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The Inmates Are Running the Asylum

Hello. I'm not the editor of the SEMI, but an incredible simulation. Ms. Victoria Loorz, the human dynamo that turned this little newsletter around and made it a journal worth looking at before throwing it into the recycling bin, has moved on to make herself a real career, and thus became the stuff of legend.

That disruption in the status quo has left me, Garrett H. Omata, designer, layout artist and sometime cartoonist to inherit the SEMI by default. And boy, am I ticked! Although I would be honored to inherit Vickie's mantle, I know that my spiritual gifts do not include organization, attention to editorial detail, diplomacy or grace under stress. Also I tend to misspell words like "ridiculous."

That leaves a void in leadership, a weak link in the chain, a beach without sand, a Spock without a Kirk. It also gives me the opportunity to do some really scandalous things! Like the title of this paper: Who the heck understands what "SEMI" stands for? Jess Vega tried to explain it to me a few times, but it didn't stick. It doesn't mean "half," or "sometime", like our caption implies.

Good suggestions! Bad suggestions! Dumb suggestions! Especially the dumb ones!! Let's us, the students who are stuck here for the summer have a little fun and put our own stamp on this place! Just read it! Just eat it! Just sleep it! Just do it!

Now, back to our original problem: We ain't got no editor, no how! We are seeking a person who is in love with the written word, who believes in free expression and who understands constraint (which this designer often lacks), and a sensitivity to the varied issues on campus. We are seeking a person who sees not just the job, but the challenge and the fun that can be had in our office! We play music! We drink lots of coffee! Come on down and apply! We're in the 2nd floor of the Kressler Building in Student Services. Call 584-5437 and speak to Ruth Vuong.

'Think I won't do it.'

—Garrett "The Corruptor of Minds" Omata
Recently I took a road trip north to the lovely town of San Luis Obispo. I left at noon and skipped breakfast that day so I’d be nice and hungry when I arrived at my destination. I must have drooled at a thousand restaurant ads between L.A. and San Luis Obispo, so that when I walked into the Tortilla Flats restaurant (one of the ones that teased me with billboards along the way) I expected service, and fast!

I must have stood in the doorway for an eternity (well, actually, it was more like five minutes). I tried not to stare at the “please wait to be seated” sign that seemed to laugh silently in my face. My knees were starting to wobble from lack of nourishment and five hours of driving in a Datsun that was evidently built for two people with a combined body weight of 150 pounds or less. Please God, let Someone see me before I pass out and they serve me as an appetizer!

Finally they spotted me, and Barbie (her look-alike anyway) took the wheelchair from the handicapped section and rolled me to my table. “I hope you haven’t been waiting long,” she sighed. I managed enough strength to bite my tongue. “Never insult the waitress before the food comes out,” I heard my guardian angel whisper lovingly in my ear.

The salsa and chips came out fast, just in time to get my blood sugar up before the main course. The salsa was excellent with a slight hint of chili flavor. A beam of light broke through the window. Maybe there is hope for this place.

Even before I finished that thought, Barbie came out with the main course. “Boy, that was fast,” I told myself, but as you know, “too fast” is not always a good thing. I ordered the burrito verde and all I can say is that it looked like a burrito. It tasted smoked inside but not like it was smoked over an open grill, but more like a bi-product from the Marlboro Man. The meat (?) and beans were wrapped in a tasteless flour tortilla and smothered in green stuff (sauce, they called it). I didn’t see the waitress for some time after I sat down and I prayed she would get there fast ‘cause I need more tea to wash this stuff down.

Finally she returned (from vacation, I think) and presented me with the check. I have to pay for this?, I asked myself. When she asked if I cared for dessert, I laughed out loud. I went to the doorway (where I had spent my early childhood) and disgustedly paid my bill. It was when the manager asked, “How was everything?” that I finally lost it. I’ve eaten better burritos out of a plastic wrap, I exclaimed as I waddled out the door.

Welcome To Earth
Nichole Coates was born on June 8, 1993, to proud parents Randy and Becky Coates. Nichole weighed seven pounds, nine ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.

New Therapy Groups Forming
FULLER PSYCHOLOGICAL AND FAMILY SERVICES
FOR INFORMATION CALL 584-5555

Divorce Recovery for Children—Two groups: one children, one adolescents.

Adults Who Were Sexually Abused as Children—In English and in Spanish

Empowering Women

Sexual Addiction Group
A Sexual Addiction Group for men only has an opening for one more member. This psychotherapy group addresses issues about harmful compulsive behaviors and works on alternative ways of coping and relating. For information, contact Dr. Alibrando, 584-5554, at FPFS.

New Parenting Class
Could you benefit from more effective communication dealing with discipline or stress management? Call Fuller Psychological Services about this non-credit class: Monday Nights 7:00-9:00 p.m. Beginning August 9th. call 584-5555 for more information.
ORIENTATION SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED
Help new students adjust and build community by serving as a leader during orientation week. Total time commitment is 5 - 6 hours. Please call the Office of Christian Community at 584-5322 if you are interested.

BRIDGE TO SOBRIETY
Summer Meeting Time:
Friday 12:00 noon to 12:50 p.m.
Place: Office of Christian Community, 2nd floor, above the Catalyst. A place to work on your particular addictions.

SUMMER BRIDGE DEFERMENTS
Inquire about Summer Bridge Deferrals if you have Stafford/GSL loans which have been in repayment, but are now deferred, or SLS loans, and you plan to take the Summer quarter off but return in the Fall.

CALIFORNIA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION
This foundation is offering two, $2,500 scholarships to first-year, full-time ethnic minority students, accepted into a graduate level psychology program. For more information, stop by the Office of Financial Aid. Deadline for applications is October 15.

IMPORTANT BORROWER INFORMATION
Federal regulations specify that 1) you must contact your lender with ten (10) days if you change your enrollment status, name, or address; 2) you may owe a REFUND to your lender if you drop below half-time in a quarter which is part of your loan period (so check with Fin Aid before you drop classes); 3) Fuller must assess financial aid, including 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 days.

PRE-SEM
There may still be an opportunity for you to participate in this 10 day wilderness experience Sept. 8-17 in Yosemite National Park. This trip gives Fuller students an opportunity to explore issues of faith, community, and creation. Call 584-5322 for more information.

FINANCIAL AID

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 Wednesday, August 11, 1993 from 9:15-11:00 a.m. Appointments may be made by contacting the Office of Field Education, 584-5377.
Organist / Keyboardist Needed: Evangelical congregation within 1 mile of Fuller. A great opportunity to minister locally. Call 796-8526.

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