \$77 per night for one to four persons. Call Red Lion Hotel, SeaTac, 1-800-547-8010. To qualify for the special rate, identify yourself as being with the AAW conference.

At Seattle meeting

Drama brings women to life

Drama will be an important element at the AAW conference set for October 14-17 in Seattle, Washington. Friday evening, October 15, will feature re-enactments of women who knew and talked to Jesus.

Under the direction of Rodney Vance, a member of the communication department faculty at Walla Walla College, seven biblical women will come to life as they describe their relationship with Jesus and what they came to discover about Him and themselves in that relationship.

Those participating in the drama include Linda Emmerson as Mary Magdala (shown in photo above); Beverly Beem, the woman at Jacob's well; Debbie Vance, the woman who



Adly Compos, (center front), is shown here with many of the 28 people baptized as a result of her March 1993 evangelistic series at the Queens Spanish church, Greater New York Conference. Seated next to her are Pastor Reyes, Pastor M. Cabral, and Hector Torres, coordinator for the Spanish work in the conference.

Hispanic woman evangelist wins 28

Twenty-eight individuals were baptized at the conclusion of a short series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Adly Compos, March 7-27, 1993.

According to a news report appearing April 15 in the General Conference *Communique* (a weekly in-house news sheet for the GC staff), Campos held her meeting in New York City at the Corona Queens Spanish church and had good attendance, even during the record snowfall of the Blizzard of '93.

In pastoral letter

Chaplains affirm women's ordination

In a pastoral letter directed to church leaders in the North American Division, the SDA Healthcare Chaplains Association (SDAHCA) has once again called for women's ordination. The letter sprang from discussions at SDAHCA's annual meeting, held this February in Anaheim, California.

In a meeting that discussed a number of issues, the final draft of the letter was delivered to Alfred C. McClure, NAD president, by Marty Feldbush, of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries at the General Conference; Harry Krueger, president of SDAHCA; and Penny Shell, president-elect of SDAHCA.

The chaplains assert that action should be taken on women's ordination for several reasons. Among them:

"Although the pastor conducted the baptisms, it was clear that Adly was the evangelist," said Jim Cress, director of the GC Ministerial Association. "She did the preaching, she organized and planned the visitation process, and she authored the Bible lessons that were used in preparation for this series.

"This is an example," Cress added, "of the Holy Spirit taking an individual's talents and multiplying them with souls for the kingdom!"

(1) The biblical principle of inclusion and equality (Gal. 3:26-28).

(2) The effectiveness of women's work in gospel ministry, as documented by their male colleagues in chaplaincy.

(3) The pain and sense of rejection that the current policy of exclusion causes both women chaplains and their colleagues.

(4) The continual misunderstanding among persons of other religions about the Seventh-day Adventist Church because of its discrimination against women clergy.

(5) The danger of God's blessing and effectiveness within the Adventist Church at large is limited when it chooses not to empower women whom God has gifted.

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GC sets 1995 as Year of the Woman

More than 100 Adventist church leaders and lay members from around the world gathered at world headquarters for the General Conference Executive Committee's Spring Meeting on April 7 and 8.

According to a report in the April 22 issue of the *Adventist Review*, the committee voted to designate 1995 as the Year of the Adventist Woman.

"The commemoration's aims are to highlight the contribution of women to the Adventist

Church, help women identify their spiritual gifts, and prepare them to become more effective in all spheres of church life," the report stated.

During 1995 the GC Office of Women's Ministries, directed by Rose Otis, will work with world divisions to provide a variety of programs that can be adapted and used by women of many cultures. Some of the projects will include resource materials, training seminars, another women's devotional book, and videos.

Pastoral care degree attracts students

Interest in Union College's degree in pastoral care is growing, with five women currently enrolled, including DeLora Hagen, wife of Pastor Stanley Hagen of Lincoln, Nebraska's Northside church.

For years few women have dared to take a major in theology for fear they would not receive a call when they graduated. In 1988, Beatrice Neall, professor of religion, and Cindy Fleisher, association professor of social work at Union College, developed a curriculum to encourage women to enter the ministry.

"The degree was designed to give women an edge over [the training received by] their male counterparts. This degree enables them to deal with the immense social problems that confront the church today," says Neall. Made up of essential courses in theology and social work, the curriculum prepares women ministers not only to preach and evangelize, but also to minister to women and men in support groups such as grief recovery, divorce, various kinds of abuse, recovery of former members,

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Presidential Communique

Sifting Waco's ashes: A wake-up call for church, family

by Elisabeth Wear

We as a church extend our sympathy to each family.

The Association of Adventist Women expresses deepest sympathy to people who lost loved ones in the tragic events of Waco. Such grief causes sorrow to each of us, for we are part of a larger family. As we grieve, we pray and extend our love.

Could the church have helped prevent Waco? With each mention of Seventh-day Adventists in the context of Waco we cringed. Clearly we have left undone some things that might have averted or mitigated the calamity.

We ask forgiveness for providing insufficient attention to the unwed mothers of our church.

What professional psychological support was available to Bonnie Clark when as an unmarried teenager she gave birth to Vernon Wayne Howell, later known as David Koresh? Did the denomination provide a special home for young women with new babies, a place where they could continue their education and at the same time learn to care for precious new lives?

Truthfully, our church does very little to support family services. Christian psychologists and counselors are often looked upon by the church with skepticism; a theology of "take it all to Jesus" is used to embarrass individuals out of needed counseling.

People brave enough to seek counseling are often considered weak. Church treasurers sometimes question or begrudge reimbursement for counseling. Health care takes precedence over mental care.

We ask forgiveness for neglecting families in trouble.

Koresh did not have a stable home environment. He was shunted from his mother and her new husband to grandmother Clark and her family. He witnessed drinking, child abuse, and wife abuse. His mother and grandmother were Adventists, and he attended some Adventist schools.

But in his family there were no caring males. "Vernon [Koresh] seemed to be always wanting to be accepted and loved by the men in his life and it never seemed like he got what he was looking for," lamented a relative in an interview with the *Washington Post*.

We apologize for insufficiently training Adventist youth to think for themselves.

Do we who are Adventist educators train young people to think for themselves? The dilemma is real: we want them to accept our understanding of the Word of God, but we also want them to be equipped to resist (others') views that may lead them to disillusionment and manipulation.

At Waco the stage was set. Women who had been conditioned to obey male heads of household and to accept the theology of a male priesthood were vulnerable when a charismatic male recruited them into his spiritual household. No wonder women would follow!

According to the *Post* article, it appears that the women offered little resistance when David Koresh proclaimed that "while his male followers would eventually find their perfect mates in heaven, their earthly wives and daughters were reserved exclusively for his sexual gratification and procreation."

We need to give greater emphasis to reasoning out God's Word for ourselves and to balance an accepting attitude with judgment. Long ago Ellen White challenged Adventists with the eloquent view that God wants us to be "thinkers, not mere reflectors of [others'] thoughts" (*Education*, p. 17).

We apologize for providing inadequate models of women as thinkers and leaders.

Absorbed with maintaining unity via the de facto domination of men over women, the church has not provided sufficient opportunity of women in leadership roles. Our mental images of women confidently possessing and delivering the truth are few.

In all likelihood, the young women in the cult had probably never witnessed a woman preaching a sermon, chairing the church board, or even participating as a church elder.

When women's theological thought is not valued, feminine corporate self-esteem will be low. When self-esteem is low, resolve and strength of character are weakened.

Room must be found among Seventh-day Adventists to question theology. Former cult member Robert Scott told the *Post*, "The net effect was that Koresh would leave his listeners either too far behind to answer the questions or too intimidated by his seemingly vast knowledge of the Scriptures to dare to suggest that there might not be an answer."

Of course, the adults in the compound, including the women, bear responsibility for their actions. But we as a church cannot smugly say that they got what they deserved without admitting a measure of corporate responsibility. This is especially true where we have been negligent.

Strengthening women and families will strengthen the church as a whole.

AW editor honored alumna at CUC

by Joan Angelo Adams

Beverly K. Habada, editor of the *Adventist Woman* and administrator of the city of Takoma Park, Maryland, was one of three individuals honored as Alumni of the Year by Columbia Union College in special ceremonies on April 3, 1993.

Also honored were Dr. Nancy Bergstrom, professor of nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, and Dr. Ronald Lee Anderson, an ophthalmologist with affiliations at five major hospitals in the Washington, D.C., area.

After her graduation in 1973 Habada was one of the founders of the Neighborhoods Together Coalition that helped to formulate a strong Takoma Park in the late 1970s. She received her Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1980.

From 1984 to 1992 Habada was assistant city administrator in Takoma Park and responsible for the financial management of an \$8.5 million city budget. Becoming administrator in 1992 she became responsible for all city re-

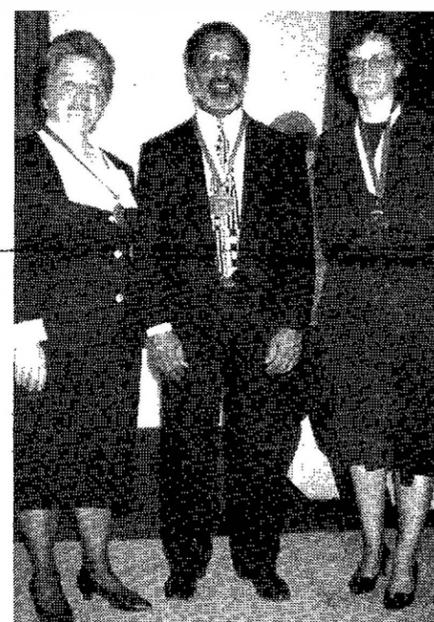
sources including its 150 employees. Habada is extremely active in seeking support for anti-drinking and teenage drinking laws in her jurisdiction and in the State of Maryland.

Nancy Bergstrom is experienced in clinical research and teaching. In 1992 she received the *Jessie M. Scott award*, the highest award presented by the American Nurses Association.

Bergstrom has authored more than 50 articles, book chapters, abstracts, and booklets in her field. She is currently a peer reviewer for *Nursing Research*, *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*, and the *Journal of Professional Nursing*.

In her research Bergstrom has sought to bring greater understanding to the care of patients with chronic health problems. She has received more than \$1.5 million in competitive grants to fund this research.

Joan Angelo Adams, a staff member of *Home Study International*, writes from Silver Spring, Maryland.



On April 3, 1993, Columbia Union College honored Nancy Bergstrom (right), Ronald Lee Anderson, and Beverly K. Habada.

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and to conduct classes in courtship, marriage, and the family.

Neall notes that the program is versatile, opening into several possible career tracks. A graduate would be prepared for a pastoral position on the staff of a larger church. They would also be qualified to enter the Masters degree program at the SDA Theological Seminary, or she might enter the field of social work by taking one additional year (28 semester hours) of undergraduate work. (Under Union College's "guaranteed degree" program there is no tuition charge for this second major.) Or she might enroll in a master's degree program in social work such as is available now at Walla Walla College. The combined theology and social work program would enable a graduate to minister uniquely to the social and spiritual needs of clients.

Other tracks available would be counseling or health-care chaplaincy work.

"Of course," Neall said, "men are also welcome in this program."

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Maxims to Live By

A baby boomer passes on some personal wisdom to university women—and to any of us brave enough to look at our priorities

by Rebecca May

Since I don't have little sisters, I've never had a sibling ask me for advice. Since I don't have children, I don't have anyone who has to listen to my words of wisdom. I'm honored to be asked to give you my advice and personal testimony. This is the moment I've been waiting for all my life!

What follows is Rebecca May's version of Maxims to Live By. These are my parting words to those who are graduating. And those who aren't graduating can just try them on for size.

1. The person who speaks up isn't necessarily smarter than you are.

Some of you may have picked this up in various classes. I learned it when sitting in meetings, biting my fingernails, too nervous to voice my opinion because I didn't want to look like a fool. Then I would hear someone else voice my thoughts and see other people think they were great ideas.

Speak up! The world needs your wisdom.

2. Don't strive to acquire more than you choose to manage.

Most of us leave school hoping to find a decent-paying job. We look forward to acquiring some of life's comforts and fun things. That's natural.

Just remember that all you acquire has to be maintained. You may think it would be great to have both a Jeep and a sports car. But that means two vehicles to wash, change the oil in, and pay insurance on.

It may be a while before you have two cars—but even the size of the place you live is a management decision. You may think it would be great to rent a house so you have a big yard for picnics with friends. That also means you will spend Sundays cutting grass and planting flowers instead of having a care-free day at the beach. You may have to spend \$40 on weed killer instead of a great pair of new shoes. Don't strive to acquire more than you can manage.

3. Don't be so self-conscious about how you look that you miss out on the fun.

We've all heard Mom complain about get-

ting splashed in the pool—she wanted to swim but not get her hair wet! But wouldn't it have been more fun if Mom had joined the fun instead of worrying about her hair?

I remember feeling sheepish about going to a swanky store in Chicago because I was dressed in jeans and tennis shoes instead of a suit and pumps. My husband, bringing me back to reality, said he doubted the *Chicago Tribune* would run a front page story that a tourist from Berrien Springs browsed at Gucci—and horrors!—was wearing high tops.

Who are we trying to impress? Who's even looking?

4. Read.

Once school is over you can read for personal enrichment and enjoyment. We are so bombarded by TV and other entertainment mediums. But there are pleasures that come only from reading. One of my favorite authors once said, "Wear an old coat and buy a new book."

5. Take care of the earth.

Keep in mind that doing something for the environment is better than doing nothing. Find the ways that are best for you to contribute toward saving the planet. It's not just the popular thing to do right now. This has been a charge to the human race since the day God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

6. Don't let someone else so narrowly define Adventism for you that you're defined right out of it.

There's no doubt about it—Adventism is going through some bumpy times right now, and there is a hemorrhage of young people exiting our church. I think the bureaucracy is trying to be responsive to this. But bureaucracies don't solve problems—passionate people and inspired leaders do.

You and I must take ownership and define



the church for the nineties. We all talk about how "they" should do this or "they" aren't listening. We have to realize that often "they" is me and you. Don't give up on our church. We have been led by God to this place. Find your place and make it a great place to be.

7. Make friends with people of all ages.

It's funny how we value antiques but devalue people as they age. We need older

people and they need us.

Most of my friends have children now. I see the struggles they have in wanting to rear them as healthy, happy humans. Those kids also need us. They need all the positive influence they can get. In turn, they can enrich our lives.

8. Treat your family as nicely as you treat your friends.

I remember one of my best friends saying about her sister, "She doesn't have time to call or visit the family, but she sure shows up to open presents on her birthday." It's fun to plan surprise parties for your friends. Maybe it's time to take the leadership role in doing nice things for your family, too!

9. Take the word can't out of your vocabulary.

You're educated. You're bright. You're a woman. There isn't anything you can't do.

My parents told me that for years. But it hit home by way of a comment from a friend of mine when she called to congratulate me on a promotion. I was pretty proud of my new title and ready to rest on my laurels for a long time. But my friend called long distance to say, "That's a great promotion! How long do you think it will take until you're vice president?" I was dumbfounded. The thought never occurred to me. But I may be the only one who says I can't. And this maxim applies to all aspects of life, not just your profession.

10. Don't let the media define what you want out of life.

Be a concerned consumer when it comes to magazines, TV, movies, and all forms of media. There's no reason to pretend that these things have no influence on your life. Just be very clear on what role they are playing in your perception of life and its realities.

11. Begin some traditions of your own, and hold onto the ones you have been given.

Traditions give you security and rootedness

no matter where you are or where you're going. Cherish and develop them no matter how small—a bouquet of flowers on Friday, dinner with friends on the first day of spring, a special Christmas candle that comes out every year.

Find out about the traditions of your family, your community, your country—and participate.

12. Cherish the Sabbath.

There is a rhythm to life that was set for us at Creation by a loving heavenly Parent. If we ignore that rhythm and deprive ourselves of the blessings of the Sabbath, our lives will be out of kilter.

The Sabbath not only ensures a day of recreation for us, but answers for us, in its very essence, life's most important questions: Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going?

13. Take a good look at your family—the nut doesn't fall far from the tree.

Your family isn't an excuse for what you are, but they are the reason you are here and they affect you, for good or bad.

I've come to the realization lately that all families are dysfunctional to one degree or another. Identify what's going on, learn from it, and adapt.

14. Never say the Divorce word.

It's true, it's a miracle that any marriages work and no marriage is perfect. But you'll work a lot harder at it if divorce is not an option in your frame of reference.

And briefly, the last six:

15. Write more thank-you notes.

16. When your school bills are paid, write a check to your alma mater.

17. Set a high standard for yourself—in the man you marry, in your profession, in ethics. As Cybil Sheppard says it, "I'm worth it."

18. Don't lie.

19. Learn to speak another language.

The world is shrinking and Americans don't know it.

20. Develop your definition of personal responsibility, then live by it.

I don't always measure up to these ideals. And it took me a lot longer than kindergarten to learn everything I need to know. But these are the maxims I'm trying to live by.

Rebecca May is director of the alumni association, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. The article is based on a speech she gave to university women in the spring of 1992.

A Pastoral Letter

From the Seventh-day Adventist Healthcare Chaplains Association

We find hope in the renewed vitality in the church: new ways of operating now free resources once locked in old structures; specifically, we believe the increasing empowerment of women to practice ministry in the North American Division has the expanded power of all ministry and the effectiveness of the church.

However, we see a need to apply the biblical principle of inclusion and equality in Christ (Gal. 3:26-28), to full inclusiveness among clergy as well as among laity. The present choice not to fully affirm women ministers through ordination is a real and ongoing problem for the women who have responded to God's call to gospel ministry. They are painfully reminded of their status every time someone asks, "Are you a real minister? I mean, are you ordained?" Having the duties and responsibilities of ministry without its full recognition is like a couple living together in a common-law relationship rather than having the full blessing of the church in marriage.

The effect of this exclusion extends to all inside and outside the church who see the pain of women in ministry or who identify with their marginalized status. The result within the church for many of us who support equality as a biblical principle is discouragement. In our relationships with spiritual people outside of our church, we meet ridicule, pity, and their inability to see beyond

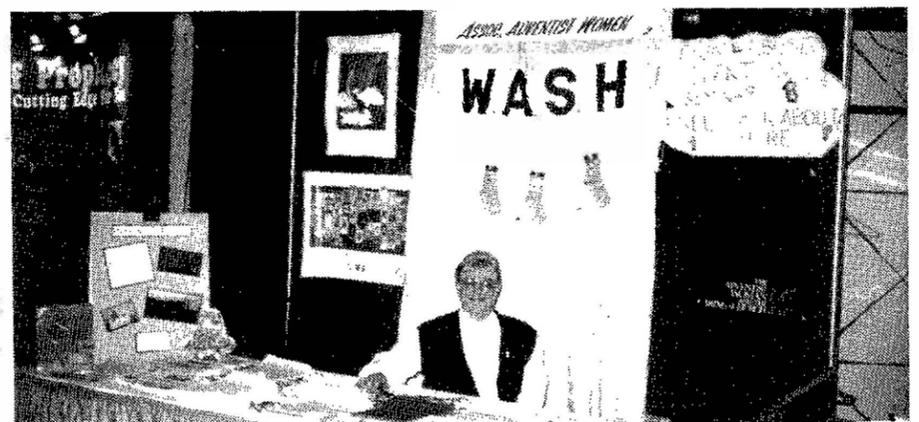
our behavior to the message we wish to share.

Beyond women's pain, our disappointment, and others' impressions, we see a danger that God's effectiveness among us is limited by our inability to fully bless the ministry of women. It is an expression of the spiritual law of reciprocity that when the church withholds blessing it becomes incapable of freely receiving all of God's intended blessing.

Our vision

We envision a church in which the intentional inclusiveness of Jesus' ministry becomes our model, again unleashing the latent power of all those who are included and fully blessed.

We pledge to continue our spiritual and emotional support and affirmation of women in ministry. Having again been blessed by the pastoral gifts of women at this [annual professional] meeting of chaplains, we affirm the efficacy of their response to God's call. From the diversity of our ministries we unite under one Spirit, in one accord in recognizing the equality and mutuality of pastoral gifts of men and women. We call our church into a full recognition, by ordination, of the ministry of women. As Seventh-day Adventists compelled by the imminence of our Lord's return, we believe this calls for leadership, not waiting.



During the annual North American Division convention for church ministries leaders an attractive booth displayed materials from AAW and W.A.S.H. (Women and Men Against Sexual Harassment). The convention met in Denver, Colorado, in January, and attracted 400 persons. Peggy Harris coordinated plans for the booth. W.A.S.H. board member, Bobbie Drake (above), shared information with interested individuals.

AAW chapter organizes in Walla Walla

The Walla Walla Valley chapter organized on April 17 with 32 members. The group elected Glenda Jolliffe, president; Terri Aamodt, secretary; and Bonnie Meske, treasurer.

Jolliffe is the office manager for the Social Work Department at Walla Walla College, Aamodt is professor of English, and Meske has recently retired as director of volunteer services at Walla Walla General Hospital and now manages the gift shop.

According to Jolliffe, the group plans to call three to four meetings a year, focusing on local concerns as well as women's issues in general.

"Based on the interest shown at the organizational meeting, women in the WWV chapter are committed to helping women develop their gifts to full potential. The meetings will provide a forum to further that goal," she said.



Glenda Jolliffe

Wisconsin physician becomes TV host

Rebecca Wang Cheng, M.D., of Brookfield, Wisconsin, has become co-host for Faith for Today's "Lifestyle Magazine" program. Recent Nielsen Ratings score the program as the number one religious program in North America, a first for a Seventh-day Adventist show.

Cheng filled a niche that program directors wanted to fill with some one who was female, a physician, and Chinese. A mother with three sons, Cheng is an associate professor of medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

"I felt overwhelmed and ambivalent about the opportunity," says Cheng about the invitation to join the program. She had chosen a part-time job so she could spend more time with her children and husband, "and keep my sanity."

Three weeks before the first TV taping in August 1991 she had a bicycle accident and fractured the left side of her face. "Plastic surgery with metal implants, and most importantly God's healing touch, restored my swollen face to near normal with barely visible scars—just in time," Cheng says.

The schedule calls for 13 shows in four days, two in the afternoon and two in the evening, before audiences of about 200 people. "Each group of people is comprised of mostly non-Adventists, is fed a delicious vegetarian meal and then sits through two shows," Cheng says.

Some of the health topics addressed so far have been dieting, diabetes, and Alzheimer's disease. "But we also have had excellent responses to programs on prayer, guilt, sexual addiction and workaholism."

—Condensed from *Andrews University Focus*, Summer 1992.



Rebecca Wang Cheng

Drama focuses on black authors

While teaching freshman composition at A&M University, Ramona Hyman discovered that many students were completely ignorant of black poets such as Phyllis Wheatley, Gwendolyn Brooks, James Baldwin, and others.

The realization became a creative spark. In 1984 she conceived, directed, and acted in "I Bet You Don't Know Any Black Poems," a program that eventually was sponsored in part by the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

Hyman sent out 100 letters announcing her program and vowed that if at least one request came, she would know God was leading in the venture. Five requests came, one of them from a white college. Having participated in a drama club in high school, Hyman hired an acting coach to improve her performance.

A new program Hyman has added to her repertoire is entitled, "Hey, Let Me Tell You

About Rosa Parks." The one-hour show is both funny and serious. Hyman stresses the importance of history as she relates the events of the African-American Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955. Hyman considers one of the highlights of her experience to be the day she presented the program at a meeting in Atlanta and met Rosa Parks in person.

For more information about performances: contact Ramona Hyman, The Write Place, 1075 Dockside Drive #916, Huntsville, Alabama 35826. Phone (205) 461-0963 or (205) 726-7363.

—Mabel Rollins Norman reports from Huntsville, Alabama



Ramona Hyman

Metro AAW Chapter gives \$800 to student

Darlene Schoonover, a senior elementary education major at Columbia Union College, received the 1993 Metro Chapter's AAW Collegiate Outstanding Woman of the Year Award on April 21.

Vera Capman, treasurer of the Metro Chapter, and Elisabeth Wear, AAW national president, presented the \$800 award, which recognizes achievement in academics and outstanding contributions to the Adventist Church.

Schoonover, a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Chi national honor societies and cited in Who's Who in American Colleges, was director of campus ministries at CUC during

the 1992-1993 school year. She has also served as director of two campus ministries programs including Teach-A-Kid, a tutoring program for local elementary school students; and Humanitas, a program that extends CUC's tradition of sending out student missionaries. She taught elementary school students on the island of Ponape.

The Metro Chapter has previously given scholarships to Janet Conley, Kendra Haloviak, Eslyn Howard, Jill Magi, and Cynthia McMillan

—Betty Howard, president, Metro AAW Chapter.

Leaders commend soul-winning career

During the last 20 years Mary Lou Davies has served as an associate pastor, assistant ministerial secretary, a facilitator/trainer of pastors, and a seminar facilitator for spouses of administrators and departmental directors on five continents.

At age 20, she was converted near Cleveland, Ohio, and within weeks began working as a literature evangelist. But before long she was spending more time giving Bible studies than selling books. During her ministry she has led hundreds of people to Christ.

Elder George Vandeman, founder of the "It Is Written" telecast, once summed up Mary Lou Davies' effectiveness by saying, "When Mary Lou visits a home and the people open the screen door, they might as well give up then because they are on their way to becoming Adventists."

Under Philip Follett, former president of the Ohio Conference, Mrs. Davies began a conference-wide ministry in teaching people how to bring people to Christ through Bible studies. The conference appointed her as assistant ministerial secretary. Later she did similar work

in the Upper Columbia Conference for six years.

In 1986, at the invitation of the South Pacific Division, she spent five weeks doing seminars for Adventist workers in Australia and New Zealand. Traveling alone or with colleagues, she has also trained church leaders in Europe, Madagascar, East, West, Central, and South Africa, as well as in the South Pacific and Asia.

Her seminars typically cover these topics: "My Role as a Spiritual Person," "My Role as a Gifted Person," "My Role as a Support Person," and "My Role as a Team Person."

Today Mary Lou and her husband, Robert, a retired conference trust officer, live in Willoughby, Ohio. Though recently retired, Davies continues her seminars and speaks in some church nearly every Sabbath.



Mary Lou Davies

SDA student honored for work at IBM

Cassie Carvalho, a 1992 business administration graduate from Columbia Union College, received the Maryland Association of Cooperative Education Student of the Year Award from CUC for her outstanding work at IBM.

Marvin Adams, director of CUC's cooperative-education program, said CUC is especially proud of Carvalho's work since there had been attempts to place students in the co-op program at IBM for two years. Carvalho was one of the first to be accepted. "Her IBM employer gave rave reviews about the kind of employee she is," Adams said.

Carvalho grew up in Brazil and France, moved to the United States when she was 14, and later spent nine months in Japan. Her skill with Spanish, Portuguese, English, and French were valuable assets to her employer.

IBM offered Carvalho an internship position following her graduation, but she turned it down so she could work on a master's degree



Cassie Carvalho (left) is shown receiving her award with Marvin Adams and Linda Williams of the cooperative education program at Columbia Union College.

in international development at American University. Eventually she would like to become part of an organization that works with the development of third world countries.

—Condensed from an article by Wendy Goodman, *Columbia Union Visitor*, November 1, 1992.

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