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Cafeteria Project—Ground Breaking on Graduation Weekend

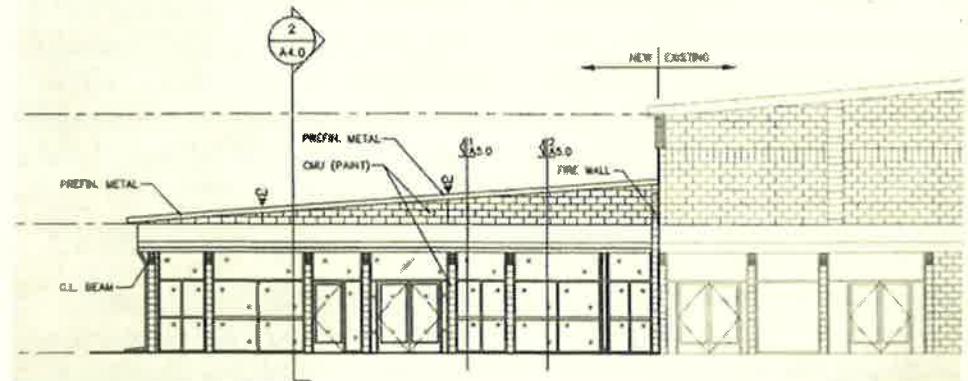
Wisconsin Academy will experience many exciting events during 2000. One of the highlights of the year will be the building of the new cafeteria.

The constituency has strongly supported this project with about \$740,000 in pledges and \$445,000 in cash received. The plan is to have ground-breaking for this project on Graduation Weekend. It is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sunday morning before the commencement service.

Here is a timeline—these important items must happen before construction can begin:

1. Contractors turn in their bids by the end of March
2. Conference determines if there are enough pledges and cash in hand to meet the costs of the project. (If not, additional work will need to take place to raise the remaining amount)
3. Lake Union Conference approves final plans for the cafeteria. (Any project over \$500,000 needs Union approval)
4. General Contractor organizes the sub-contractors and develops a time-line for the building phase
5. Ground breaking on May 21 at Graduation weekend

Don Corkum, President



Architect's Drawings Of Academy Cafeteria - Front Elevation

"Together We Can" ***Progress Report***

Pledges \$739,088.00
Cash in Hand \$445,234.94
as of February 29, 2000

Dates to Remember

April 15—Alumni Weekend & Memorial for Miss Summerton

May 19-21 Graduation Weekend & Ground Breaking for New Cafeteria



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The Presidential View

The Legacy of an Educator



As I prepared to write an article for this issue of the Lampletter, I received news of Miss Summerton's death. Since coming to Wisconsin I have been greatly im-

pressed with the influence this lady had on the lives of so many people. She was a tower of strength in our academy program and in giving direction to students.

She is a great example of the power and influence of personal commitment and dedication. She will be greatly missed by many people. As Mary Crowley once said, "One person with a commitment is worth more than a hundred who only have an interest."

As we look to the future of the work in Wisconsin, so much depends on having people with commitment and not just an interest.

The success of our education program depends on having people of commit-

ment. Schools cannot survive with only casual support. Fortunately, in Wisconsin, there has been tremendous support for Christian education and this will need to continue. To finish our renewal project on the campus of Wisconsin Academy will take commitment. I believe we all agree our youth are worth the priority we give to them.

Our churches need commitment if they are to become places of growth and renewal. They must be centers where God's name is honored and the Holy Spirit's presence is evident.

Miss Summerton's legacy will live on and inspire us to do greater things for God. May her example and that of those who have preceded her be an inspiration to help us achieve the goal—a finished work for our Lord. Maranatha!

Donald Corkum

We have been saddened by the death of Mildred Summerton, teacher, colleague, friend and mentor. Many of us have personally experienced her enthusiastic interest and concern for the success of the youth of Wisconsin, and would like to see this legacy live on. In 1991 an alumnus established The Mildred Summerton Endowed Scholarship Fund at Wisconsin Academy for the specific purpose of helping students afford Christian education at W. A. Several alumni have added to this fund and many students have been helped by it. What a tremendous tribute to Miss Summerton to help this endowment grow!

If you would like to honor Mildred Summerton by sending a contribution to this endowment, make your check payable to Wisconsin Academy Summerton Endowment, N2355 Duborg Road, Columbus, WI 53925.

Carleen Gustrowsky & Marcia Sigler



Miss Mildred Summerton
1917-2000

In Memoriam

Louise Larmon was former music director for Wisconsin Academy and Bethel Academy for 41 years. She died January 21, 2000, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

I felt I was a very insignificant freshman, fresh from the farm, when I first arrived at WA, but she saw in me a flicker of hope that I might possess a talent for music. She worked with me to get a vibrato in my voice and encouraged me each time I was ready to give up. Then one day it finally happened - while I was singing "Oh Danny Boy" - I sang with a bit of a quiver in the tone and from then on I was becoming a singer.

It sounds insignificant, but it was huge to me. My singing was the main thing that helped me build my self worth all through my life and to know that I had a talent I could use for the Lord.

What a difference it made to have Miss Larmon in my life.

Jackie Goodman-Saunders, '56



Miss Louise Larmon
1915-2000

www.tagnet.org/wi-conf

Awareness of the pervasiveness of the internet began during the elder's round table meetings in 1998. As Elder Corkum asked small groups of elders how many were on the internet for e-mail, he noted over 75% of the hands went up. Our leaders and members are on the internet and have expressed a desire for the Church to have a presence on this media.

For some, the internet is "an unknown tongue." Buzzwords fly quicker than the speed of light — web site, url, links, megabytes, megahertz, and for some, mega-confusion!



The fact is that the internet is a wonderful opportunity to communicate the gospel message—to share the good news—in another venue.

A Guide

The internet is a network of computers that permit the rapid transmission of information to a broad collection of users. One develops a **Web Site** to put one's information out in the public view. One then seeks to notify people of the web site's existence so that those with internet access will go there and be exposed to your information.

We developed the Wisconsin Conference Web site in late January of the year 2000. As we conceived it, the site would include:

- ✓ A list of Adventist beliefs including access to Internet Bible studies
- ✓ Contact points with leadership — an easy way to e-mail conference leaders
- ✓ Calendar
- ✓ Churches - Include address, directions, ph. # and even the pastor's e-mail address
- ✓ Reports of Recent Events
- ✓ Links — Shortcuts to other Adventist sites

Wisconsin Conference Web Site

It is an awesome fact that over the past few years our world has become networked by the World Wide Web. People wanting to find information about almost anything—find it on the web. It is gratifying to know that when people want to find information about Seventh-day Adventists in Wisconsin there is an official site they can go to.

I am encouraged by several things about our new site:

- ◆ We have a variety of features that are of help to members and non-members.
- ◆ The site is kept up to date with pictures of recent events.
- ◆ There are links to many resources that will be of help to people wanting to do research.

We are in the computer age. We are also in the age of the **World-Wide Web** and I am glad that we have the ability to have our presence felt in this important medium.

Don Corkum, President

✓ Wisconsin Academy Report—Recent Pictorial Events

With this format, I guessed that we would have 100-200 people per month check our site once we got well known. **After just six weeks of existence, the Conference Web site has had over 1400 visitors.**



Today, you can:

- ◆ Get the current Camp Meeting Schedule including speakers with pictures and topics (when available)
- ◆ Examine the Conference Mission Statement with Goals
- ◆ See the plans for the new Academy Cafeteria

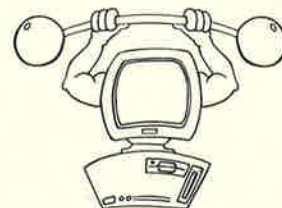
... and so much more!

You can even subscribe to a **list-**

bot that will take your e-mail address and notify you of changes or new features added to the web site. You can then stay current with the latest breaking news.

At the Statistical Review Committee, we demonstrated the web site to members from all over the state. Virgil Erickson from Arkdale, WI, checked the site when he got home and wrote back, "It sure is great to be able to get news from the conference so rapidly. Really keeps us up to date."

Shouldn't you find out what you've been missing?



James Fox

Webmaster & Communications

Students Visit Geology Museum

Richland Center Seventh-day Adventist School students recently went on a field trip to the Geology Museum in Madison. Teacher, Ron Wood, led the group. The mastodon skeleton was found near Boaz. The students spent 1/2 hour drawing the mastodon and the displayed arrow that killed it.

The students had been learning about the Biblical flood and Noah's ark and the belief that many animals, including the mastodon, were killed during it.

*Lola Luttig
Correspondent
Richland Center Church*



Front Row, Pam Grimm; Second row, Heidi McLaughlin & Rachel Nalley; Back row, Peter McLaughlin, Carisa Grimm & Becky Bateman

Project: Guyana

The young people at the Fox Valley Seventh-day Adventist School, put together over 160 care packages for the people of Guyana. The school kids watched a video and then discussed how many bags to send to the people. They decided on 10 bags per student and set out to get many things for the people. Their teacher, Sue Nelson, encouraged them to think big! But not too big!

Paula Tschech, mother of two students, decided to help in asking people that came into the hair salon where she worked to help with the collection. She also called and talked to companies, asking for help. Bags, towels, candy and other materials flooded in. The Lord blessed her in asking people so they said, "Yes, how much do you need?"



Pastors in Transition



Mike & Becky Russell will begin pastoral responsibilities in the Lena District this fall where Becky will teach in the Church school.

Robert & Alma Stauffer have arrived in the Sheboygan district and have begun their work.



Albert Malones and Terry McComb have resigned and we wish them the Lord's richest blessings.

Another of our church members, Jennifer Tillman, made a covenant with the Lord—she would put any extra money (above the amount she normally made) aside from her work. Jennifer runs a daycare out of her home. That month she received more children and extra income! The Lord blessed! She asked stores if they would donate things and found bargains on Bibles, toys, and clothing.

In a short while, the students had over 160 bags for Guyana.

The picture is of the students with all the bags for the people in Guyana. They have over 160 pictured and are sending some to Guyana in a week or two. Parents and members at the church also made it possible for the packages to be made. After meeting people from other countries this summer after the Pathfinder Camporee, the school kids and parents wanted to make a difference.

Loren Nelson III

K-12 Visioning Weekend

Trends in Adventist Education are alarming:

- ◆ Smaller elementary schools and fewer Academies
- ◆ Enrollment in Adventist schools declining across North America
- ◆ Some schools at risk from lack of enrollment
- ◆ Adventist schools are continuing to enroll declining percentages of the young people in our congregations
- ◆ Small elementary schools that are at risk due to declining enrollment
- ◆ Academies at risk as the elementary schools that "feed" them decline

How can elementary schools in Wisconsin move forward in view of national trends?

The Wisconsin Conference K-12 Board along with a few invitees used the weekend of Jan 28-30 to address the concerns. Carol Kiltcher, an expert on developing a shared vision for ministry, led the weekend process.



Carole Kilcher led the Visioning



Energy & Ideas Flowed Quickly

- √ Marketing Strategies and Materials
- √ Affordable Education
- √ Family Database
- √ Communication.

Each goal has a committee. Each committee developed a set of action plans to further their goals including

people responsible, time lines for completion and cost estimates.

These committees have been meeting and will report to the K-12 Board presenting the plans, processes, and actions that are ongoing or which have been completed.

Many things could be done in education, but this group has set these as the items on which to concentrate for the near future. We encourage you to pray that Adventist education in WI. will continue to improve and develop.



Groups worked hard to translate their goals into action plans

If you would like input to any of these four committees, you may send e-mail to them.

- √ Marketing Strategies and Materials—Don Corkum
dcorkum@chorus.net
- √ Affordable Education—Carleen Gustrowsky
watreas@wi.net
- √ Family Database—Brian Hamilton
bham@chorus.net
- √ Communication—Herb Wrate
hwrate@chorus.net

Herb Wrate, Education

The desired fruit from such a meeting is a list of priorities. In our weekend, these priorities were narrowed down to four major goals:

News for the Pews

Wisconsin Academy Reunion

The WA Class of 1980 is having their 20 year reunion on the weekend of April 14-16, 2000. We would like help in finding our fellow classmates. Any information, please call Kim Goss-Johnson at 715-832-7141 or e-mail at kimmer1@execpc.com

Oops!

An apology from the Stewardship Department. In the last issue we inadvertently listed incorrect figures for the Madison East and Madison Community Churches for Wisconsin Budget offerings. Madison East received 100% of its Wisconsin Budget goal or \$23,354.00. They deserve a big **THANK YOU!**

Madison Community Church did not remit \$8,529.89 as reported, but \$3,121.20.

Wanted



Beginners and Kindergarten leaders are looking for helper/teachers in their departments during camp meeting. Contact Kitty Cray at 608-241-5235 for more information.

VBS Workshop

Vacation Bible School Workshop with Barbara Manspeaker, Sunday, May 7 at the Conference Office. Reservations appreciated. Call Kitty Cray at 608-241-5235. Workshop begins at 10:00 o'clock.



For Sale or Rent

Four beautiful acres with a 14'x70' 2 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Reasonable. Please contact:

Richard Schoenherr
15419 Town Hall Rd.
Boscobel, WI 53805

Phone: 608-375-2764 or contact Pastor David Scofield at 608-943-8800.

Opportunity Knocks at Toronto, 2000

Would you like to be more skilled in sharing Jesus in a public way? Impact Toronto 2000 is open to youth with a desire to share Jesus. The special youth initiative will coincide with our world church General Conference session in Toronto. Application forms to apply and other information flyers are available from the Youth Ministries Department of the WI Conference, youth.pf@chorus.net or contact the center for Youth Evangelism at 1-800-Youth-2-U.

"It is our deep conviction, . . . that her life and service to God made immeasurable contributions to quality of life here and now. Further, we feel that her influence set many on a life journey that will end in God's eternal Kingdom. . . "

Robert Knutson, former Student, WA Principal, WI Educational Superintendent and friend of Mildred Summerton

*Excerpted from Miss Summerton's Memorial Service in Oxford, WI
March 18, 2000*

Centennial Celebrations



Bessie Kuhl celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, December 12, 1999 at Rock Haven Nursing Home in Janesville, WI. She is currently a member of the Milton Church in Milton, Wisconsin and has been a member for 74 years. She has a son, Marvin (Marilyn) Kuhl of Milton and a daughter, Betty (Earle) Peters of De Pere, WI. She has 4 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren.



Ruth Holland celebrated her 100th birthday on February 17, 2000. Ruth was baptized and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church on December 23, 1941 in Madison, WI. She began work at the Book & Bible House in 1943 and worked there or in the Conference Office until 1973 when she retired.

**2000 CAMP MEETING PLANNING SCHEDULE
WISCONSIN CONFERENCE - ADULT MEETINGS**

March 22, 2000

THEME: "ALMOST HOME"

Friday June 9	Sabbath June 10	Sunday June 11	Monday June 12	Tuesday June 13	Wednesday June 14	Thursday June 15	Friday June 16	Sabbath June 17
Early Glow (Sharing & Prayer Time) — John Johansen								
	6:00 AM							
	6:30 AM							
	Arnold Swanson	Arnold Swanson	Arnold Swanson	Arnold Swanson	Arnold Swanson	Arnold Swanson	Arnold Swanson	Arnold Swanson
	9:15 AM Sabbath School: Superintendent:	9:00 AM	8:30 AM	Minister's Meetings (Speakers Listed Below for Each Day)				9:15 AM Sabbath School: Superintendent:
			Lee	Smith	Holbrook	Galusha	Gane	
			9:30 AM	Delmer Holbrook			LE's Cris Roy	
	10:40 AM Worship: David Osborne	ABC SALE	11:00 AM	Shadow and the Shekinah Roy Gane				10:40 AM Worship: Walter Wright
	2:15 PM Musical Mischeff Sisters Testimonies	2:00 PM Dr. Sang Lee	2:00 PM Seminars	1. Delmer Holbrook - Retirement (Hickory Lodge Activity Room) 2. Roy Gane (Cafe) 3. Dr. Sang Lee - Health (Main Tent) 4. Estate Planning Educ. -See Lampletter for daily topics 5. Calvin Smith (VOP) - Mon. thru Thurs. (Young Adult Tent) 6. Shepherdess				2:15 PM Praise Concert Walter Arties
	4:00 PM Ordination Loren Nelson, Sr.	4:00 PM Mikhail Kulakov	4:00 PM	Dr. Sang Lee			Sabbath Preparation	4:00 PM Baptism
7:15 p.m. David Osborne		Danny Shelton	Dale Galusha			Walter Wright		

A Labor of Love

Church buildings don't just happen. King David reflects on one of his choice desires. "It was in my heart to build a house for God." "Shorty" and Sharon Mundt are a fantastic part of our church family. Like David, they are devoted to building for God.

Volunteer labor of their kind strenghten the family statewide. Just ask Jim and Linda Johnson at our Westfield camp. Shorty and Sharon are the kind to be the first to arrive and the last to leave when help is needed. When the new lodges moved from plans to reality, Shorty and Sharon were right there.

At a recent camp meeting, the leader of our *Beginners* division, Tammy Elmer, suggested that the little church offering device would need serious attention. Shorty and Sharon saw the need and fashioned a glowing little chapel out of oak from a tree on our campground.



Shorty & Sharon Mundt pose with the beautiful oak offering device they made



Back in July, the unfinished cabin by Miracle Lake already gave evidence of care and craftsmanship

Those who walk on the "other side" of the road will discover near "Miracle Lake" a small log cabin built on stilts with a deck surrounding it. It, too, did not just happen. A careful labor of love, the rustic cabin is another invitation to experience the quiet presence of God in the beautiful outdoor setting. Thank you, Shorty and Sharon, for making a difference in our lives.

Dale Ziegele, Youth

Trailer for Sale—Camp Benefit

Nick Beaumonte would like to sell the travel trailer below for \$2500. It is a 19' Starcraft camper—it sleeps 4, the stove and oven have never been used, and is self-contained with two twenty gallon water tanks. The trailer is stored at Go-Seek with this year's site rental paid.

If Nick can sell the trailer, he will donate a portion of the price to the camp. If interested, call Nick Beaumonte at 262-677-0358.



What hath God Wrought?

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. I will tell of all thy wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in thee, I will sing praise to thy name. O Most High." Psalm 9:1-2.

What a year 1999 was:

- ✓ Our baptisms were up.
- ✓ Our tithe was up over 11 %.
- ✓ Our mission giving was up 2.4%
- ✓ Our WI Budget was up 14%.



WHAT HAS GOD WROUGHT?

In the light of these blessings I wish I could give you a glimpse of what goes through the minds and hearts of your Conference Executive Committee and the Conference officers as they struggle with budgets and plans. Last year was of special concern as we embarked on our "Together We Can" fund raising program. What would that emphasis do to the giving for the other needs in our Conference? Needs which remain crucial to funding God's work. Funds for evangelism, Camp Meeting, Wisconsin Academy, Salaries for pastors & teachers. As we look back perhaps, Jesus would say to us "Oh ye of little faith."

In addition to all of the positive statistics above, our members pledged \$739,088.00 of which approximately \$370,000.00 has already been turned in. Plus another approximately \$70,000 in additional gifts has been received.

This incredible support on the part of our people obviously didn't hurt our other Conference programs.

God doesn't leave us with empty cups. He fills them as fast as we pour them out in His Service.

What a lesson in Stewardship this should be to us. When we are in Partnership with God we have a partner whose resources are unlim-

ited, and who loves to reward the faith and sacrifice of His people.

I have been studying the story of the widow of Zerepheth in 1 Kings 17

and have been struck with the beauty of her faith. As she put God's work & God's prophet first by making a cake for Elijah with the last of her flour and oil, she discovered to her joy there was still enough

for another loaf ... and another loaf ... and another loaf ... until the drought ended—probably another year or two. Enough for her to provide for God's prophet and for herself and her son, and the story implies perhaps even for her to share with her "family". That word family implies to me that other relatives came to share in God's blessing and her growing faith. The barrel was never full, always just enough for another loaf.

She could have truthfully said "I don't have anything to give." In fact that is what she did say, but on the basis of God's promise through His prophet, she stepped out in faith and put God first and experienced His blessing and miraculous provision.

I believe there have been a lot of widow's gifts that have made our campaign so successful to this point. Of course there have also been large gifts given in that same sacrificial spirit. God's resources have never been limited but sometimes our faith and commitment are weak. That is probably the only reason we are ever short of funds.

I believe that the challenges of this year and the way God has blessed us should strengthen our faith in Him and His ability to provide enough for His work and all our needs as well.

Dick Habenicht, Stewardship

Lake Union A.S.I. Spring Fellowship

The Adventist-Laymen's Services & Industries Spring Fellowship for the Lake Union will be held in Madison from May 5-7, 2000.

A.S.I. is dedicated Christian business people committed to helping the Advent message go throughout the world. Their gatherings feature inspirational testimonies, mission stories, warm fellowship and uplifting encouragement in the study of God's Word.

Highlights of the Madison meeting:

- ◆ Rose Ferreira: "Resolving Conflicts in the Work Place"
- ◆ Terry Johnson (Associate Pastor of Sligo Church, Takoma Park, MD): "Buying Gold Tried in the Fire"
- ◆ Dan Millen, Bryan & Penny Gallant: "Out of the Fire"—God's deliverance from terrible trial
- ◆ True North, WA Choir, and so much more!

For more information, contact Luis Leonor 616-473-8249 or Ginny Campbell, 920-484-6586

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