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The verdict of the Rodney King civil rights trial marks the beginning of a new season of reflection for the Fuller community. While Fuller people are certainly called to be in constant reflection about many key issues, we have to admit the unique and forceful impact the King trials have had on us. What other events have brought our diverse community together for dialogue and triggered such deep-seated convictions?

The anniversary of last spring's verdict (April 30) and the historic rioting which followed calls us to put last year's events in light of the more favorable results of this spring. The reflections of students and administration have tended to focus on the larger symbolism of the trials and on our attitudes toward law enforcement authorities.

At the recent forum held the Monday after the verdict, Dr. Paul Pierson, the interim provost, commented on how the King trial has become an "international symbol" of the oppression of the weak by the strong. The symbol serves as a call to think through our faith and how it would lead us in the pursuit of justice - a pursuit which lies at the very core of the gospel, which has come to break down barriers.

For Dr. Winston Gooden, the trial last year symbolized "what the whole culture says it's okay to do." Last year's riots pointed to a future of more beatings, chaos, divisions and loss of hope for people who feel that they can never receive justice.

Dr. Gooden feels that this year's verdict, by contrast, offers some hope for what the future can be, but not without fundamental changes. Debra Washington, SOT student, warns us of putting our guards down too soon: "Justice has been served to some extent, but this is just a start. We have a long way to go.”

Debra also reminded us of the forthcoming Denny trial, which some regard as the racial counterpart to the King trial.

Some have questioned the response of celebration to the verdict; how anyone could celebrate the conviction and sentencing of other persons. Dr. Bill Pannell, Dean of Chapel, addressed this question by pointing out how the dominant culture has given police the license to suppress other segments of society without subjecting them to civilian critique. “The police,” said Pannell, “should not be a paramilitary establishment which is kept independent.” Anglo’s have waged a “subliminal cultural war” by affording police such liberties. In celebrating the verdict in churches, African Americans applaud the long-awaited arrival of some measure of justice to their community.

President Hubbard gave the SEMI his comments prior to the verdict. We asked him to critique the almost instinctive connection students drew between the L.A. situation and Fuller’s own dealings with multiculturalism. According to Hubbard, the connection was “a very natural, understandable and highly emotional one.” He commended the Fuller community for acting very responsibly in helping change the situation at Fuller without "feeding on the bread of blame.” He added that solutions to issues of diversity “come through very patient, studied, cooperative endeavors” in contrast to the quick remedies that are often sought during a crisis.

President Hubbard also challenged the community to consider whether the outrage expressed in vandalism and destruction has really accomplished anything one year later. Pointing to the loss of jobs, closed businesses, and the reluctance of the private sector to reinvest, he questioned whether rioting was a productive and effective way of bringing about change.

Dr. Hubbard’s comments seem to fall in line with the discussion of symbolism. If we accept the police beating incident as an international symbol of oppression, what did the riots symbolize? To some they were the inevitable...
"To create at Fuller Theological Seminary an inclusive, multi-racial, pluralistic, Christian community where people from different races, gender, and cultures can interact with each other, learn from each other, stimulate and be enriched by each other. A community where authority and power are unrelated to race, gender or ethnic group. A community where one learns and then leaves to share his/her experience with others, wherever one goes, as an example of God’s mercy and love."

This is the vision of Dr. Jorge Taylor, the Assistant Provost for Cultural and Ethnic Concerns at Fuller. This is both his personal vision and the vision statement wholeheartedly adopted by Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Taylor arrived at Fuller last November, and has been busy talking with students, mobilizing a cabinet for multicultural/multiethnic concerns, gathering information, preparing reports, meeting with Trustees, serving on faculty search committees, assessing existing courses and programs, assisting in development of curriculum, and meeting with leaders from various ethnic communities. He is also tracking recruitment, retention, and attrition among ethnic students and faculty members.

After meeting with Dr. Taylor I was trying to come up with a word to describe him, and “graciousness” kept coming to mind. His demeanor is gentle, yet there is something about him that commands immediate respect. I must admit that it surprised me a bit the first time that I heard him speak; you don’t generally expect to hear a thick Spanish accent from an African American gentleman. “People don’t realize that there is a significant black population in Latin American countries, especially in the northern part of Central America,” says Dr. Taylor. He grew up in Panama City, Panama, a place where people from all over the world gathered, so he “grew up accustomed to seeing many different faces.” He completed his primary and secondary education in Panama, then went to seminary in Costa Rica, then studied in U.S.

Dr. Taylor comes to Fuller with a very colorful and impressive résumé. He holds a diploma in Theology, B.A. in Psychology, M.A. in Pastoral Psychology, and a Ph.D. in Education. He served as a missionary for Latin American Mission for 22 years, has published a number of articles in Spanish, and has taught at various places including Seminario Bíblico de Latina America in Costa Rica, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fuller (as a visiting professor in 1975), and Centro Hispano de Estudios Teologicos in Southern California. He has served as dean and acting president of Seminario Bíblico de Latina America, president of Latin American Evangelical Ministries, president of Centro Hispano de Estudios Teologicos, and president of Committee of Hispanic Covenant Churches.

Dr. Taylor was drawn to Fuller by the opportunity to work with the many different ethnic groups present here. He was also drawn by the fact that there are the three schools of theology, psychology, and world mission here, which reflects what is in his own heart. His desire is to use his gifts and who he is to be a peacemaker and a liaison between people of different cultures and ethnic groups. He sees Fuller as a unique place where we can live with, learn from, and enrich each other, and in so doing be a witness to the world. “People at Fuller want to do it!” says Dr. Taylor, his eyes lighting up.

Fuller’s decision last spring to create his position, that of a senior administrator whose specific focus is to keep Fuller moving forward in becoming truly multicultural, is reflective of our dedication to become a community of God’s people who honor God and each other in all of our diversity. When asked what one thing he would like to say to students, he said “this is a tremendous place to learn and to become the person that God wants you to become. Make use of all the opportunities: culturally, intellectually, spiritually, socially. Don’t lose that. If you stay in just one little corner, then you have lost the richness of what it means to share in another culture. That would be a shame. Once you are here make time to embrace some new things and be a part of something that you haven’t been a part of before.” That is what Dr. Taylor is doing here himself and working to enable others to do. He is glad to be here at Fuller. And Fuller is extremely glad that he is here.
I-CAN Offers Hope and Oasis
by Barbara Tagatac, I-CAN Editor

I-CAN is an oasis of shady palms and cool water in a parched desert. Many people need I-CAN. I-CAN can provide direction and help get people back on their feet again after a major crisis. Society needs alternative forms of education for adults who don’t fit into the college system. I-CAN provides a means of varied and interesting education for just such individuals.

Counselors at I-CAN with diverse backgrounds of experience provide a safe, warm environment of confidential counseling. I-CAN is a daily social gathering for people to get over a crisis, get help looking for a job, attend group therapy or just make friends. I met two of my closest buddies at I-CAN. The superior education provided by the staff includes independent living skills, creative movement and journalism in which the clients have had writings of their own included in self-published periodicals.

Communities all over the United States can benefit from programs like I-CAN. It “teaches the people to fish—not just give them fish.” In the past I-CAN has helped people become independent of care-givers by teaching them to use the public bus system. Presently I-CAN is teaching a class on living independently including findings one’s own apartment. Most of all, I-CAN can help society by teaching people to be more independent of care-givers, welfare and social security. So far I-CAN has not been very expensive for anyone to attend.

Here is what I-CAN has to say for itself. A two year client says “I-CAN if you take it and keep coming, it is a very good program.”

All of us at I-CAN hope that through the years as more people find out about us that they will find peace of mind knowing that there is relief from the blazing deserts of life.
Morning Prayers
Daily Orthodox morning prayers, Monday-Friday, 7:30-7:55 am in the Chapel above the Library, led by Scott Watson and Fr. Sam Gantt. Everyone is welcome.

Prayer Chapel
April 27, 10 a.m.
Travis Auditorium
Weekly community prayer gathering to pray for community and individual concerns.

All Seminary Chapel
April 28, 10:00 am
Mall Area
Dr. Winston Gooden will deliver a message during this special outdoor Chapel (in the mall) which will focus on the situation in Los Angeles.

SWM Chapel
April 29, 10:00 am
Mall Area
Rev. C.L. Turrentine, pastor of Deliverance Tabernacle and Chairman of the Pasadena Ministerial Coalition, and Rev. Matthew J. Welde, General Director of Presbyterian Center for Mission Studies will be the speakers for this chapel which focuses on the urban challenge. This chapel will also be held in the mall area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SWM PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DAY
Do you have friends that would be interested in a degree from our School of World Mission (or even just interested in taking a few classes)? If you do know someone who would like to visit campus and learn more about what Fuller has to offer, please invite them to the School of World Mission Prospective Student Day that we will be hosting on Saturday, May 1. For more information (and we really do want your friends to come!), contact the Admissions Office at 584-5400.

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND ACCOMMODATIONS
The Doubletree Hotel is offering a Fuller Commencement rate for Fuller Families in town for the June 12 ceremonies. $79 single or double. Children 18 and under free with paying adult. Call 818-792-2727 and ask for reservations and the Fuller Commencement Rate.

REMINDER: SOT BANQUET
To remind you again, June 10th is an important date for all you SOT students (especially graduates). At 6:30pm the annual SOT Banquet will be held at the University Club. President Hubbard will be with us, on this his last year as president, as well as members of the the Faculty and Trustees. Graduating students go free, otherwise the cost will be $15. Ticket information and invitations will be forthcoming. Set this date aside!!!!

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS
UCLA Extension: Learn how the Dead Sea Scrolls have reshaped our understanding of Old and New Testaments and the intertwined histories of Christianity and Judaism. Courses offered through UCLA extension range from “History and Implications For the Hebrew Bible” to “Bringing the Dead Sea Scrolls Back to Life: Utilizing Photographic, Computer Imaging, and Other Modern Technologies.” For enrollment call (310)825-9971 or 818-784-7006. For more information, call (310-825-2272 (Dept. of Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences, UCLA Extension).

HUBBARD RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
All students and alumni are cordially invited to a Retirement Celebration in honor of President Hubbard on May 19 immediately following Chapel. The Celebration will be held in Payton 101. Please mark the date on your calendar. More details will be forthcoming.

THE MAGIC AND MYSTERY OF SEX
A four-part video series by Cliff Penner (Fuller Trustee) and Joyce Penner is available for check-out from the OSS office. Cliff and Joyce are renowned authors and speakers in this field. The four videos are: 1. The Act of Making Love, 2. Discoveries Uniquely Hers, 3. His Struggles, 4. How to Keep the Spark Alive. Call OSS at 584-5435 if interested.

CHILD CARE
Finally, we are open! Do you need a secure family to care for your beloved children? We are here for you. Feel free to visit! We would be glad to show you our program. The Pura Family Day Care Home, “The Children’s Kingdom.” 289 N. Madison Ave. Pasadena, CA 91101. 683-9954. Open Monday - Friday 7:45am to 3:15pm.
INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY
First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills has an opening for a Junior High Ministries Director/Intern. This position is 20 hours per week through August 31st and 15 hours per week beginning in September. Associate Pastor Tom Rennard will be on campus, Wednesday, April 28, 1993 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon to meet with interested students. Contact the Office of Field Education at 584-5377.

HOSPITAL INTERNshiP/PRACTICUM
The Hospital Internship/Practicum (FE 546) is a Field Education Course designed to provide seminarians with an experience of learning in a ministry of pastoral care in a hospital setting under the direct supervision of a hospital chaplain. Chaplain Manly, from USC Medical Center, will be on campus to meet with interested students on Monday, May 3. Contact the Office of Field Ed. at 584-5377.

MINISTRY ENRICHMENT SEMINAR
Dr. Arch Hart, Dean, School of Psychology, will present “Coping with Stress in Ministry” on Thursday, May 6, 1993, 10:00-11:00am, Payton 101. Dr. Hart has done extensive research and writing in this area and has worked with hundreds of ministers as they have wrestled with this issue. He will share valuable insights for those who wish to maintain both personal and professional balance in ministry. All interested students are welcome. Contact the Office of Field Education, 584-5377.

SINGLES INTERNSHIP
Menlo Park Presbyterian Church has an opening for a Singles Intern. The internship program at Menlo Park provides a broad range of input from the pastoral staff, good training and supervision. Associate Pastor, Libby Vincent, will be on campus Monday, May 10, 12:00noon - 3:00pm to meet with interested students. Contact the Office of Field Education, 584-5377.

MEETINGS

DENOMINATIONAL

Mondays, 10 a.m.
American Baptist
Psych 116
Assemblies of God
Psych 311
CMA
Library 203
Xn Church/Church of Christ
Payton 231
Episcopal/Anglican
Preaching Arts Chapel
Foursquare
Ethnic Ministry Classroom
Kingdomizer
Payton 302
Lutheran(All Synods)
Psych 314
Messianic Jews
Glasser Hall, Chinese Library
PC (USA)
Payton 301
RCA/CRC
Psych 120
Seventh Day Adventist
Library 205
United Church of Christ
Payton 303
United Methodist
Finch Hall 130
Vineyard
Travis Auditorium

CHRISTIAN MARKETING GROUP
Operated by Fuller Alumna and Christian principles, seeks individuals who: Enjoy Christian music, and who love to earn an additional $800 - $4,000 per month, NOT by SELLING, but GIVING away a Children's Christian cassette tape. Call FOLLOW US, 1-800-522-5550, or in the L.A. area, 213-756-5241.
2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
FRIDAY, MAY 14 4:30 - 8:30 PM ON THE CAMPUS MAIL
International Food, International Music, International Art, International Children’s Crafts, International Fun! Come join the entire Fuller community for a big celebration of our varied cultures! Some 12 - 15 types of ethnic foods will be represented. We will have a potpourri of entertainment for the entire family! For more information on the details or on how you can get involved, call the ASC office or Conrad Pinoni at 213-258-9559.
Sponsored by ASC, ISS, Int’l Students Concerns, Multi-Cultural Concerns.

ASC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, 1993-94
The following ASC positions become available from Fall 1993. If you are interested in information for any of these salaried opportunities, please call in to the ASC Office (584-5452) or visit us on the first floor of the catalyst (we have candies). Positions include: ASC Secretary, Events Coordinator, Sports Commissioner, Sports Vice-Commissioner, Computer Lab Coordinator.

AN ACC PRODUCTION “OPEN MIKE NITE”
COMING SOON TO THE CATALYST NEAREST YOU The Arts Concerns Committee presents a night of music by Fuller and community Christian artists on Friday, May 7th. Don’t miss it.

WANTED: STUDENTS WHO WANT MONEY
Remember the Fuller Fund? Concern’s Committees are responsible for distributing funds to Fuller Students by the end of this quarter. This fund has been created to support Fuller Students in their areas of ministry. We want to see you succeed and apply what you are learning at Fuller. Money has been allotted to support students for ministry, internships, conferences, and financial distress. If you are a student in need, stop by the ASC Office and find out which Committee may be able to help you.

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK
Norman Gordon

SEMINARY READY THIS TIME AROUND
Almost as if it were a part of the annual blooming of Spring, Los Angeles County sprang forth once again in community coordination just two weeks before the anniversary of the 1992 L. A. Civil Unrest in practiced preparation for another round of tension. This time, Fuller, too, was prepared.

Starting off with an emergency plan memo distributed by the Provost’s Office to all offices on campus well in advance of the expected verdict, Fuller Seminary showed optimal readiness for a crisis of any proportion. Margie McKenna, Director of Auxiliary Services, in cooperation with the Post Security Patrol, gave explicit details as to security measures to be taken by all personnel. A system of notification was arranged whereby each office manager knew who he/she could contact regarding procedures for evacuation. A chain of command was set up in case of the absence of any top-level administrators.

More importantly, the Provost’s Office and a consortium of representatives from around the campus met with the head of the WE CARE Coalition, an information base grassroots network of community organizations in Pasadena in dialogue about city peace and justice. The Seminary used their logo T-Shirts and posters to indicate the Seminary’s stance, featuring the slogan: “Holding the Peace. . . While Working for Justice”.

Fortunately, the two “guilty” verdicts dispelled enough anger to avoid any rioting. Nevertheless, the Seminary sponsored a chapel the Monday after the verdict announcement to thank God for peace and pray for more solutions to violence of various forms.

We can continue to pray that such solutions would prevent future civil unrest. However, if it does not, we can rest assured that Fuller Seminary has learned, albeit by trial-and-error, how to respond to times of crisis.

“WHICH THEOLOGY?”
Drs. Bill Dyrness, Marguerite Shuster and Miroslav Volf will discuss the significance of Systematic Theology amidst diverse world views and contexts. Come attend this timely discussion, which will mark the beginning of “L.A. Crisis Awareness Week.” Sponsored by TGU. Monday, April 26, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm Payton 101. Refreshments will be served.

ATONEMENT THEOLOGIES: IS GOD AN ABUSIVE FATHER?
You are invited to dialogue with Ester Wakeman, and Margo Houts on Atonement Theology and the question “Is God an Abusive Father?” Please join us on Wednesday, May 5th in Payton 101 from 5-7 pm. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Women’s Concerns Committee, ASC.

‘92-’93 T-SHIRT?
Because of rising costs and no pictorial directory to work from, it has not been possible for the ASC to produce a yearbook this year. But, if you want a commemorative item for the year (and don’t have the money to buy a $400.00 gold ring), the TGU is considering putting together a T-Shirt with a special commemorative (and fun!) design, and with a permanent pen so friends from Fuller can sign it! If you are interested let me know. Contact Pat Anderson at FTS Box#818.
God and goals. As Debbie put it, "It was a time hanging experience. "It will never leave me." "Kinship with creation." "Simplicity, basics." "Friendships." "Finding out I'm stronger than I thought." "One of my most valuable experiences." These are but a few of the comments I received about the Pre-Sem experience, a ten day trek. Debbie remarked that "climbing the mountain was a metaphor for my life at the time." Steve commented that the most challenging part of the trip for him was, "I don't like heights. Backing over a cliff seems crazy!" By participating in Pre-Sem, you'll find that craziness, in the midst of total security, is a vivid object lesson of faith in God.

Both Steve and Debbie found that attaining a challenge, living simply, and experiencing connectedness with creation on Pre-Sem was a life-changing experience. "It will never leave me."

1992-93 LOAN DEADLINE
If you need money before the 1992-93 school year ends? If so, you can still take out a student loan as long as your application is in our office no later than April 30, 1992.

EXIT INTERVIEW FOR STUDENT BORROWERS
Loan program regulations now require face to face Exit Interviews for all borrowers. If you have student loans and plan to graduate, transfer, or drop below half-time in Spring '93, you must attend a group Exit Interview at one of the times listed below.

The interviews will last approximately 40 minutes. They will include helpful information regarding borrower rights and repayment options. Bring your loan file with you to the session, as well as the address and phone number of your nearest relative and your future employer (if known).

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THE OFFICE OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
2ND FLOOR OF KRESSYLER HALL
(ABOVE CATALYST)
584-5322

"A time to reflect and focus." "Awesome." "Kinship with creation." "Simplicity, basics." "Friendships." "Finding out I'm stronger than I thought." "One of my most valuable experiences." These are but a few of the comments I received about the Pre-Sem experience, a ten day backpacking trip with other Fuller students, in interviews with Debbie Payne (MFT student, '91 trekker) and Steve Newton (SOP Ph.D. student, '89 trekker).

Both Steve and Debbie said that Pre-Sem was a vehicle for spiritual preparation and seeking God's direction during times of transition for them. "It's so easy to be distracted," comments Steve, "this [Fuller life] isn't all there is." Pre-Sem frees a person to focus on God and goals. As Debbie put it, "It was a time of drawing near and clarifying my vision."

God and God's creation is the focus of the trek. Debbie remarked that "climbing the mountain was a metaphor for my life at the time." Steve commented that the most challenging part designated grants from outside sources, when loan checks arrive. If total aid received exceeds estimated aid, any OVERAWARD must be returned to the lender; 4) Fuller must return unsigned loan checks after thirty (30) days.

LOANS PENDING FOR SUMMER REGISTRATION
If you wish to be on the loans pending list for the summer quarter, you must have a completed loan application on file in Financial Aid by Thursday April 28th.

FOR A BROCHURE AND MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AT 584-5322,
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. Call 909-949-2778 or Fuller Hotline 1-800-429-KARS.

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

Seeking Singing Groups: ARC Salvation Army in Canoga Park is seeking Fuller or other singing groups to sing during their chapel and mid-week services: Sunday services 9-10am, Wednesday: 5:30-6:30pm. Call Solomon Gochin, PhD/MFT student, 883-6321.

SOP MA/Ph.D. Interns Needed at Salvation Army Canoga Park. MA’s call Judy Balswick at 584-5333. PhD’s call Dr. Janice Strength at 584-5331.

Computer Sales from JK Computers: Notebook, Laptop, desktop Computers and printers. Please call 795-5960 or drop a note to FTS Box #738. Demos are ready to be shown.

TO: ANONYMOUS WRITER OF LETTER DATED MARCH 29, 1993.

Please contact Ms. Margie McKenna (584-5366) or Mr. Lee Merritt (584-5460). Confidentiality is assured!