



Youthful Indulgence

Reaction to our young professors feature in the Summer Issue ("Youth Is Served") was widely positive. However, some around campus responded a bit more cynically, noting how truly few "young" faculty there were to choose from. "It's a demographic that needs to grow," said one. "The faculty are graying and we need more fresh faces and ideas." That sort of shift looks inevitable from where we sit today. *ID*

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What makes 'em tick...

Have just finished the Summer 2005 FOCUS. I enjoyed so much the articles on the young professors. Part of my enjoyment, I know, has to do with the fact that my daughter Sharon and her husband Marc were two of the eight profiled. It is so appropriate to see these young teachers encouraged by the recognition you have now given them. To say that early years of teaching are sometimes difficult is a huge understatement. To be an inspiring, challenging, innovative teacher is a constant, life-long commitment, and just hard work. I know this article will be a real boost to their souls.

Thank you for the work you are doing in FOCUS. I look forward to every issue, even the ones that "tick-me-off." If we were not challenged once in a while to think outside our safe little boxes, life would be unutterably boring. Keep up the good work. Thanks again for sometimes going, within the bounds of Christian ethics, where no editor has dared go before.

Pat Prest (MAT '84)

Davis appreciated in New England

Thank you for the substantial, interesting, and well-edited issues of FOCUS that have been coming to my address. Your publication is a credit to Andrews University.

In my reading of recent issues I was especially gratified to read about your eventual rapprochement with Bill Shadel. Half a century ago, before my own college years in Berrien Springs, I enjoyed listening to his national radio broadcasts. His voice was a memorable part of the golden age of radio.

It was not good, however, to read in FOCUS that Delmer Davis has retired. His outstanding contributions to Andrews University are well-recognized in Berrien Springs, but his influence extended beyond your campus and beyond the sisterhood of Adventist collegiate English depart-

ments. We at Atlantic Union College, where he was a guest professor and public speaker and friend, join in a heartfelt salute to an eminently meritorious professor emeritus.

Keep up the good work!

Clio Prescott

Enjoyable reading

Thanks for the fantastic superb edition of the latest FOCUS. Kudos to you and your staff!

Harry Bennett, Jr. (MA '65)

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