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President David Allan Hubbard addressed the community on Tuesday, November 17 in his quarterly President’s Convocation. To an audience of approximately 50 staff and administrators and 25 students, Dr. Hubbard offered summaries from various trustee committee meetings and updates on various seminary activities. Most powerful were Dr. Hubbard’s personal comments about the Finch situation.

Two new Trustee members were announced. Dr. Gaylen Byker is a scholar and an attorney who specializes in international law. Dr. Hee Min Park is the pastor of the largest Korean congregation in Los Angeles, the Young Nak Church. He is the first Asian to join the Board of Trustees. The tough plan approved by the Board calls for two Hispanic, two African-American, and two Korean persons to be added to the Trustee constituency. They are also looking to other Asian groups, particularly Chinese and Japanese businesspeople and professionals. There is also a need to add three more women to the Board, among them an ordained woman working as a pastor of a church.

Dr. Hubbard announced a plan to cultivate relationships with local ethnic churches. One church, the Faithful Central Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, has already begun working with Fuller for service in the inner cities. These churches will furnish adjunct faculty, offer counseling and spiritual direction to ethnic minority students, and offer field education internship opportunities.

On Fuller’s Seattle extension program, the ATS accreditation committee made a focus visit to the site recently. The program, a church-based training context for an M.Div degree, has received a favorable preliminary response from the accreditation committee for a three-year pilot run. If successful as expected, this program will have an enormous impact on theological education in the country.

Dr. Hubbard mentioned that with the “changing of the guard” in the president’s office, there will be changes in the organization of support services within the seminary. Associate Provosts, Dr. Paul Pierson and Dr. Pat Lattore along with Chris Accomero in Human Resources are taking the lead in evaluating and researching more cost-effective ways to achieve the seminary’s support service goals. A preliminary report is expected to be presented to the Executive Committee of the Board in January. Academic program restructuring will begin after the new Provost is in office. If all goes well, that appointment is expected to be announced by the end of January.

Other announcements included the appointment of Dr. Donald Hagner to the newly created George Eldon Ladd Chair of New Testament, the first endowed chair in the New Testament department. And, good news that the parking lot scheduled for the space left by the Building Services warehouse razed last Spring, will begin construction soon.

Regarding Finch, the Board approved the Task Force recommendations and took some of their own actions to bring healing and resolution to the impact Finch’s immoral behavior had on the seminary community. A summary statement of those recommendations is available at the switchboard. Implementation of their strategies has already begun.

Ending the Convocation with his own, heart-searching comments about the Finch situation, Dr. Hubbard’s personal apology over his role in the Finch situation was powerful and tender. Asking himself, “What should I have done differently?,” he made two public apologies. He was made aware of Finch’s immoral relationship with a client in March 1991, six months before it was made public. He said that while he could explain his silence in the intervening months because of the investigation, he should have urged the School of Psychology to discourage students’ therapeutic involvement with Finch. If anyone was hurt because they were unwarned during that time, he offered his sincere apology.

The Task Force and Board had mentioned Dr. Hubbard’s toleration of Finch’s emotionally abusive and antagonistic behavior toward clients and Fuller staff even before the immorality charges were known. He said that toleration of obnoxious behavior in any institution, short of immoral and illegal actions, is a matter of judgement. He would preserve the right of faculty to be obnoxious on occasion, but in Finch’s case, before the charges were known, he did not know where to draw the line. If He did make such a misjudgement and members of the community suffered pain, he expressed sorrow and asked forgiveness.

The President’s address ended with a silence. It took a few moments for the powerful impact of grace to make room for a few questions from those in the room. Debbie Payne, PGU Co-President, thanked Dr. Hubbard for his sincerity, emphasizing that his openness would certainly bring healing.
There’s a new kind of professor on campus. Dr. Mitties McDonald DeChamplain has had the unique opportunity to experience Fuller as a student, after she had been active for over five years here as an associate professor in speech communication. New students last year may not have noticed Mitties’ presence in class, but she noticed them, and can now identify with their struggles. Mitties spoke of a “frantic sense” in the pace of keeping up with diverse course work. Her experiences as a student in the classroom are being brought to bear on her work in the communications classes she teaches. “I developed a strong sense of not wanting to waste anyone’s time,” said Dr. DeChamplain.

Mitties is one professor who doesn’t mind being identified as a student. She took the whole 1991-92 academic year on sabbatical and leave of absence in order to pursue her Master’s of Divinity. She already holds an A.A. from Palomar college in San Diego, a B.S. and M.A. in Communication Studies from Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California. She held several different teaching positions in communications, including nine years at Azusa Pacific University. Dr. DeChamplain came to Fuller in 1985 while finishing her Ph.D. on the mythology of the presidential media campaigns in the 1976 elections. She was awarded her Doctorate in 1987.

Concurrent with her academic pursuits, Mitties was slowly directed by the Lord in a call to ministry in the Episcopal church. She was baptized in the Episcopal church, but grew up in a family that had no particular church background. She never really took faith seriously until a friend invited her to a camp during her senior year in high school. It was at this camp that she had a “born again” experience. Her excitement continued during community college, but was disillusioned during her time in Chicago at Northwestern because of the church’s lack of answers concerning the turmoil associated with the late 1960’s and early 70’s.

It was upon her return to California, and beginning of her tenure at Azusa Pacific, that Mitties again sought to find a place in the Church that spoke to her faith commitments. Like a good Southern California Christian she “church shopped,” exploring diverse expressions of the Christian faith. Finally, she had someone suggest to her a visit to All Saints Episcopal here in Pasadena where she had, what she describes as, “another conversion.” It was at All Saints that all of her previous experience as a senior in high school found expression. Mitties says, “the real economy of the liturgy was powerful. It finally expressed what I had been struggling with in the Bible churches earlier in my Christian life.” Within two weeks, she enrolled in a confirmation class. She had found her spiritual home.

Mitties was married to her husband Ron in 1983 at St. Lukes Episcopal in Monrovia. Their fellowship in a smaller group of believers at this church was where confirmation began for Mitties to pursue ordination in the Episcopal church. She is presently pursuing Episcopal ordination under the care of St. Lukes. She plans on finishing her M.Div. after she returns from spending Winter and Spring quarter at General Seminary in New York as a visiting scholar.

All of Dr. DeChamplain’s classes are infused with her presuppositions regarding her students. Namely, that we are made in the image of God, that we are made to be in relationship with God, and that we are baptized into the body to communicate the gospel and have a fruitful ministry. She knows that most of her students have experience in communication settings, and seeks to work with their concerns and desires. Her interaction at the student level has only enhanced these convictions. Dr. DeChamplain now has a unique perspective to offer the seminary community. Her veracity as a scholar, student and candidate for ordination will be a valuable voice as Fuller continues to seek the best ways of preparing God’s people to minister.
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK: Norman Gordon

New Bookstore Manager
Poised to Tackle Old Bookstore Problems

Remodeling, re-stocking, re-thinking discount strategies, and re-building bridges of communication with the Fuller community are the “immediate goals” of ’85 Fuller grad Susan Dow, newly appointed Bookstore Manager who returns to her former place of employment after five years of lay church ministry.

Having begun Monday, November 2, she is already actively seeking input from all concerned parties as to how the Bookstore’s ministry to the Seminary can be enhanced. Her goal will not be reached easily: students’ biggest complaint is the exorbitant price of textbooks. However, the discount rate of any given book is set by the publisher, says Dow. Many volumes are not discounted enough to please the student and break even at the same time.

Students have often wondered why they can buy their textbooks for so much less at the Archives Bookstore on East Washington Boulevard. The answer is simple, according to Dow. The Archives Manager only purchases those books which are significantly discounted by the publisher; those on which he cannot make money, he does not buy! The Fuller Bookstore, on the other hand, is obligated to stock all those titles which are needed by the community, whether or not they are profitable to the store. Nevertheless, Dow believes that the volume of stock and the geographical proximity of the Bookstore to the Fuller campus can make it a competitive business.

Students in the School of Psychology have also criticized the bookstore for not discounting their textbooks. Says Dow: “the publishers of Psych. books don’t discount their books.” However, Dow is analyzing the percentages of sales in each category of books and hopes to revise the strategy of discounting to favor students.

Meanwhile, Dow plans on refurbishing the layout and design of the storefront to make it a more attractive place to shop. With the addition of the coffee shop “Higher Grounds” next door, she hopes to make the facility warm and inviting enough for students to think of it as a “place to hang out.” “I’m open to suggestions,” she adds.

A Bookstore Committee, chaired by SOT Professor John Thompson and including students and faculty, will be meeting soon to give input to Susan and her staff. As always, the ASC office welcomes your comments and/or suggestions.

THANK YOU

Those of us who work here at the ASC Office would like to extend to you our best wishes for a safe Thanksgiving holiday. Norman, Rob, John, Luann and Jill are grateful for the opportunity to be involved in student service and have enjoyed getting to know new students this quarter. Thanksgiving can be a difficult time to be far away from home and we would encourage the student body to include others in their thanksgiving celebrations. Many international students would like to learn of and share in this American tradition. Let’s not miss this time to open ourselves and break through some of the barriers that may stand between us.

Happy Thanksgiving - Take Care and God Bless

ARTS ALERT!!!

Students and arts enthusiasts take notice. The ASC Arts Concerns Committee is happening. Interested in helping with the Bob Bennett Concert, a gallery show, and other great events? Please attend committee meetings, Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 pm on the 3rd floor of the Catalyst.

IT'S A NEW APPOINTMENT!
The SWM GU is making some changes. Thank you to Terry Haley for her extended efforts as the SWM Vice-president this fall. She has been a refreshing addition to our Student Government, and we have benefited from the ideas and energy she has brought with her place in office. At this time, Terry has felt the need to step down from her position due to other unexpected demands. Understanding that graduate school does not allow much room for that we hold Terry in our prayers and wish her the very best. Replacing Terry will be Randy Coates. Many of you know Randy from his role in directing choirs in SWM Chapels this year. Thank you Randy for taking on this position, we look forward to your involvement in ASC.

SPORTS NOTES

Thanks for an exciting flag football season. It was a great start for Fuller intramurals. We appreciate all of your support and great attitudes. We would also like to thank our referees for a doing a great job: Jim Barnhill, David Dufault-Hunter, Kari Lindman and Michael Robar. Let’s continue the spirit of fun and fellowship with volleyball and basketball during the winter quarter. The two sports will be played at the Salvation Army Gym on Walnut. Please check the Sports Board for all team information and stats. For those who did not sign up at registration, please leave a message with the ASC office or call Mark or Jen at 248-9704.
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### Interviewing Workshop

**11/23-11/24**

This is an hour filled with suggestions and practical exercises for putting your best foot forward in interviews. A good idea for everyone beginning the process of job hunting or finding internships. No registration required. Students, spouses and staff are welcome to attend. Please join us for this informative and practical session on Monday, November 23, 6-7 pm in Faculty Commons or Tuesday, November 24, 10-11 am in Payton 101b.

### Sincere and Humble Plea for Writers

**11/24**

The SEMI needs people to help write articles. If you are at all interested in getting involved, please come to a brainstorming meeting on November 24, 10 a.m. in the SEMI office (above the Catalyst). I know. I know. You’re all busy and even overwhelmed and the thought of adding one more thing (no matter how valuable) will just set your teeth on edge. But, think of it this way...writing for the SEMI could be your big opportunity to get plugged into the community. It could be your big chance to investigate something at Fuller you’ve always wondered about (ok, maybe once you had a passing notion about). Or...it’s at least a great procrastination device! I’ve got lots of excuses to match yours! Just give me a call (584-5430) if you have questions, or just show up at the meeting! Thank you ever so kindly. Your faithful semi-servant, Victoria.

### Eastern Europe Prayer Group

**11/27**

We will not meet November 27, but will resume Friday, December 4.

### Turn Your Lights On for AIDS Research

**12/1**

On December 1, an AIDS Action Coalition is asking Californians to drive with their lights on to support AIDS research as a priority for elected officials. The Coalition asks that you drive with your lights on if you’ve lost a loved one to AIDS, love someone with AIDS, or believe AIDS should be one of the country’s top priorities.

### Therapy

#### Communication Skills Building Group

“*For things to be different, I must do things differently.*” Learn eleven talking and listening skills and an eight-step method of conflict resolution. Four two-hour sessions on January 20, 27 and February 3, 10. Fees are $25 per session. Therapist Nancy Anderson M.A. MFT doctoral student. Call Fuller Psychological and Family Services at 584-5555 to register.

#### Living Love in Marriage

Marital enrichment group facilitating communication in close relationships, resolving conflicts and balancing work, power and fun. Begins third week in January. Eight session. Cost is $50 per couple per session. Limited enrollment. Therapist Nancy Anderson M.A. MFT doctoral student. Call 584-5555.
SOT ACADEMIC ADVISING
Hey if you didn't register last week, it's all right! You can still get it done with a Special Registration Packet available in our office-so meet your advisor when you can-we will be here. We want to thank all of you for coming in when you did. We try to take your educational experience seriously and when we have time together one on one, it sure helps-thank you. Do well on your tests, get in some good study time. We have a nice break coming-Christmas!

NOTICE RE: NOTICES
Has your advertisement of a computer for sale been covered up by an announcement of a party? Find those jam packed bulletin boards hard to read? Because of the shortage of space for general notices, Student Services is changing the size requirements of the "General Use" bulletin boards. Beginning December 11, the maximum size permitted will be 5 1/2" by 8 1/2" (aka "half-sheets"). In addition, remember that notices are not to be posted on buildings. Thanks for your help in keeping the campus clean and communication clear!

DEAN'S OPEN HOURS
Bill Dymess, Dean of the School of Theology, has established "Open Hours" beginning the week of January 4, 1993. From 11am-12noon on Wednesdays and from 2pm-3pm on Thursdays (through Commencement) his door will be "open" to anyone wanting to meet with him without an appointment on any subject of concern on a "first come first serve" basis. While this time has been arranged with students in mind, staff and faculty are also welcome to take advantage of these open hours. The only exception to this rule will be Wednesday, January 20 and Wednesday, April 7 (Payton Lecture Series). Anyone interested should come during the above mentioned hours to the Dean’s office, Payton Hall, Room 216.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCHOENING'S
Renee (MFT alumnae) and Drew Schoening (Psychology Ph.D student), now living in Denver, had their first baby girl, Bom on Dad's birthday, September 13, 1992 at 11:15 am, Rachel Cecelia Schoening was 20 1/2 inches and 8 lbs. 13 oz. Congratulations to the new Mommy and Daddy!

Financial Aid

FINANCIAL AID NEWS
Starting in the Winter quarter a Federal Loan will be available to students who normally don’t qualify for the Stafford Loan. The new “Unsubsidized Stafford Loan” is similar to the other Stafford (GSL) in every respect except that the borrower is responsible to pay all of the interest that accrues on the loan. In other words, the government does not subsidize the loan even when you are in school. Currently, the interest rate on the unsubsidized Stafford loan is 6.94%. The current interest rate is variable, topping out at 9%.

1993-94 DISSERTATION GRANTS
The National Endowment for the Humanities will offer 50 grants up to $17,500 each to Humanities Ph.D candidates who, by the application deadline, have completed all requirements for the Ph.D except the dissertation and have a topic and research plan approved by the dissertation director and the graduate institution or program. Application Deadline: November 16, 1992.

THE CHATTANOOGA CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION
Is offering scholarships of up to $5000 annually for the duration of a degree program. The Foundation provides scholarships to Christians who are theologically and Biblically conservative and are seeking an M.Div or M.A. from a seminary approved by the Foundation. Chattanooga area residents will be given priority but all who qualify are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is February 15. Candidates will be notified of a decision by April 30. For further information please stop by the Financial Aid Office.

KOREAN AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP
Full-time Korean American students in at least their second year may apply for these $1000 awards. Inquire immediately if interested.

SPENCER DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS
Candidates for the doctoral degree in field of study are eligible. Inquire at the Office of Financial Aid if interested.
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