Who Are These People Anyway?

By Brian Kelly, SOT Student

Who are these people? You know the ones. The ones roaming the streets around the seminary. The ones pushing those shopping carts filled with blankets, and newspapers, and pop cans, and broken dreams. I first noticed these people when I visited Fuller last spring. My friend and I ate our burgers in front of Amy’s, and watched the slow parade of shopping carts commandeered by doleful operators with their tattered attire and unwashed frames. During orientation this fall, I was informed there are over 1300 who find a home, without a structure, in Pasadena. More than 300 every night, by the expert’s count, that sleep within a six-block radius of Fuller.

Some call them homeless. Some call them drunkenbums, winos. Some call them the psychologically disadvantaged. The Bible calls them lost. Most of them anyway. But maybe not Roosevelt — the blind African-American who seems to know the Bible as well as any seminary student. Or Harry, who came to church three weeks in a row. But, “when it’s all over, you’re right back out on the street and nothing’s really changed” — so he pointed out to me in his frustration.

Who are these people that push these makeshift vehicles and sleep on the cardboard pallets every night in the bushes, in the band shell, in the parking lot, or behind that dumpster? Well, there’s Marguia, Maria, Faye and Bonnie. I could show you where they live, if the cops haven’t rousted them as they always do around Rose Parade time — to tidy up the place. I could introduce you to them, but they cherish their privacy (if you can call it that) behind that clump of bushes.

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Don't Get Too Comfortable: We're Recruiting!

Dear Semi readers,

Greetings! I hope that you are all rested up and ready for a fabulous new year filled with God’s blessings and answered prayers. We at the Semi have been working diligently over the break preparing for this quarter.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading the featured articles and columns in the Semi. I would like to thank all the volunteer writers who have contributed to the Semi thus far, your testimonies have been a blessing to the entire community.

But, the Semi needs more writers! So, again, I pray that you will contact me at the office (we are located on the second floor of the Catalyst building) and talk to me about your contributions. Please share your testimonies of praise with the Fuller community. Remember, we are called to encourage one another until that final day when Christ comes.

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It's a Boy-Person!

A Big Congratulations to School of Theology student Grady Martine and his wife Barbara on the birth of their son (and new San Diego Charger fan) Grady Donald Martine II. He was born on November 29, 1993, weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz., and was 19 inches long.
Getting Here By Faith: A Testimony
By Israel Olaore

On the application form for the PhD program in Old Testament studies, there is a question that asks who introduced you to Fuller Seminary. Although I have never met the man personally, I wrote in the name Dr. Donald Macgavran. Macgavran wrote the book Understanding Church Growth, which was revised by Dr. Peter Wagner. I ate that book up, and Fuller Seminary immediately caught my eye.

I shared the principles in the book with my wife, and we immediately started putting them into practice. By God's grace, we planted a church in the heart of Lagos, Nigeria.

But, then came the matter of getting to Fuller Seminary and bringing my wife - Augusta - and three sons - Timothy, John, and Ope - to California with me. I had made two other attempts to study outside of Nigeria — in 1986 and 1989. Looking back now, I realize that the Lord was just keeping me back until the "fullness of time".

We began to pray. Mike Murdock delivered a beautiful sermon that reminded us that anything we asked the Lord for in faith can be received. We asked the Lord for three things for the 1992 year. First, I prayed that I would be admitted to Fuller Theological Seminary. Second, prayed that my family could come to the United States with me. Third, I prayed that God would open a door for a pastoral appointment with my church in California. We posted this prayer request slip on our bedroom door and spoke it to the Lord every day.

After eight months, we received a promise of $10,000, but this was not enough for all the visas, so we kept on praying. The first request was already fulfilled. I was admitted for the master of Arts in Inter-Cultural Studies program. However, I had to defer due to lack of sufficient funds.

Meanwhile, the Lord was doing many things in my life. In 1992, I was ordained into the gospel ministry after eight years of work in rural and urban settings in Nigeria. In 1992, I received an Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry.

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Dear Sleepless in Pasadena:

I know you signed your letter hot and bothered, but if you decide to go forward, you could be sleepless too! Let me explain.

I'm glad that you have found a woman that you would like to pursue exploring a relationship with. Most people think that relationship is a class at Fuller, instead of reality. However, it's not great that you live in the same house with her. You may be getting into more than what you bargained for. Because you are in a community house, the community will be affected if you and the object of your heat wave begin seeing each other. Should things not go the way you expect, the hot summer could turn into an arctic between the two of you, and the gale force winds of your whispering roommates could literally raise the roof off your comfy abode. What I'm saying is that it isn't just as simple as asking someone out for a date. This someone happens to be in love with you, and if she doesn't decide to go out with you, you may be somewhat uncomfortable. Second, if she does, and things don't go well after a while, it will make for an uncomfortable situation, mainly for the two of you, and for your housemates. My suggestion is that you should approach your friend cautiously, and state your intent. If she is agreeable, pursue her and other lodgings. If she isn't, die to it, and continue to enjoy the house. If you can't, move out. It will be easier on you. Finally, and most importantly, pray. It always helps to keep perspective.

The Reality Check Advice Column will be a semi-regular feature in the SEMI. Advice questions may be turned in at the SEMI Office in Kreyssler Hall.

Dear Church Lady,

I am a Fuller student in the School of Theology. I live in one of Fuller's communal living arrangements. There are four men and three women who share the same house together. It is a very intimate living arrangement and very conducive to spiritual growth. The problem is, I find myself looking at one of the women I share the house with. She is very attractive and I feel myself being drawn to her sexually. I want to ask her out on a date, but I do not know how that might affect our current living situation. Please help.

Signed,

"Hot and Bothered"

People

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Roger lives at 222 N. Euclid, but you'll have to catch him before they open the building for business because by then he's moved his household — temporarily, at least until nightfall. And Robert, he lives right across the street on the lawn in front of the YMCA.

At least, this is where we've found them early every Sunday morning when we wake them for a cup of coffee, a small sack of something to eat, and a prayer.

I can't remember all their names, but I recognize them on the street during the day — moving, always moving. They go from here to there, but not anywhere in particular (unless its to the next shared six-pack, joint, or fifth of Thunderbird wine). I recognize his matted hair and filthy clothes — he probably hasn't showered in months. I met him before in Miami, or was it Denver, or Houston, or Sacramento? Or, was it on the Rosebud Indian Reservation? The looks are familiar. He says his name is Walter, but I've seen that face before. The puffiness, the bruises, the deep crags like an eroded canyon, the one blinded eye — all from drinking too much of the wrong stuff.

When I offer to pray, his pride cuts me off and he says "I'll pray for you!" But, he never does pray — he just changes the subject.

Each story is unique, yet somehow it's always the same. It's a narrative of personal calamity that sketches a downward spiral of substance abuse or dependence. Eventually, like taking the last step out of the tipsy house in an amusement park, they stumble onto the street. Here they find community — people that really understand. Maybe life isn't all that bad in beautiful sunny California on $271 a month, maybe. Sooner or later, though, the rains come down and the options are scare — get under an overhang, or a tree somewhere, and find some more blankets. It takes a little more booze to kill the cold.

Who are these people? You know the ones. Don't you? They're the people of Matthew 25 that Jesus described as the hungry and thirsty, the poorly clothed, the stranger, the sick, the imprisoned ones — they are the "least of these" that Jesus talked about in his parable. Who are these people anyway? They are our mission field — right here in Pasadena!

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CHEAP DISNEYLAND TICKETS.
$20 each / Daily, Feb. 1 - March 31, 1994. Call Epworth Christian Preschool at 568-9502 or 796-0157 to reserve your tickets today. The preschool receives $3 for every ticket sold. So why not help upgrade our Preschool?

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!
The Office of Student Services would like to thank “a procrastinating first year” student for their generous offering of goodies. They were enjoyed by all. Thank you and Happy New Year to all.

Your OSS staff

CALLING ALL HIKERS
A group of hikers is planning to go down the Grand Canyon during Spring Break. We will leave on Friday, the 18th of March and return on Tuesday, the 22nd of March. Two experience hikes are planned for those who are interested. The first will be an all-day hike to Mount Wilson on Saturday, January 22nd, leaving the parking lot behind the Psych Building at 8:00 a.m. This is an 18 mile round trip hike with rest at the top. The next hike will be on Saturday, the 19th of February and will be an overnight hike to Little Jimmy Campground out of Crystal Lake. This is about a 10-mile hike round trip with overnight camping. Contact Prof. Malony at the Psych School, ex. 5528, if you are interested.

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PC (USA)
All Presbyterian Students: We have arranged a refreshing winter retreat at Emerald Cove on Jan. 14-15. Please sign up in the Presbyterian Office. We look forward to seeing you there.

You are invited to the Peace & Justice Committee meeting
“Let Justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream” (Amos 5:24). Does this interest you? Then come to the Peace & Justice Concerns Committee meeting Thursday, January 13, from 11:30 - 1:00 in the conference room, 3rd floor of the Catalogyst. For more info, contact Tracy or Kent, 584-5454.

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New Extended Hours
7:30 to 9 a.m. & 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. Call now for an exciting quality hands-on program; 568-9502 or 796-0157, ask for Cherry Chua. There are scholarships available to qualifying Fuller students. Call the Office of Student Services at 584-5430 for info.

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A J from the Choir Master, Janet Harms:
“Calling all basses, tenors, altos and sopranos for participation in the Fuller Chapel Choir during this quarter!”

The Fuller community has witnessed an exciting growth in the area of music during the previous quarter. Membership in the Chapel Choir has grown to over 40 members, with 16 of these singers participating as choral scholars. The scholarship program will continue this quarter with $250 offered to each choral scholar. New members are being sought as we prepare for a major music festival here on campus in April. At that time the choir will present a cantata by Rene Clauson entitled “A New Creation.” Written for chorus, soloists and orchestra (which we will hire for the occasion), the piece, composed in 1989, is a 50-minute work with various movements which attempt to characterize, through music, various aspects of the human, God, God/human relationship. Awe and wonder, unworthiness and doubt, mercy and forgiveness, love, joy and peace, are all wrapped together in this piece, as indeed these elements are wrapped together in our daily lives. It is a masterful composition.

In addition to this major presentation, the choir will continue to provide inspiring music for the Wednesday Chapel services of many divergent styles and composers.

Rehearsals are held each Monday from 10-11 am in the Choir room in the First Congregational Church (corner of Walnut and Los Robles). A warm-up rehearsal is held in the sanctuary each Wednesday before Chapel.

Due to the holiday, the first choir rehearsal will be at 9:30 am, on Wednesday, January 5, in the sanctuary before the first Chapel service. The first formal rehearsal will be Monday, January 10th at 10 am.

I would like to see over 50 singers in the choir in this New Year. Please call me at (909)394-9990 if you have further questions. Students interested in being choral scholars can indicate that desire at the first rehearsal on January 10th.

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.

ASIAN STUDENTS
Asian students prayer time, Monday, 10:00 am, weekly, Room 206, Glasser Hall.
JUST ANOTHER ACRONYM?

Welcome back to Fuller. I trust your Christmas-New Year vacation was both a peaceful and joyous time with family and friends. Refreshed from the break, I am sure you are now eager to press on with your studies and sip from the cool waters of the campus community once again. Well, maybe not. It does take time to re-orientate oneself back into the swing of things after being away. So to help you in this process, let me remind you of a number of things.

What took me frustrating ages to work out in my first quarter, were all the acronyms that are peppered throughout Fuller jargon. You can miss whole conversations because you are not familiar with these expressions. For example, do you know what Fuller departments these letters stand for? OFA, SWM, OSS, GCC, MMCC, ISS, MFT, CFAR, FFPE and the list doesn’t stop there. If you are having trouble, then take comfort in the thought that you are not alone. Even the All Seminary Council has its own sub-set of acronyms that really are confusing to the uninstructed. There is the ASC itself, followed closely by PGU, SWMGU and TGU, with a little ways back MC cubed, P&J JCWC, ISSC and so forth. In order to begin to unravel some of the mystery of Fuller’s student government, let me try to explain how it all fits together.

ENTER THE LORD ACTION ESSAY CONTEST AND WIN $1,000!

A $1,000 1st prize, $500 2nd prize and a $250 3rd prize will be awarded to contestants who write the winning paper expounding on the themes captured in the following quote:

"The more conscience comes to the front, the more we consider not what the state accomplishes, but what it allows to be accomplished. [It is] not the action of the state—its powers of action, and its use of them, but the limitation and division of those powers. The society...is beyond the state—the individuals...are above it" - Lord Acton

Any student currently enrolled in a theological seminary or religious studies program is eligible to participate. Essays must be postmarked on or before Feb. 1, 1994. Come to the ASC office for rules and details.

THE CATALYST COMMITTEE

The Catalyst Committee is at a proposal-writing stage to determine how the Catalyst can be a better place for the community. We still need your input. Put those recommendations through to Joyce’s box in the ASC office.

SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENT!

All information concerning intramural basketball and volleyball this quarter will be conveyed through the Sports Board (located across the garth from the library, in front of the Faculty Commons). We still need captains for both sports. Games are scheduled to begin the 2nd week of the quarter. Sign-ups are still possible! Contact Mike Rewers (1st floor of the Catalyst) to apply for a rental and come by the ASC office or leave a message at 584-5452.

FOLLIES!

We’re going to put on a great Fuller Follies this year and we need your talent! See Ana Gan, Events Coordinator, in the ASC office or leave a message at 584-5452.

CATHALYST HOURS

The snack bar is open 11 am-7 pm Mon.-Thurs. These evenings you just might find some free coffee and pastries, perfect to satisfy your munchy cravings. Although the snack bar is closed after 7 pm, the doors are open until 10:30 pm, Mon.-Thurs. Catalyst rental is available to all for $20. Call or come by the ASC office for more info! (Ext. 584-5452)

ALL CAMPUSS WELCOME BACK BARBEQUE FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

It’s time to get back into the swing of things and there’s no better way than to come to the first event of the season. ASC’s traditional First week of the Quarter Barbeque. It’s a great time to relax and catch up on the lives of special friends we haven’t seen for a while. Watch for signs around campus announcing the details (or call us 584-5452).
THE NEXT YEAR:
DEEP SPACE I

The Cardassians are coming! The Cardassians are coming! You went through finals at warp speed, were sucked into the black hole of Christmas spending and “holiday cheer”, and are now resolved to charting brave new frontiers where no one has gone before during this next year. BUT, it’s now week One, and the Cardassians are coming — plotting to overthrow the peace within your space.


“An overdrive of the systems may ensue, contributing to a negative beta block of needed electron field - in short, the space around us may collapse in imminent entropy causing physical chaos within all decks of the vessel.”

“Counselor Troy, any recommendations?”

“From Data’s calculations, I foresee this catastrophic chaos impinging not only on our physical space, but extending to the community’s emotional and spiritual states. Each person as well as this vessel must have sufficient electron field-literally, enough space in which to thrive, and survive. We must take immediate and definitive measures to preserve our inner deep space. The integrity of our lives and the entire Starfleet depends upon it.”

“Make it so.”

The Office of Christian Community would like to help you “Make it so” this Winter quarter. Stop by our office to chat or pray, and mark your calendars for these “Deep Space” events:

SPIRITUAL FORMATION LUNCH
Tuesday, January 11, 11:30 to 12:45, Payton 101, Cost: $2.00
Join us in celebrating Martin Luther King week as we hear the personal journey of one of our favorite faculty, Bill Pannell.

Getting Here
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In July of 1993, the Lord surprised us by providing for one individual who donated all the money required to dedicate our church in Lagos. Also in 1993, I got a call to teach theology at a Seventh Day Adventist seminary in Nigeria. But, deep within me I knew the time to go to Fuller was near.

Later, I received a beautiful letter from Hugo Bouse that informed me of a $1000 grant towards tuition for the 1993-94 school year. I knew that the Lord was preparing my mind and body for the final miracle that would bring me to Fuller. In August of 1993, the Lord blessed me with a grant from an individual — the grant covered all the tuition costs, and even provided for the airfare for me and my family! We arrived here last September.

I have every reason to thank God for His continuous intervention in my affairs. Everything around me tells me that I am in the right place at the right time. Thank God I am at Fuller at last — to God be the glory for each and every one of us here.

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preacher’s or missionary’s kid? What about home schooling? Would you be interested in sharing stories of revival in your church, denomination, ethnic community or country? What about writing about ministries to second generation ethnic-American groups? Do you have testimonies of things that are happening in your youth group? Has the Lord helped you in times of struggle?

The articles need not be long — just two pages, typed, and double spaced. But, please talk to me first before you write it if you can. It will help me with the planning of each issue. And, don’t worry about writing with perfect English. I’ll work with you!

Please contact me as soon as possible. The office phone number is (818) 584-5430. God Bless!

Love in Christ,

Kimberly Huyn

Reservations requested by January 10 to 584-5322.

COMMUNITY HOUSE MEETING
Tuesday, January 18 (new day), 11:30 to 1:00, Refectory
This will be an exploratory, informal meeting for networking of Fuller affiliated community houses.

COUPLE’S GARDEN.
Saturdays, January 22 and March 5, Payton 101, 6pm, $6.00/night. Join this popular guided date night to enhance your marriage. Reservations requested to 584-5322.

HIV AWARENESS SEMINAR
Friday, February 11, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Payton 101, $3.00 for lunch. Respected consultant and Fuller grad Nancy Breuer will lead us the Fuller community in understanding and responding to AIDS. Reservations requested to 584-5322.

TYRANNY OF TIME
Saturday, February 19, 9am-4pm. Plan to join Rob & Julie Banks for this transforming day of redeeming our attitude toward time. Place and fee to be announced.

WINTER MARRIAGE RETREAT
Friday and Saturday, February 25 & 26, Ventura, Dr. Gary Brainerd will facilitate this retreat on “The Healing Marriage” based on the popular work of Dr. Harvelle Hendricks. Fee to be announced.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION BREAKFAST:
Tuesday, March 8, 6:45 - 7:50am. Steve Hayner, Fuller Trustee and IVCF President will share his personal faith journey. Breakfast is provided free. Reservations requested.
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Healing Conference, March 4-5: Glendale Presbyterian Church. One-day leadership conference on Friday. General conference Friday night and Saturday. Dr. Don Williams and Susan Highleyman, speakers. Eleven workshops Saturday. Reduced fees for students and spouses. Child care free but reservations required. Brochures in Fuller mailroom and elsewhere or call G.P.C. 818/242-8873.

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Getting Engaged? Or just want a reliable jeweler? Many Fuller students have come to us and it has been a privilege to help them. We do not sell to the general public. Walter Zimmer Co., wholesale manufacturing jewelers with 76 years’ experience. Call 213/622-4510. Ask for Mel or Ken Zimmer. (Mel is a member of Glendale Presbyterian Church and is active in the healing ministry.) Appointments needed for Saturdays. Closed Mondays.

Looking for family day care for your kid(s)? Stop by “Children’s Kingdom”, 2 minutes walk from Fuller. See if we satisfy your requirements. Openings available now. Pura family, 289 N. Madison Ave. Pasadena, Ca. 91101 (818) 683-9954.

Roommate Wanted: Roommate needed in the West Los Angeles area, 2 bedroom apt., 1 1/2 bath, patio, living room, kitchen, security system. $350 a month. December Vacancy -Call Darin (310) 838-9749.

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