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Fuller Theological Seminary
When I was first diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (M.S.) in 1967, it was defined to me as a disability. I was surprised and heartbroken. Fortunately, within the same time period, I had been introduced to "ebonics" (the study of language from an African-American viewpoint). This view of our approach to the English language includes a re-evaluation of our mispronunciations. For example, "this" is pronounced "dis" and "that" is pronounced "dat." So, when I was faced with disability, I retained a view of M.S. as "dis and dat" ability.

As the years have passed, I have come to see disability as different from "dat-ability." Disability, for me, is a physically defined term. "Dat-ability" defines my talents and the spiritual quest which has led me to Fuller. I have needed this separation in order to cope with my physical condition. I have needed to fully accept myself, and "dat-ability" has enabled me to do so.

"Dat-ability" has enabled me to find beauty and clarity in the world and the people around me. I see God's image over and above disability, yet retaining a place in "dat-ability." I am attempting to do a clear job of re-integration as I put myself adequately together. "Dat-ability" is filled with humor. It is a coping mechanism. It is in very close contact with those parts of me that go on with life in spite of my disability. It pulls right into theology, because "dat-ability" is many times a part of my spirituality.

Prior to coming to Fuller, I lived in a nursing home for one and a half years. This relates to disability because there you are restricted in the amount of freedom that you have to live your life. I have had staff members chasing me down the street as I go to the store to buy some chewing gum; I did not know that I wasn't allowed to go. My activities were restricted, and I felt constrained. It also relates to disability because you must be dependant on others for care. I can't believe that I was able to live in an area that was so small.

When my physical health improved, I was thrilled to be able to come and live near Fuller, and to be a part of the world again. I think it is only fair to say that this was a subject of prayer that was faithfully answered by God. I thank God for continually reminding me of His presence here. I find Him in staff members and faculty who are understanding; in neighbors who genuinely care about me; in the family-feeling of my church; through friends at Fuller who make me feel good about myself; and through the children who are a special treasure because they often walk up to me to talk or just be near. I see God when the children respond warmly when they hear the beeping of my horn as I ride along in my scooter. I find Him in the people around me.

"This town ain't accessible enough for the both of us!"
True Diagnosis: A Healing Grace

BY DAVID T. WHEELER
MFT STUDENT

As long as I can remember, I've had difficulty with school work. Since first grade I've always been the last student to finish assignments - no matter how hard I tried. Some teachers were supportive, others shamed and berated me in front of the class. "Boy! You better stop dawdling and get that lesson!" They would tell my parents, "David's a smart boy, he just isn't applying himself. He needs to try harder." How I grew to hate those words.

In physical education I was a klutz. I was the proverbial last one chosen for the games. I always had some friends, but other kids teased and excluded me. My difficulties were not confined to school.

My parents were loving and as supportive as they could be. Still, I know they were frustrated by my problems at school and at home. My room was always a mess and I could never find anything. Getting ready for school in the morning was a battle between my parents' coercion and my struggling or passively resisting.

"David stop dreaming and eat your breakfast. David get dressed. Where are your socks? Put on your shoes! Don't tuck on your shoes before you put on your pants. Where's your belt? How could you find anything in this mess? Hurry up David, you're going to make the car pool late!"

When I got to school I'd hear, "David Wheeler! Stop staring out the window and read. David! is this all you've written? What have you been doing all this time?" In retrospect, it's a wonder I didn't develop serious pathology!

"Finally, at the age of 34, I knew that there was a reason why everything I did, from reading an assignment to writing a paper or taking an exam, was so time-consuming and mentally painful."

Disability or Just Plain Human?

BY GAIL NAGEL
SOP STUDENT

Are we content with weakness? Or, do we demand strength?

My favorite children's story is about a lop-eared rabbit named "Leo." One day all of the rabbits in the meadow noticed that Leo's ears went down, while all of their ears stood up. Leo just wasn't "normal!" Leo receives the counsel of a wise opossum who convinces him that ears that go down are "normal." The problem with this "revelation" - Leo became convinced that the other rabbits were not "normal" because their ears went up. The other rabbits then became concerned that having ears that go up is not "normal." The wise opossum, who "normally" hangs upside down, convinced the rabbits that they too were "normal." If Leo is "normal," and they are "normal," then - "NORMAL" MUST BE — WHAT YOU ARE ! ! ! !

One day, during my Theological, Therapeutic & Cultural Issues in Disability class, a student exclaimed - "This is not a course about disability, but about being human! ! !" YES - HUMAN ! ! ! ! ! The weak, vulnerable, intelligent, not as intelligent, talented, accident prone, agile, clumsy, loving, needing to be loved, hateful, tired, strong, sad, angry, happy, making mistakes, being "successful," physically ill, physically strong, . . . . HUMAN ! ! ! ! ! . . . NORMAL ! ! ! ! !

My question is are we content with weakness? Or, do we demand strength (of ourselves and others)? What does Paul mean when he says, "I will not boast about myself, except about my weakness?" What does it mean for Paul to respond, "Therefore, I am content with weakness?" (2 Cor 12:5,8,9) Maybe we could ask ourselves if we are content with being human or if we are content with letting others be human.

Then comes the question of faith. Depending on who you ask, "faith" is just as diverse as being "human." Is it "claiming" God's word and calling it into being? Is it "grabbing hold," or is it "letting go"? Is it always being (continued on page 3)
Lost In a Sea of People

It's a strange phenomenon at Fuller. And it seems pretty pervasive: just about everyone I know has experienced it at some time in some way. It doesn't have a clinical or official name, so I'll use the term coined by my roommate: "Relational Challenge." Relational Challenge is that "thing" that we can't quite put our finger on, but at some point finds us frustrated because we're missing the kind of real, significant connection with our brothers and sisters which we all crave and need.

The Relational Challenge was illustrated vividly to me the other day. Someone told me about a friend of hers who's well-known on campus - whenever she sees him he's surrounded by a large group of people. But, she said, her friend is incredibly lonely; he's at a loss when he needs that close friend who he can trust and count on.

My guess is that her friend is one of many of us here. My own experience has been that I enjoy hanging out on the Garth, joking around with my friends. That's a great part of my day! But, I need more than that to be sustained. I need to know that there are people to whom I can turn when I'm hurt or sad or need prayer. I need to know that there are people who care about what's going on in the deep places of my life. I need the assurance that my life matters to someone beyond the casual, "So, what's up?" conversation that I find on the Garth. We all do.

So, now's the part where I offer some really sage advice about how to overcome the challenge, right? Well, I'm not going to. In fact, my guess is that the best answers for each of us are the ones that we come up with for ourselves. At least, that's how I've done it. I've found that one of the best ways to for me to express my care for friends and to deepen my relationships with people is to pray with them - on campus, on the phone - wherever. For me, prayer has been a helpful way to get beyond the Relational Challenge. How about you? If you've felt the Relational Challenge here, how might God be leading you to overcome it?

These are words to a song by Kathy Mattea which is all about the Relational Challenge:

Friends I could count on I could count on one hand
With a leftover finger or two
I took them all for granted, let them all slip away
Now where they are I wish I knew.

They roll by just like water
And I guess we never learn
We go through life parched and empty
Standing knee deep in a river
And dying of thirst.

So the sidewalk is crowded, the city goes by
And I rush through another day
And a world full of strangers turn their eyes to me
But I just look the other way.

They roll by just like water
And I guess we never learn
We go through life parched and empty
Standing knee deep in a river
And dying of thirst.

My prayer for us every day is that we not go through our lives at Fuller standing knee deep in a river and yet dying of thirst. What do you and I need to do to ensure that we don't?

Blessings,
Ellen

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True Diagnosis

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mature and committed to realizing the visions God had given me. I believe that because I am being faithful to those visions, God is empowering me to realize them. Still, I've found that 12 units per quarter is a more-than-full-time job. I have little time for nonessentials. The pay-off is that I am doing well at Fuller.

In 1991, after hearing Educational Psychologist Ray Nadeau on a radio talk show, I went to his office in for testing. He confirmed that I have dyslexia, Type III, and ocular nystagmus. According to Dr. Nadeau, my type of dyslexia is caused by a dysfunction in the inner ear. This causes poor coordination and interferes with the processing of sensory information. Ocular nystagmus is a condition in which both eyes do not tract together, but rather move independently of each other while reading. In my case, these conditions effect my ability to read, write and calculate. I also have difficulty concentrating and am easily distracted. Sequential tasks, like packing for a trip, are difficult and frustrating.

Finally, at the age of 34, I knew there was a reason why everything I did, from reading an assignment to writing a paper or taking an exam, was so time-consuming and mentally painful. Dr. Nadeau told me I was intelligent, but I was unlikely to do well on intelligence or standardized tests. He suggested that I discuss this with each of my professors and recommend that Fuller adopt a policy concerning students with learning disabilities similar to that of the state university system.

Learning disabilities like dyslexia affect more than one's formal education. If undiagnosed or misunderstood, they can make a person appear and feel slow, lazy and even retarded. They can subject people - especially children - to ridicule, rejection, coercion and shame. Early and accurate diagnosis is essential. Reasonable accommodation and appropriate management can make a world of difference.
Lecture on Principalities & Powers
Dr. Chris Forbes, lecturer in Ancient History and New Testament at Macquarie University in Australia, will present a lecture on “The Principalities and Powers in Paul: Demonology or Cosmology?” on Tuesday May 17, 1994 at 7 p.m. in the Faculty Commons. All are welcome.

MC 591 Directed Study in Evangelizing Native Americans
A new reading and research course focused on our American Indian communities, in conjunction with the A.D. 2000 Movement, is available. Registration is possible in any quarter by arrangement with Professor C. Peter Wagner.

Attention Late Text-Buyers!
The Bookstore will begin pulling textbooks for Spring quarter off the shelves on May 16 to make way for the upcoming quarter. Don’t find yourself wanting for resources at the quarters end; bustle in and get them while you can!

PC USA
On May 19, Come learn about The Coalition, a group of Presbyterians committed to strengthening the body of Christ Biblically, constitutionally, and confessionally. They have coalesced around the concern to maintain standards of ordination and the process and protocol of how the General Assembly considers this and other issues.

School of World Mission Graduation Banquet
Hey SWM Students (and spouses), Let’s Celebrate! Don’t miss the annual School of World Mission Graduation Banquet to be held on Thursday, June 9, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Westminster Presbyterian Church (1757 North Lake Avenue). You have already received an invitation in your P.O. Box, so please fill it out and turn it in today. If you did not receive one or you lost it, stop by the SWM office to make your reservations before May 26. Due to the popularity of this event, space may be limited... so don’t wait until the last minute to sign up! Also, while you’re there, don’t forget to nominate your fellow students for the “Glasser Award” to be given out at the banquet. For further information, contact Brian @ (818) 798-7601 or x5453.

Commencement 94
Commencement is scheduled June 11, 10:00 a.m. at Lake Ave. Congregational Church.

Help for Hurting Adults and Children
Attend the Recovery Strategies and the Ministry of the Church seminar at Travis Auditorium on Friday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. featuring Dale S. Ryan, Ph.D., CEO of Christian Recovery International, and author of Life Recovery Guides; and Linda Kondracki, Executive Director of Confident Kids. You will learn to: develop recovery strategies for your ministry needs, make your recovery ministry unmistakably Christian, create safe havens for recovery, build support programs for children, and increase effectiveness of ministry to dysfunctional families.
Cost: $90. Fuller students and employees: $50. CE units and academic credit for directed study are available. Call 818-584-5338.

MPD Research
I am conducting research with people who have been diagnosed with MPD for my dissertation. If you or anyone you know is in therapy for MPD and would be willing to participate, please call Gene Van Dusseldorp at 818-564-8226. Testing time is approximately 2 hours and all information is confidential.

World Cup Coming to Pasadena
The World Cup Soccer games are coming in the month of June. Of the 43 games to be played nationwide, five are scheduled at the Rose Bowl here in Pasadena. Two of those games, against Colombia on June 26, are at the Rose Bowl.
**DIORAMA STUFF**

**DISNEYLAND TICKETS FOR $21.00**
Cheap Disneyland tickets at $21! Only June 3-30. Every $21 you spent, $3.00 goes to Epworth Christian Preschool. So help the children get new equipment through this fund-raiser project while you enjoy Disneyland for a good deal. Call now and book your tickets at 568-9502.

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Summer School — Starting June 13 to Sept. 16 — $15.00/day from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. — Extended Care Available at $2.50/hr from 7:30-5:30 p.m. daily.

Special camping activities are set up for lots of FUN!

Fall preschool registration is now on! 2 days, 3 days or 5 day week programs starting Sept. 19th. Extended care is available. Ask for Tuition Assistance for Fuller students. Call or visit the school today! 568-9502.

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**SIGN UP NOW FOR PRE-SEM!!!**
Ten awesome days of backpacking in the Sierras near Yosemite with other Fuller students...a perfect way to end your summer and begin your fall quarter next year! Call Ellen at 584-4322 for more information. Spaces are limited, so call ASAP!

**PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**
OCC would like to serve the community by providing a space to list ongoing prayer groups open to the Fuller community. If you would like to list your group, please call 584-5322.

**NIGHTLY CONTEMPORARY PRAYER AND PRAISE**
Monday Through Thursday 10 - 10:30 pm
Chapel above the library (except during Spring Break)

**FBI: FULLER BOARD OF INTERCESSIONS**
1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm
Library Room 203

**RUSSIAN PRAYER GROUP**
Tuesdays from 11:45-12:45
Room 327 in the Psychology building

**CHAPEL NEWS**

**CHAPEL - WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - 10:00-10:50 A.M.**
The focus for our Wednesday service will be the signs of the Kingdom and the signs of healing and hope in a broken world. We will be featuring witnesses to these signs of hope in the world. Join us for chapel to hear what God is doing in our world today.

**CHAPEL - THURSDAY, MAY 19, TRAVIS AUDITORIUM - 11:35 - 12:15 P.M.**
Our guest speaker at the Thursday Chapel will be Dr. Charles Van Engen, Associate Professor of Theology of Mission. Dr. Van Engen is well known at Fuller for his stimulating classes. He brings to his teaching his extensive cross-cultural ministry experience after many years in Mexico.

**MEETINGS**

The following denominations will be meeting on Monday mornings through the Spring Quarter, except for holidays, during final week, and unless otherwise noted, at 10:00 am.

- American Baptist
  - Psych Bldg. 116
- Assemblies of God
  - Psych Bldg. 311
- Chinese & Asian Prayer Group
  - Glasser Hall 206
- Christian & Missionary Alliance
  - Library 203
- Episcopal/Anglican
  - Prphng Arts Cnf Rm.
- Foursquare
  - Payton Hall 302
- Friends
  - Stephen Hall 207
- Korean Fellowship
  - Payton Hall 303
- Messianic Jews
  - Glasser Hall
- China
  - Library
- Nazarene
  - Psych. Bldg. 325
- Non-Denominational
  - (Meet Tuesdays)
  - Psych. Bldg. 116
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
  - Travis Auditorium
- Reformed Church in Am./CRC
  - Psych Bldg. 120
- Seventh Day Adventist
  - Library 205
- United Methodist Church
  - Psych Bldg. 130

Note: If your denomination is not meeting at this time and you are interested in starting a group, please come by the Church Relations Office to make arrangements.

**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.

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A TIME FOR HONOR

Student government elections this year are being held at the same time as summer registration, from May 17-20 in the Garth. The rationale behind this move, by the ASC Vice President Joyce Stickney, is to give as many students as possible the chance to vote for the sixteen ASC Cabinet and Graduate Union candidates. Last year, just over 330 students voted compared to 550 the year before. So the new quarterly position, as well as extended times for commuter students, should see a record turn out for the ASC elections.

Another innovation during election week is the opportunity for all voting students to select the Fuller faculty member who will receive the All Seminary Council Faculty Award at the Student Awards Convocation on May 25. The inaugural presentation of the award was made last year by ASC president Norman Gordon to Dr. Bill Pannell for his outstanding service to the community life of the campus. On your ballot sheet will be the names of six nominees, two from each of the three schools, from whom you will select one person. The faculty who have been chosen this year by the ASC for nomination are: Drs. Judy Balswick, Jim Bradley, Young Lee Hertig, Siang-Yang Tan, Marianne Meye Thompson and Chuck Van Engen.

Three other awards are to be made at the Convocation by the ASC. First, a special award will be given to Dr. Lewis Smedes for his 25 years of fidelity to the Fuller student body. Second, the All Seminary Council Award will be presented to a staff person or a student that has made a valuable contribution to campus life. In 1993, the award was given to the Office of Christian Community (Thuan Vuong, Katie Price-Foster, and Deborah Kehle). The recipient this year will be selected by all the committees that form the ASC.

This award is in contrast to the Student Service Award, sponsored by the OSS, OCC and ASC, that "honors exceptional volunteer service to fellow students." Last year saw Kriss Bottino and Jeff Reynolds appreciated for their pioneering work in the Arts Concerns Committee. Finally, forty-three students have been selected by the deans and the Graduate Union presidents of the three schools to receive awards from Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Selection was made on the percentage of enrollments in each school and to those students with “high academic excellence and community service.”

Warm regards in Christ,
Rob Gallagher.

FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK

Music provided by the Fuller Gospel Choir. Tickets are free for 1994 graduates and $15.00 for all others. Tickets are available during registration week at the ASC table May 17th, in the Garth from 12 noon-1:30 pm beginning May 23, or by mail via FTS Box 260. Check or M.O. please! For more information, call 584-5453.

DID YOU KNOW...
Mark Stoscher, SWM GU President, and Ruth Stock, Missions Concerns Chair, got married on Saturday, May 7? Don’t forget to give them a warm “Congratulations” when you see them on campus!
Laughter
I think I'd like to hear Jesus laugh
to take it in and let it clean out my soul.
to echo in all the hidden chambers of my heart,
bringing the Light of Truth to unknown hurts.
I want to be healed but don't know how.
I want to stop hurting-others and myself.

We are told that God sits in the heavens and
laughs.
I think I'd like to hear Jesus laugh.
Let it reign down on us, Lord.
Let it rain down on me, please.
I see your laughter in the sunrise-
I'm still here!
I see your laughter in the children-
I still care!
I hear your laughter in waves, in the calm rippling
and the pounding surf-
I still speak!
I hear your laughter entering my heart, help me to
let it have its way-
I still love you!
Right now I need your joy—but not as I want...
To laugh is to risk appearing the fool!
So be it!
Chris Christensen
April, 1993

Just Plain Human
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physically healed, or having God’s peace that passes understanding in the midst of extreme hardship and/or pain?

Personally, I enjoy being an "enigma" of faith. I have had Rheumatoid Arthritis since the age of two. I have been prayed for many times, have been miraculously healed, and have had God’s awesome presence in the midst of precarious surgeries that “miraculously” turned out better than expected. I have prayed for others and have seen them healed (including a deaf woman in a nursing home who received back her hearing), and I have “seemingly” seen my prayers unanswered. I have gone boldly where many have not gone before, stepped out and believed God in faith for specific things I believe He/She has spoken to me, and I have been confused and disappointed when I have “heard wrong.”

Conclusion: We are called to be a “community of faith,” both “taking hold” and “letting go,” accepting ourselves and others as “normal,” and we are asked to be “content with weakness.”

By the way, “normal” as Leo was, he still had problems—his ears still droop in his soup.

Look Out World Brianna is Here!
Brianna Megumi Hiramome
(God’s Grace)
was born April 8th, 1994 weighing in at 6.1 lbs with an overall length of 19 inches.
The proud parents are Julie & Kay Hiramome

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
COME OUT AND VOTE!

ASC elections will be May 17-20, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. in the Garth by Payton 101. Swing on by when you go through the Registration line or at lunchtime. We need your vote!
**SUMMER BRIDGE DEFERMENTS**

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

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAGUNA HILLS**

All Methodist students interested in this scholarship should pick up an application at the Office of Financial Aid. Scholarships are awarded annually. Submit completed applications to UMC Laguna Hills by May 31, 1994.

**FUKUSHIMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

These competitive scholarships assist Masters level students preparing for Christian ministries. Applications must be requested by mail. Deadline: May 31, 1994. For more info, inquire at Financial Aid.

**OFFICE HOURS**

The Financial Aid Office is open Monday-Thursday 8am-noon, 1pm-5pm; Friday 1pm-5pm; We are closed for Chapel on Wednesday from 10am-11am.

**Book Sale at the Archives:** 1387 E. Washington Blvd (at Hill Ave.), 20% off used books, 10% off used sets, select new books on sale. Sale begins May 2nd.

**Getting engaged? Or just want a reliable jeweler?**

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