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I can hardly believe it! Only 12 more units and I'll have my Master of Divinity degree at Fuller. Lately, I've been thinking about what life will look like for me after Fuller. Honestly, I get a little anxious and nervous when I think about it. Am I ready to be a pastor? Will I find a job that will provide for my family? Will I be able to move to the geographic location I desire? About the time I begin to get overwhelmed with all the unknowns, I'm reminded to look back, look back at the faithfulness of God in providing for my needs.

It seems like it was only yesterday when I loaded up all my possessions in my Nissan Sentra and set out for Pasadena, California to attend Fuller Theological Seminary. It was a real step of faith for me. I sold a car the day before I was to leave, which gave me $1,100. That was all I had. It was enough to register for school, get into housing, and buy a few groceries. I had no idea how I would pay for seminary or survive in California, but God knew. I didn't have a bit of furniture, but God knew that too.

During orientation, I met a fellow from Ohio who just happened to have a truckload of furniture but no place to live. After about 15 minutes of conversation, we decided to be roommates. Michael and I have become good friends. When I left home for Christmas that first quarter, I still owed Fuller about $1,200. I prayed "Lord you've brought me this far, what now?" God must have chuckled at the Christmas presents that awaited me at home. One friend had received an inheritance and said he felt led to give me $1,000. Another made a great crop farming, he wrote out a check for $1,500. I hadn't told either one of these guys about my financial need. I guess God told them about my dilemma. The money was enough to pay off the first quarters expenses and get me started in the winter quarter.

Each year, even each quarter, has its own story of the faithfulness of God in supplying my needs. It's funny but in all the times that God has taken care of my financial needs, I have never gotten enough money to make me feel secure for very long, yet I've never gone without. It seems that part of the journey God is taking me through, and has taken me through, is trusting Him day to day. I feel a bit like the children of Israel must have felt in the wilderness when God provided for them each day. That first quarter at Fuller was three years ago, and I'm still here. God's faithfulness has been made known to me the whole way through. Some situations are more dramatic than others.

One of the more dramatic times was found in the events surrounding my marriage a year ago. Here I was in a serious dating relationship and living on a student's budget. Lord, even if I decided to get married, I don't have the money for a ring or a nice ceremony. In my thoughts I could hear, "Trust me, I will supply your needs." I knew God was encouraging me to step out. So I took the plunge of proposing and planning (continued on page 7)
I was very pleased to discover this place with the help of the SEMI staff urging me to try it out. I was a little hesitant about eating in a pool hall. (I kept having visions of a pool stick hitting me across the face while I tried to eat.) Much to my surprise, however, this was not the case. The restaurant and bar were pretty high class, and separated for the most part from the billiards area. The service was fairly fast and friendly. The atmosphere at lunch was laid back and relaxing. I was so relaxed that I fell asleep before the appetizers came out, and the waitress politely ran to the back to get me a pillow before I fell from the table and hurt somebody. After my short nap, I

I was given a tape a few years ago of excerpts of Dr. Martin Luther King’s speeches. This year, as I listen to the words, I am struck with the empowering Dr. King did for Christian community. Not the warm fuzzy meaning of Christian community that is often trite and overused, but Christian community in its pure, and biblical state. That is, a Christian community that struggles and quarrels through long years in the wilderness. And, a Christian community that has likewise been to the mountain top and looked over, and asserts that “I want you to know tonight that we as a people are going to get to the promised land.” As we celebrate the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., let’s remember his prophetic words concerning Christian community:

“Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. Let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation."

“I have a dream this afternoon — that the [unity of humanity] will become a reality in this day and with this faith. I will go out and carve a tunnel of hope through the mountain of despair with this faith. I will go out with you and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. With this faith, we will be able to achieve this new day when all God’s children — blacks and whites, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics — will be able to join hands and sing with the best I’ve ever had. The cheese was thick and hot, the chips were fresh, the guacamole homemade and loaded with fresh onions, beans and sour cream. I prayed Jenny Craig would not see me like this. I checked out this restaurant with Michael Mekonnen, and I must say that the nacho’s alone were almost enough for us. We weren’t even finished eating the nacho’s when out main course came out. Mike ordered a roast beef sandwich sprinkled with hot peppers, onion and a creamy Hollandaise sauce. I know he liked it because he barely talked the entire time at the table. I ordered a patty melt which consisted of a generous charcoaled ground beef patty smothered in cheese and grilled onions. Is this what the food in heaven tastes like? My order came with homemade onion rings which were heavenly (seminary

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talk). I'm embarrassed to have to tell you that I could not even finish all I ordered and had to humbly ask for a doggie bag. (I don't know why they call them doggie bags because my poor dog has never seen anything I've brought home). But anyway, I guess I'm gonna have to learn to play pool because I think I'm gonna be at Q's Billiards a lot. Be sure to check this place out, but bring plenty of cash because lunch for two will set you back about twenty bucks. Until next time may your tummies be happy and your heartburn's be few.

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in the midst of everything — all this time. I'm sure that, as you reflect on your life, the same is true for you. When we encounter God and choose Him as our Lord, He makes us a new creature. He changes our life story, and makes it so that when we look at it, we see Him shining through. The Lord has done it for you too.

What is even more remarkable is how this simple truth is applicable not only to our past, but our future as well! The Lord is doing it for you, and has done it for you in 1994. Now, I am not a fatalist. I don't believe that this means we leave everything up to fate (or God) and spend the rest of the year doing nothing. Instead, what this means is hope! It means that no matter what worries you may have now about the coming quarter or year, it will be O.K. because the Lord is there with you and He has made a way for you. It also means that all things can be done to the glory of God!

So as we all begin the new year and new quarter, remember this simple message. Say it to yourself, “The Lord has done it for me.” And when that paper is due, or that midterm stresses you out, or when some other trial comes your way, say it to yourself. And, if you are ever in doubt, just reflect on your past. Praise the Lord!

Love in Christ,

Kimberly Iwan

P.S. : Remember to contact me at the Semi office if you'd like to write about how the Lord has done it for you — hint!

The First Annual SEMI

Reader's Survey!

We at the SEMI want to serve the Fuller community better than ever in 1994! Please take a minute to fill out this survey and return it to campus mail so that we can find out what your concerns and interests are! In addition, all entrants will be entered in a drawing for three five-dollar gift certificates to Higher Grounds! The deadline for the drawing is January 25!

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

• The SEMI has been around since the 1950’s?
• The SEMI is completely student-staffed?
• Is circulated to all students, staff, administration and faculty?
• The print run is 2000+ a week?
• Takes approximately 45 person-hours a week per issue?
• That approximately .02% of full-time tuition goes to the SEMI? Do you think it is worth it?

Your Initials (for drawing): ______ Box # ______ (circle one) student/staff/faculty What School? 

1. How long have you been reading the SEMI? ______
2. What do you do with the SEMI?
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3. What do you like best about the SEMI?
4. Overall quality of SEMI is (circle one):
   Excellent! Good! Average! Poor! Get a New Job!
5. Which SEMI articles do you enjoy?
6. Which ones do you dislike?
7. What topics would you like us to address?
8. What niche do you think we are missing?
9. Your favorite TV theme song?
10. Your favorite stage of grief?
11. Your favorite false doctrine?
12. Please complete this sentence: “I_______________________ the SEMI because it_______________________ my

12. Would you be interested in contributing to the SEMI? (if yes, please print your name and box #)

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PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DAY

Do you have any friends who might be interested in taking courses in one of our programs here at Fuller? On January 24th we will host a prospective student day where they can see campus, talk with faculty and current students, and learn about Fuller in general. Please contact the admissions office if you know of anyone we should invite!

CHEAP DISNEYLAND TICKETS!

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?

BABYSITTERS NEEDED

Fuller Student Wives Bible Study and Fellowship Group needs babysitters (supervised activities) on Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Pay $10. Contact Devi - 793-5532.

COUNSELING OPPORTUNITY

The Division of Marriage and Family in the School of Psychology is offering ten counseling sessions at no cost to families or couples who wish to improve their communication and interaction patterns. If you are interested, please call Barbara at (818) 584-530 as soon as possible. Spaces are limited.

INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOTHERAPY OPPORTUNITY

Low cost individual psychotherapy offered by SOP, beginning February 1994. Psychotherapy offered is appropriate for those experiencing anxiety, depression, relationship difficulties, life change adjustment, and personal growth. Fifteen sessions: $75.00. Therapists are students enrolled in a Ph.D. or Psy.D. program in clinical psychology (A.P.A. approved). Further information, contact FPFS at 818-584-5555.

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.

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"Issues Facing the Solo Pastor" is a Ministry Enrichment Seminar which will identify key issues one must be ready to face as the solo pastor of a church. This seminar will provide insight into how you can meet the challenges of this context of ministry with confidence, skill and enjoyment. Our speaker, Reverend Barbara Stout, will share from a wealth of wisdom and experience about this important setting of ministry. The seminar will be offered on Thursday, January 13, 1994, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in room 101, Payton Hall. For more information contact the Office of Field Education, (818) 584-5377.

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION MEETING

On Tuesday, January 18, 1994, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, in the Geneva Room, The Office of Field Education will sponsor an informational meeting for all students interested in exploring opportunities for doing Clinical Pastoral Education. A group of supervisors representing C.P.E. Programs from the Southern Pacific Region will provide information about various programs in general and about their respective programs in particular. For more information, contact the Office of Field Education, (818) 584-5377.

MORNING PRAYERS

Daily Orthodox morning prayers, Monday-Friday, 7:30-7:55 a.m in the Chapel above the Library, led by Scott Watson and Fr. Sam Ganti. Everyone is welcome.

ASIAN STUDENTS

Asian students prayer time, Monday, 10:00 am, weekly, Room 206, Glasser Hall.
WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

In September of last year, the All Seminary Council (Cabinet, Unions, Concerns & Services) met at Wrightwood for a time of planning for the year ahead. At that time, we formulated a number of goals that were then taken back to each of the committees for further discussion. By December, the Council had finalized the general goals with further work to be done on the specific details. Below are the aims and objectives of our term of office:

* **Communication** - The heart of the ASC is to let you know who we are and what we are doing. This we hope to accomplish through the Semi, notice boards, flyers and word-of-mouth. Particular interest has always been expressed concerning the use of finances. Thus in the winter quarter, we will endeavor to organize a visual presentation of both ASC's and Fuller's financial allocations for the year.

* **Continuity** - We are very conscious that student government at Fuller has been built upon the good work of previous councils. Their goals need to be seriously considered in our agenda and if possible strengthened. Further, the present ASC is aware of the need to provide every means possible to ensure a strong future student representation.

* **Concerns** - One of the main thrusts of any group of student representatives must be to have the desire and ability to listen to the concerns of the student body and to speak on their behalf. Much of last quarter was spent identifying and assessing those concerns. The next two quarters will be devoted to initiating processes that hopefully will meet those needs.

* **Community** - All of the above goals are designed to enrich our life and experience in Christ together on this campus. This is what seminary is about: to grow in our love and understanding of God and of one another as the body of Christ. What a great opportunity we have as students, staff and faculty to be serving God in our generation, not according to our purposes but after God's own heart.

Warm regards in Christ,
Rob Gallagher.

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IS STUDYING A PAIN IN THE NECK?
Then you might be interested in this free offer... Dickson Chiropractic is offering one month trial chiropractic care to families free of charge. If you are interested, call Dr. Deanna Dickson at (818) 795-0564.

WE KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE
The Fuller Follies are Friday, February 25 and we know there are many people of hidden (and not so hidden) talent that need to participate. We are looking for people to put on skits and musical numbers - whatever is done to make us laugh is especially appreciated (!)
Contact Ana Gan, Events Coordinator, in the ASC office or leave a message at ext S452.

ATHLETIC CLUB MEMBERSHIPS
YMCA yearly memberships will be available throughout the year in the ASC office. Foothill (Pasadena) branch memberships are $55 for single, $95 for couple and $115 for family. At the San Marino (S. Pasadena) branch memberships are $95 for single, $165 for couple and $195 for family. Come to the ASC office for information on both clubs or call 84-5452.

ALL SEMINARY BARBEQUE
Once again, we are getting together for the students’ favorite event of the season:

the ASC “Welcome Back” Barbeque! Come on over to the Mall Friday, January 14 for yummy food and music and a chance to catch up on everyone’s Christmas stories. Free for students just starting Fuller Winter quarter and $3 for all us “regulars.” See you there!

ASC OFFICE HOURS
Did you know that we are located downstairs in the Catalyst? Just open the front doors, look left, and there we are! Our Winter quarter hours are the usual 9-12 pm and 1-4 pm Monday through Thursday (with the exception that we will close for lunch at 11:30 am Tuesdays and will close at 3:00 pm Wednesdays). Reach us at these times:
Rob Wednesday 9-12 pm
Barbara Tuesday 1-4 pm
Joyce Monday 1-4 pm
Ana Thursday 1-4 pm
Nancy Tuesday 9-11:30 am, Thursday 9-12 pm
Testimony
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a wedding. It seemed like once I stepped out, the windows of
God’s provision opened. Someone gave me $1,200; another
friend gave me a diamond ring that had never been used; a
friend at church, who had previously been a photographer,
offered his services at the wedding for free; a group of my
friends from Texas took up an offering for our honeymoon:
both sets of parents blessed us with financial gifts. . . . there
were so many answers to prayer that I look back in amazement
at God’s faithfulness. In the end, we were able to have a
beautiful wedding with about 250 guests with all the extras
debt-free. I still can’t believe how it happened.

I don’t want to paint a picture of my life that looks like
I always get money when I need it. Not every time I’ve had
a need does something miraculous happen like these ex-
amples. Sometimes there are struggles. There are times,
when God doesn’t come through when I expect Him to or
how I expect Him to. Yet even in those times, He reminds
me that He is there and everything is in His hands. There are
so many more stories of answered prayer and God’s provi-
sion for me. When God has done such a marvelous job of
taking care of me this far, I wonder why I get so anxious
about the future? I need times like this, to look back at all
the things God has done in the past, then the future doesn’t
look quite as scary. I’ll leave Fuller this year. I’m not sure
yet where I will go. Again, I trust that wherever God directs
me, He will be faithful to supply my needs. He is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.

FINANCIAL AID NEWS:
Several new and exciting changes have occurred in
financial aid. Really... take our word for it... they are
exciting.

First, for all of you who have waited patiently for the
"extra mula" loan application, the Department of Educa-
tion just distributed a new application that can be used to
apply for three different types of loans — the Subsi-
dized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford, and SLS. It is
known as the "Common Loan Application" and is cur-
cently available at your nearest Financial Aid Office
(that would be us); or from your local lender (if you use
an out-of-state lender, you should contact them directly
for the form). There are some subtleties to completing
this new handy-dandy application. We encourage all
who request an application to ask for some instruction
regarding application completion.

Second, all returning students will receive a "Renewal
Application". This will take place of the FAFSA that every-
one completed last year. It will contain all of last year’s
information. Students are required to make any changes to
the application as necessary. Hopefully, this new system will
be less time-consuming. Some students will receive a Re-
newal Application in the mail. These students must complete
the form and return it to our office. The majority of students
will be able to pick up a Renewal Application at the Office of
Financial Aid during the first week of February, as well as
other financial aid material.

These are significant changes, and we anticipate that many of
you will have questions. Please stop by for a chat or give us
a call at 818-584-5422.

COLLEGE WOMEN’S CLUB OF PASADENA:
The Women's Club is offering scholarship and fellowship
awards to women in the PhD and PsyD programs, starting at
$1,500 for the academic year. To apply, each applicant must
submit four clear and legible sets of the following to the
Office of Financial Aid:
1. Completed application form
2. One-page, typed, personal essay
3. Transcript of college work to date, including cur-
   rent course commitments
4. Three recommendations, preferably from profes-
sors familiar with a student’s aspirations and achieve-
ments.
Deadline: Submit all materials to the Office of Financial
Aid by 5pm, January 24, 1994.

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: All forms and test scores must be received by
the California Student Aid Commission by March 2, 1994.

Note: Current recipients applying for renewal must com-
plete the 1994-95 Financial Aid Application.

PC-USA WOMEN IN THE MDIV. PROGRAM:
The Lydia Fund offers a generous scholarship to women
who: 1) are in a MDIV. program; 2) plan to serve as an
ordained pastor in a PC-USA church; 3) have an under-
graduate degree; 4) worked full-time or held a full-time
volunteer position for at least one year prior to beginning
seminary; and 5) have a desire to work for renewal within
the denomination.
If you meet these criteria, stop by our office for more
information and an application. It might make your day.

IMPORTANT BORROWER INFORMATION:
Federal Regulations specify that 1) you must contact your
lender within ten (10) days if you change your enrollment
status, name, or address; 2) you may owe a refund to your
lender if you drop to zero units in a quarter that is part of
your loan period (so check with Financial 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
Over-Award must be returned to the lender; 4) Fuller must
return: unsigned loan checks after forty-five (45) days.
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: Each person is responsible for checking on the quality and type of service before contracting or using it. The SEMI and Office of Student Services do not personally recommend or guarantee any of the services listed.


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