

To celebrate *Dialogue's* fifth year of publication, we asked our cover designer, Jeff Dever, to give *Dialogue* a new look, both outside and inside. "It seems that *Dialogue* deals with global interconnectedness among Seventh-day Adventists who are involved in academic and professional activities," he commented. "While the journal deals with some weighty issues, it needed to have a user-friendly design. That's what I've attempted to do." We are very pleased with the results and hope that you will agree.

In our first essay, "Genesis and Time," Clyde Webster explores the relationship between radiometric dating and the opening verses of Genesis. The next article, written by Heather Bowen, a graduate student in animal science, tells us how her experiences and studies led her to adopt a vegetarian diet. In our third feature, "Adventists and Movies," Brian Strayer surveys our changing attitude toward this medium and reflects on its impact. Michael Ryan rounds out our Essays with "Global Mission and You," which brings us up-to-date on our church's international outreach and suggests how you can get involved.

Our Profile department presents lively interviews with two notable Adventists: Juanita Kretschmar, a modern-day missionary in New York City, and Howard Gimbel, a renowned Canadian cataract surgeon.

Logos includes Angel Manuel Rodriguez's thoughtful reflection on prayer and an insightful parable on science.

Readers involved in secular campus ministries will be particularly interested in the Action Reports prepared by Judy Cushman and Ron Pickell, who describe their programs at the University of Colorado in Boulder and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, in the United States.

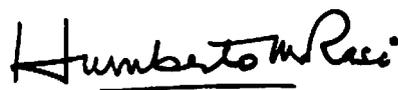
A few months ago the media reported on the dramatic events that occurred near Waco, Texas. The followers of David Koresh, a charismatic religious leader, violently resisted authorities delivering a search warrant, and finally died together with their leader in a flaming inferno. Three Adventist observers who followed these events closely provide their views in "The Waco Tragedy."

This issue includes a review of a church history book published in German, our first review of a book in this language, along with two other reviews.

Finally, in First Person, Ann Gibson shares her experience as an Adventist doctoral student in a public university community.

We are happy to note that many of you are reaching out to correspond with other *Dialogue* readers. As a result, we have enlarged our Interchange section.

As time passes and the circle of our readers expands, the format of *Dialogue* may change. However, we would like to emphasize that our journal's basic goal remains the same: provide stimulating reading for Adventist young adults who want to *know, live, and share* their Christian faith in our contemporary world.



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Editor

A Creative Mix

As a Mathematics teacher working toward an Engineering degree in Statistics at the local university, I want to congratulate you for publishing a journal that addresses the intellectual needs of Adventist university students and professionals worldwide. The creative mix of essays, interviews, and reports in each issue of *Dialogue* is exactly what we need.

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Thanks for the Ideas

In July of this year our district pastor introduced me to *Dialogue* and I was really impressed by its content. Being the president of our AMiCUS school chapter, the reports on the activities of Adventist university students in other parts of the world gave me several good ideas that I will recommend to our association. Thank you for giving me insights on what we can do as AMiCUS members!

KAY F. FONTAMILLAS,
Sinibaan, Odiangan, Romblon,
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Mail It to Thought Leaders

I believe I have read all the issues of *Dialogue* that have been published in Spanish this far and I am very pleased with its content. In fact, I recommend that copies of the journal be made available to administrators of public universities, journalists, and other leaders to acquaint them with Adventist thinking on contemporary issues.

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Use More Student Talent

I came across the first issue of *Dialogue* in Australia, while completing my dental degree, and was impressed with it. In Bangladesh I have also been lucky