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ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO START WRITING ABOUT

ELVIS?

by Victoria Loorz, editor

Can I be honest with you? Okay, honest, frank, open, direct, communication style at its finest. Here’s the plain, unadulterated facts, just the facts:

1) We need writers.
2) You are a writer.
3) You could be writing for the SEMI.
4) You aren’t.

These facts lead me to my plain and simple, no frills, humble and earnest request: Please write something for the SEMI.

Oh, I know you may be protesting with silly objections like, “No.” But, please, just hear me out. I happen to know that there are multiplied many adequate and even gifted writers on this campus just holding back, burying their talents so to speak (not to put some heavy spiritual burden onto you, but you gotta look into every option!) Bring those ideas that you’ve been harboring in the back of your mind up to the front. We need reporters and interviewers and photographers and poets and movie reviewers and idea givers and editorialists and information offerers…we need the creative, the innovative, the suggestive, the insightful, the bold, the brave, the daring….okay okay, now I’m getting out of control. Basically, we need you.

I know the whole thing about time. Nobody has time to do the things that they’re supposed to be doing, much less taking on something new. But, hey, I’m not talking about a 15 hour a week commitment! Just a once a quarter kind of thing...or maybe more—but only if the Spirit moves you! We have leads and ideas and we are very open, (“aren’t we, guys?”...unanimous cry from the rest of the SEMI staff...."Heck, yeah!") to your ideas C’mon it’ll be fun. The SEMI office is located above the Catalyst, second floor. Call 584-5430 and ask for Victoria or Vicki...I answer to both. Thanks for your attention and thoughtful consideration. May God bless you.

Celebrate the New Babe in Town

Caleb Joshua Banks was born to Angela and Beryl Banks on Monday January 18, 1993 at 8:55 a.m., weighing in at 8lbs 2oz and 20” in height. What a stud! We’d love to show you his beautiful face, but his daddy (who is a School of Theology student) just hasn’t brought in his photo! Anyway, let’s celebrate little Caleb’s new life!

By the way, if you have new-born baby, Fuller Auxiliary has a new baby blanket for your daughter or son. But, one of the only ways they find out about you is through your announcements in the SEMI. So, take some time out of your sleepless night, dazed days to let us know about your exciting news. Please include a photo. We want to publish those little cuties in the SEMI and let the whole wide world know of your joy (or at least us Fuller folks!)
Africa: A Rich Continent With Impoverished People
by Stephen Githumi, SWM student

This piece is written in honor of Martin Luther King who fought for the respect for humanity, but specifically for Americans of African origin. African Americans are the result of the phenomenon of slave trade, an involuntary exodus of human beings hitherto unprecedented in history. The greatest evil of slavery was based upon the myth of the inherent inequality of Races. The enslavement of millions of African men and women and the indelible consequences of the trade lives with us to this day.

The immense cheap labor led to the enrichment of the white slave masters and the impoverishment of the slaves for nearly three hundred years. Many conservative thinkers still attempt to deny the empirical correlation between white affluence and black poverty. The second important component of this equation of enslavement is the genocide of the indigenous American Indians and the occupation of their land.

Unfortunately, slavery continues not in its classic form but in the attitudes and treatment of people of color. The African race in particular continues to bear the brunt of the residues of this evil trade today. In many institutions of learning, African history has been overshadowed by the history of colonialism. Tarzan movies further reinforced the distorted views about African people as unintelligent, primitive and barbaric. Ignorance is bliss. However, it is not an excuse with the modern day travel and satellite communication to continue to pretend that Africa is still in the periphery of nations. This is where she has been conveniently pushed to the edges for decades.

Africa is misrepresented by the media. It is often viewed as a cursed continent where drought and hunger persist relentlessly. What many casual historians love to do is to thrive on non-factual myths. Africa is a rich continent. Its rich minerals and oil deposits, its animal and natural resources have been the magnet that has attracted peoples from every continent. Africa has a population of five hundred million people. Africa’s woes are a result of the complete refusal by the wealthy industrial West to transfer technology into Africa. The reason being that Africa continues to provide cheap raw materials for the industries in the West.

The greatest need for Africa today is visionary patriotic leadership. Africa has many millionaires who have enriched themselves at the expense of their own compatriots. Many of these rulers have military and ideological support by western governments in exchange for economic and political policies that favor foreign governments. There are many good examples of this misnomer throughout Africa.

There are many signs of hope for a better future in Africa. The growth of the church and its participation in the democratization of the political process is making its mark in Africa. Kenya is a good case in point. Military and one party dictatorship are being removed through the power of the vote.

Martin Luther King stood for justice. That call has yet to be heeded in many countries of Africa. Until it happens, Africa will continue to be a rich continent with millions of poor people.

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NOTE: CELEBRITY VOICES IMPERSONATED.

Last year I had a revelation; well, it wasn’t really a revelation. More like a vision. Except, it didn’t actually feel much like a vision, but a very, very strong dream. Okay, okay, I confess already! I fell asleep in the middle of a lecture! Cheez!

Anyway, it went something like this:

Me: God, I’ve got a couple of questions.
God: ONE SECOND. DID YOU GET MY SYLLABUS? IT’S ON THE SYLLABUS.
Me: What is?
God: YOUR ANSWER.
Me: I’m not looking for that kind of answer, God.
God: WHAT’S WRONG WITH IT? I KNOW EVERY-THING. I PUT IT ALL IN THE SYLLABUS. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK IT UP.
Me: I’m looking for a personal answer.
God: I HAVE THEM, TOO. CHAPTER TEN. CAN’T YOU READ? YOU KIDS NEVER BOTHER READING ANYMORE, NO WONDER THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IS SUCH A WRECK.
Me: I want to know why I had to be like this.
God: LIKE WHAT?
Me: Like me! Like what I am.
God: WHAT’S WRONG WITH YOU? TWO LEGS, TWO EYES. I THINK I MADE YOU PRETTY SYMMETRICAL.
Me: I wish I was... special.
God: OH, YOU WANT FRINGES.
Me: ...Okay. Maybe, yeah. Fringes.
God: WHY DO YOU WANT THOSE?

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King And Gandhi: Two Visions, Two Voids

by Chandra Mallampalli, SOT Student

The legacies of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi are an unsettling reminder that the facts of our world don’t simply measure up. Since we celebrated the King Holiday in the shadow of the L.A. Crisis, its fitting to reflect also on Gandhi, in the wake of his death anniversary (January 31) and the communal rioting that divides India today.

As a Christian whose roots are in India, I can’t look to Gandhi, a Hindu, as an example of faith. I’ve often envied African-Americans believers who can present King as a product of their spiritual tradition, and as a prophet to the larger Church.

Yet, even as a Hindu, Gandhi shook the conscience of the Christian world (calling western civilization “a good idea”). King drew from Gandhi’s use of the Sermon on the Mount to confront injustice. Gandhi, however, rejected that there was anything unique about the gospel which could change society.

Both people were successful, if only for a limited time, at curbing violent impulses of their followings under the banner, “Love your Enemies.” Why the limited success? Their moral messages, as Bishop Blake suggested at the King Chapel, cannot change human nature and produce lasting results; only Christ can.

Gandhi’s dream has earned him only ceremonial respect. We, too, exchange the life-transforming gospel of its proclamation of Jesus, it has not filled the void of our failings. They show us what we don’t have without filling the void.

At a recent worship service on campus, Trustee Stan Long spoke of how the Church— in the US., India and everywhere else — will preach the Christ who fills the void; the one who invites people to enter and experience a transformed, bonded humanity without simply talking about it.

Dialogue

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Me: I want to stick out, God. I want to think of my life as a product of more than just what I put into it.

GOD: MORE MORE MORE. IT’S ALWAYS THAT. BEFORE, IT WAS LESS LESS LESS. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PURITANS? THEY WERE GREAT. JUST WIND ‘EM UP AND WATCH ‘EM GO.

Me: I think of my life as an aberration. An afterthought, like that last bit of frosting on the cake that you know the baker put on just to empty their frosting tube.

GOD: TELL ME WHAT I DID WRONG.

Me: I’m short, I’m plain, I’m clumsy. My mind wanders and my thoughts run toward the strange and self-indulgent. I’m slow to learn and quick to forget. I have no self-confidence.

GOD: YOU’RE BLAMING ME FOR THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE AGAIN, AREN’T YOU?

Me: I’d like to be more like... I don’t know, Sam Shepard.

GOD: SAM SHEPARD HAS CROOKED TEETH.

Me: I could live with that.

GOD: YOU COULD LIVE WITH A LOT LESS, I’LL BET.

Me: I’m just trying to have a good life.

GOD: I THOUGHT YOU WANTED A GREAT LIFE.

Me: I do.

GOD: WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU I GAVE YOU THE INGREDIENTS FOR A GREAT LIFE?

Me: I don’t know. Probably not.

GOD: THAT’S BECAUSE YOU NEVER FINISHED THE READINGS. GET OUT OF HERE.

Me: Am I fired?

GOD: ASK ME NEXT WEEK AFTER CLASS.
The Eastern Europe Prayer Group 2/12
We will meet at noon on Friday, February 12, at 527 E. Union #103. Greg and Christy Fauss will share about their ministry among Eastern European refugees with International Teams in Austria and Germany. All welcomed. Call Karina Ham at 795-2636.

Interested in Russian or Chinese House Churches? 2/13
On Saturday, February 13th, you have a unique opportunity to hear two Fuller students, Elvina Tomenko and Jiali Wang, share about their firsthand experiences in Russian and Chinese house churches (respectively). There will also be singing, light refreshments and opportunities to interact with other people interested in house churches. Join us from 2-5 p.m. in Payton 101. If possible, please bring a $1 donation.

Library Open on Presidents Day Holiday 2/15
The Fuller Library will be open its regular hours for all you diligent students who are faithfully using this day to catch up on research and studying.

Reshaping Intergenerational Ministry 2/15
On Monday February 15th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in Psych. Bldg. Room 120, Dr. Hoover Wong, Director of the Chinese Studies Program at Fuller, Rev. David Manock, Pastor of Altadena First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Peter Kim, Pastor of Torrance First Presbyterian Church will participate in a panel on reshaping intergenerational ministry. They will deal with the culture specific nuances of power and authority legitimizing the process of power and authority. The panelists will discuss questions such as: What makes intergenerational ministry possible or impossible? How does the image of power and authority change as generations shift? How does the younger generation gain authority as a leader? For more information contact Dr. Young Lee Hertig at 818-584-5573

Internship Opportunity
Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Marysville, Washington is looking for an intern to work in adult ministry. Mountain View is a church averaging 110 on Sunday morning, diligently working to grow. They are looking for someone who not only offers some expertise in adult ministry but who is also willing to learn how to reach people for Christ in Marysville. August 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994. Pastor Randy Young will be on campus Tuesday, February 16 from 10am to 5pm to meet with interested students. For more information or to sign up for an interview, contact the Office of Field Education at 584-5377.

1993 Travis Awards
The Travis Awards is a paper writing contest which recognizes and promotes scholarly work related to the integration of psychology and theology. Students wanting to participate in this year’s awards should pick-up an information sheet located in the first floor of the Psychology Building. Students from all three schools are encouraged to participate and financial prizes are allotted to the finalists.

Academic Advising Notes
This week (2/8-2/12) has been set aside for all of you with last names beginning with K thru S to meet your academic advisor and to fill out a class request card for Spring quarter. So stop by the office or call in to set up an appointment for this week. Peace to you.
EMPLOYMENT

THE GREATEST PART-TIME JOB YOU WILL EVER HAVE
The Alumni/ae Office is now accepting applications for the Annual Phon-a-thon. Our purpose is to encourage alumni/ae involvement in raising funds for student assistance. Experience is preferred, but not required. All telemarketers will be trained extensively prior to the phon-a-thon. You must be a current student, staff member or alum and available for most evening hours, Mondays through Thursdays, between March 1 and April 1 (exact schedule pending); articulate, friendly, enthusiastic, persistent, punctual, a good listener and not allergic to having fun. Remuneration is fantastic and there are prizes to make this the greatest part-time job you will ever have! A complete job description and application is now available in the Development/Alumni Office (located at 535 E. Walnut St.). Applications need to be completed and returned to the Development/Alumni Office as soon as possible.

OFFICE OF PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRIES

MONDAY MORNING MEETING
Syngman Rhee, Associate Director of Global Mission Ministry Unity, and Maralie Blanchard, Associate Director of People in Mission, join us for a morning focus on missions. Come join us for Presbyterian Monday Mornings in Payton 301 at 10 am.

ORDINATION EXAM COACHING SESSIONS
2/10: Polity in Payton 301; 2/11: Bible Exegesis in Payton 301. With Daryl Fisher-Ogden at 5:30-7pm.

WOMEN WHO ARE IN MINISTRY: BALANCING—FAMILY, CAREER, PASTORAL DUTIES, PERSONAL NEEDS.
Three local pastors, Rev. Nancy Moore, Head of Staff at Faith United Presbyterian; Rev. Barbara Stout, Solo Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian; and Rev. Mariko Yanagihara, Member at Large of San Gabriel Presbyterian, will share with us how they are able to balance the various areas of their lives. Come to Psych Bid Rm 116 on February 8 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

MODERATOR TO PREACH
Rev. John Fife, Moderator of General Assembly PC (USA) will be preaching in the Wednesday Chapel on February 10, from 10-11 a.m. Plan to attend. Questions and Answer time with Rev. Fife immediately following in the Pasadena Presbyterian Church from 11-11:30 a.m.

INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOTHERAPY OPPORTUNITY
Low cost individual psychotherapy offered by the School of Psychology, beginning February, 1993. The psychotherapy offered is appropriate for those experiencing anxiety, depression, relationship difficulties, life change adjustment and personal growth. Fifteen sessions provided for $75.00. The therapists are students enrolled in either the Ph.D or Psy.D program in clinical psychology (A.P.A. approved). For further information, contact FPFS at 818-584-5555
93-94 SOT GRANT APPLICATIONS
Application packets for 93-94 SOT grants are available in the Financial Aid Office. All students desiring any type of SOT grant (i.e., Team Ministry, Ethnic American, African American, Hispanic Ministry, Regular or Endowed grant) must complete an application.
I. Eligibility requirements: 1. Be accepted as a regular student in the M.Div. or M.A. program. 2. Take at least 24 units between summer '93 and spring '94 at the main campus (exception if less than 24 units needed to graduate) 3. You must not owe a refund or be in default to any Title IV program.

II. Award amounts. Grants are based on relative need and range between 15-50% of tuition. Due to great need on campus, please investigate all other forms of aid (eg, church, denomination, individuals, etc.)

III. Deadline: For returning students, a completed application packet must be received in Financial Aid no later than 5pm, April 15, 1993. No late applications.

93-94 SWM GRANT APPLICATIONS
Applications for SWM grants are also available. Types of grants: 1. Institutional Grants 2. Endowed Grant Funds 3. Team Ministry Eligibility Requirements: 1. Be accepted as a regular student in an MA, ThM, DMin, or PhD program, 2. Attend classes at the main campus. Due to the great need, please investigate other forms of aid. Deadline: For returning students, a completed application packet must be received in Financial Aid no later than 5pm, Thursday, April 1, 1993. No late applications!

SOROPTIMISTS INT'L OF LOS ANGELES
A fellowship award in the amount of $3,000 will be offered to a woman enrolled in a graduate degree program during the 1993-1994 academic year. For more information, stop by the Financial Aid Office. Application Deadline: March 1, 1993

CALIFORNIA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS
These large, competitive fellowships assist California residents who are preparing for a career in teaching at the college level. Students whose parents have a modest income and education are encouraged to apply. GRE scores are required. Contact Financial Aid immediately if interested. Deadline: March 2, 1993. NOTE: Current recipients applying for renewal must complete a 1993-94 Financial Aid Application.
BOARD OF DECLARATIONS:
DON'T ABUSE IT!

In the last several weeks, the Board of Declarations has hosted a plethora of opinions on some hot, controversial topics. Unfortunately, some of the responses penciled or penned in around their corners have been less than appropriate (i.e. inconsiderate or downright nasty). Students are free to express any of their own opinions regardless of ideological bent as long as another person or his/her feelings are not personally denigrated. Please keep this board a free, honest, but respectful dialogue for our community.

FULLER FUND STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

At each quarter’s registration students have the opportunity at the ASC table to donate to the Fuller Fund. The money collected is then distributed to each of the Concern Committees to be used for various student ministries, primarily for Summer Internships.

All students are all eligible to apply for allocation of Fuller Fund Scholarships through the various Committees: Mission Concerns, International Students, Peace and Justice, Women’s Concerns, and Multicultural Concerns. Now is the time to inquire, so come and see us at the ASC Office to be able to contact the appropriate Co-chairpersons of the Concerns Committee you want to apply to.

LAST CHANCE FOR YEARBOOKS

The stunning 1991-92 Yearbooks are being offered for the last time before the left overs will be sent back to the publishers. If you've put off getting one, this is truly your last chance. Please contact the ASC OFFICE by February 18. Yearbooks are $30.00, cash or check.

BABYSITTING CO-OP

Need help juggling your family and getting good babysitters? This co-op is for Fuller students with children. Babysitting co-ordinator is Diane Gorman. If you are interested in participating in this group, you can get more information from Diane at (818) 578-0589.

MISSIONS CONCERNS COMMITTEE

For those going on short term missions this summer and want to receive financial help from the Missions Concerns Committee, please pick up an application form from the ASC office.

Bressee Boyz Winter Party

*** February 5 ***
Back to the 70's

1233 Bressee Ave., Pasadena
Party starts at 8:30 PM
Dancing: 9 PM - 12 midnight
Food Provided By ASC.
BYO Beverage

"One of the most intriguing new methods of theological inquiry."
- W. Pannenburg

seminar general’s warning: bressee party participants have been known to diverge from TRADITIONAL REFORMED THEOLOGY

FROM THE P R E S I D E N T ' S NORMAN GORDON DESK

FOOD SERVICE ASKS FOR BIGGER HELPING

In the latest in a series of cost-reducing measures Total Food Management (TFM), caterer to Fuller Seminary’s Refectory and Catalyst since the Spring of 1992, has dropped two more hours off of its morning schedule at the Catalyst. Catalyst services will now open at 11 AM instead of at 9 AM much to the chagrin of many snacking students.

According to Dave Majuri, current manager of the food services at Fuller, TFM has yet to be able to make a decent profit from its Fuller branch. “We lost $15,000 in our first week here,” says Majuri, referring to their earliest days when they had a staff of three supervisors and service all day long. Majuri cites the needless competition between the Catalyst and the Refectory and the artificially low prices as reasons for poor revenue margins. As the history of food service catering at Fuller shows, it is difficult for any caterer to make ends meet due to the unique setting and limited number of customers that patronize the two facilities during non-rush hours.

With the new changes, Majuri feels that labor costs will be low enough to make operation profitable. TFM’s catering for special events and dinners has been the most lucrative of all, boosting income to aid their regular maintenance expenses. Students’ satisfaction with the quality of the food also offers hope for the business. With some fine-tuning, Majuri is confident that both Fuller and TFM can be happy with the arrangement. Currently hours are set for the Refectory from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the Catalyst from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Meanwhile, we encourage all students to take utmost advantage of the fine food services TFM has provided right here on campus! Also, campus offices and groups who are sponsoring events that involve food are even more encouraged to utilize the fine catering services of TFM. They have been doing a great job; let’s keep them here! Note: The Catalyst will still be open at 9:00 am as a place for students to study.
This section of the SEMI is for the announcement of events or services not directly offered by a Fuller office or organization. For information about rates, contact the Office of Student Services at 584-5430. Note: Neither Fuller Seminary nor the Office of Student Services is responsible for the quality of the services or products advertised on this page.

SIDCO Auto Brokers: Shop where the dealers buy, any make or model, wholesale prices. Exclusive services provided for Christian colleges and seminary faculty, staff, students, alumni/ae. Call 909-949-2778 or Fuller Hotline 1-800-429-KARS.

J.P.’s Typing, Editing and Proofing: What? You have too much to do?! I’ll type for you ($2.50 per page) or edit and proof ($2.00 per page) what you type. Submission must be printed or typed. Call Jacquetta at 818-797-4894.

Efficientime Time Management: Learn to schedule yourself and your events efficiently. Be more disciplined about following schedules and keeping appointments. Three-hr seminars cost $25/students/faculty with ID. Call Jacquetta at 818-797-4894.

Ministry Opportunity: InterVarsity needs a part-time staff member to work in an exciting ministry to Chinese and Japanese students and scholars in West L.A. Receive training from veteran staff who are Fuller grads and work with a multi-cultural volunteer team. For more information, call Dr. Katie Rawson 213-344-1965.

Auto Repair: SMOG CHECKS, tune-ups, oil change, brakes, etc... Complete service. Hrant Auto Service, 1477 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena. 818-798-4064. Call for an appointment.

Bass Player For Christian Band: A new band is forming of people interested in getting to know Pasadena through music. If you play bass and are interested, call Rob at 818-797-0811.

Room-Mate Needed: Male Fuller student for large furnished 3-bedroom apartment in S. Pasadena. Air and pool. Exactly 3 miles from Fuller. $287.50 plus utilities and security deposit. Call Michael at 818-799-1726.

Tax Time: Tax preparer, licensed and bonded, specializing in Fuller community students and staff. Reasonable prices. Ask for Tom Dunn at 818-352-8237.

Muslims Outreach and Studies Consultation Presents: Dr. Azeez Zaka. “Building a Church Without Walls” It is a strategy for reaching Muslims. Lake Ave. Congregational Church, Feb. 18-21. This seminar is for Christians. $20 cost. Call Zwemer. 794-1121.