

Political fallout

The Fall 2004 issue arrived several hours ago. Congratulations, it is your best effort yet!

To have Andrews join the real world and engage real issues is most refreshing and most assuring. I recall the 1936 election, which was a landslide for FDR. The EMC vote was 6 for FDR and 294 for Landon: seems that you have a better mix today.

Hugging a motherless 15-year-old on a whistle stop in Ohio proves nothing but Bush was in Ohio and had good ears. It demonstrates no leadership ability, particularly when the thousands of motherless children go un-hugged and un-cared for by a compassionless administration. Dennis Woodland has it right. Our way of life cannot be destroyed by terrorists unless we let them. President Bush is simply playing their game—hysterical, flounder, over-kill, overspending, infringement of due process ultimately leading to the destruction of our democracy and the bankrupting of our treasury. We must settle down to intelligent vigilance, get our monetary and fiscal houses in order, show less muscle and more brains and heart in world affairs. Bullying can't get us acceptance either on earth or in heaven.

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Liberal agenda

Being an Adventist who actively supports Religious Liberty I am concerned with the Liberal agenda that is taking hold in this country. I can name a number of things with the Liberal movement that are not in keeping with our U.S. Constitution.

The Liberals ridicule the concept of moral values, they believe in a more Socialistic system of government and they are anti-Christian. They love to morph the first amendment using the so-called separation of church and state principle, which is NOT written in the constitution. They then twist this separation principle so as to prohibit the FREE exercise of religion, which IS written in the constitution. Do students at Andrews consider these things?

The mock election held by the students in PLSC 104 caught my attention. I was surprised that the majority of a group of Adventist students who supposedly champion religious liberty would vote for the candidate of the party that promotes the Liberal agenda. Is this the time of the end or what?

Glenn Saunders (MA '63)

Question of leadership

Professor Nowack stated that his vote for Bush is based on "integrity, genuine leadership, genuine compassion, and a genuine, positive vision for an America and a world at peace." That is well said but I doubt if these qualities truly represent President Bush. Nowack based Bush's "proven compassionate" character on the fact that he gave comfort to a little girl who lost her mother on 9/11. But who wouldn't do that, including John Kerry?

Talk about being compassionate—what about those afterschool programs

being eliminated? Where is the compassion for those unfortunate kids who won't have tutors at school? What about the crucial moment for Bush to show his compassion for the law enforcement community by signing the gun ban, but deciding to leave it alone? What about education reform for those who are less fortunate? "No child left behind" has not turned out to be as successful as it was portrayed, even in Texas where the program originated.

Who would cut taxes during a war while the deficit is getting bigger than it's ever been? Who is going to deal with such a huge deficit once Bush leaves office? Does that show that Bush is a visionary? Compassion is not only shown on the campaign trail in giving hugs, but also in the Oval Office where important, life-changing decisions are made.

Bush won the 2004 election not because of his leadership, his handling of the economy, or the war on terror, but because of "moral" issues like gay marriage and abortion. Individuals who are concerned about these two issues voted for Bush regardless of his other shortcomings.

Well, what's done is done. We just have to keep on hoping for a better future. Better future with a huge, huge deficit—interesting.

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Aussie rules

My years at Andrews were very meaningful and enjoyable, but the present American content of *FOCUS* is entirely irrelevant to me as a previous international student with an alien stamp on my passport.

My four years in the USA confronted me with the realization that every cul-