



## Foliage Foil

Some on campus were curious about the Fall issue's striking cover photo—was the beautiful autumn arrangement actually real? At least portions of it were. The grapes, fall leaves and viburnum (purple and green berries), however, were all composed of synthetic materials. But if you look closely, you'll see some actual greenery on the underside of the lower viburnum sprig. The photo was taken at the New Alumni Gathering during Homecoming Weekend.

### Letters to Focus are always welcome.

To ensure a range of viewpoints, we encourage letters of fewer than 300 words. Letters may be edited for content, style and space. Opinions expressed in letters are not necessarily shared by the editors, university employees, officers and administrators.

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## Three thoughts

It was with a considerable degree of interest that I read the recent issue of Focus. There were three things in particular that grabbed my attention.

**Training for the Boardroom:** Having graduated in 1967 from Michigan State University with an EdS in educational leadership, it would be my fondest hope that all the leaders in the Adventist Church would be required to have this type of training.

**Home for Harvest 2005:** The pictures of the various alumni were appreciated since I was in attendance as a member of the 50-year class.

**Campus Craze:** Since when are you branded automatically as a liberal because you use your intelligence to think rather than blindly swallow the verbiage emanating out of Washington? Wasn't Jesus being liberal when he admonished, "sell all that thou hast and give to the poor"? What about honesty and truthfulness? If you should seriously question what you read and the evidence doesn't support it why does this make you liberal?

We are entitled to differences of opinion and whether you are

Republican, Democrat, Independent, Conservative or Liberal you should never lose the desire or ability to search for the truth. Loyalty to incompetents and violators of the law is not a virtue! The American public deserves better!

*Gilbert Dunn (BA '55)*

## Slikkers and service

Thanks for "Heeding the Call" in the Fall issue. I had Erica Slikkers as a student in grades 9–10 at Grand Rapids Adventist Academy. Is there a way to get her email address so I can personally thank her for her service?

*John Carter (MA '72)*

## Class noticed

Thanks a lot for the inspiring messages in your magazine, and the article concerning my autobiography in Class Notes. Your magazine is so inspiring. Thanks for the good work.

*Robert Muzira (BA '97)*

## Ogden tours

### SOUTH AFRICAN ADVENTURE SEPTEMBER 10–28, 2006

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