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In whatever language it takes we want to say to all our returning colleagues-in-scholarship, “Welcome back.” To those who have battled the daily grind of summer jobs on minimum wage, may your wallets overflow. To those who have sweated out the summer in mission or ministry, may your learning find new inspiration. To those stalwart scholars who were shackled to their books and taking summer classes, may your GPA’s ever ascend. And finally, to those who have spent the break lounging on a deserted beach somewhere in the Caribbean, may your suntans turn yellow!

Our family has grown a little while you were away. This past week we welcomed 90 new students in SOP, 110 new faces in SWM, and just under 300 new bodies in SOT. (Peborah Payne and her orientation team did a phenomenal job!) That makes around 1,600 students here on the Pasadena campus, not to mention the 800-plus at our extension sights.

We at the SEMI wish you a very good year. We trust that your Fuller experience for 94-95 is a life changing one.

TECHNO-SEMI: THE WAY OF THE FUTURE?

by Laura Simmons, MA SOT

My mother will not touch a VCR. She is convinced she cannot learn how to use it, and that if she even touches it, it will surely explode. As technology quickly progresses, we may find ourselves responding to much of our world in that same way. We see cover stories about the dreaded “Information Highway” and fear that we may one day find ourselves forced to use it. We may fear we will travel it like the bus in the recent movie “Speed”: very quickly, with no set destination, no way to slow down, and only amateur navigation skills.

How does this speed-of-light technological progress affect Fuller? Our seminary is slowly incorporating more and more technology into the educational process. Some of it (like our new state-of-the-art AT&T phone system) will impact us directly. Other innovations have a less direct, but still significant, effect on the seminary. On the local level, in some courses students are given the option of receiving handouts on computer disk. One clever theology professor recently allowed his students to borrow a disk containing course information and a mysterious file entitiled “answers to the test.” If students opened this file, they would see things like, “Study hard! Do the reading! Take good notes!” Some Fuller lectures are encountered, not in the classroom, but in the video-viewing room in the library; MB561 is one example of this use of technology. Students in this class, Introduction to Research Design, view lectures on video in their own time.

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Pinching myself just doesn’t help! Almost daily I feel an overwhelming sense of privilege to be a student at Fuller Seminary. I would never have imagined it.

Growing up in a government housing development in an industrial center south of Melbourne, Australia, simply pursuing a seminary education was privilege enough. Now having the opportunity to pursue advanced studies in Practical Theology is a most unexpected and appreciated gift from God.

After 10 years of ministry with the Baptist Church in Australia, my wife and I have come to Fuller with a thirst for refreshment and a vision for spiritual awakening in the daily lives of ordinary working-class Australians.

I come to this position of Editor with a deep appreciation for what this seminary community has given us in our first year. If I am able to have a small part in facilitating the strengthening of this community through my task as editor, then my experience here will be all the richer.

CARMEN VALDES - PRODUCTION EDITOR

It’s been 3 years since I packed my belongings into a U-Haul and moved 3,000 miles west to the place I now call home: Pasadena. Until August of 1991, I had never been any further west than Chicago. Prior to graduating from college, I knew that I would continue my education in theological studies, but had no idea where that would lead. Three years after graduation, I found myself on the Fuller campus knowing no one but aware that this is where God had called me to be.

I’m at Fuller because I feel that I have been called into ministry as part of a staff team, and am especially interested in the Christian Formation and Discipleship of those who are part to the body of Christ. I have a desire to facilitate, not only in the planting of seeds but in the watering and harvesting of the same. I despise what I call the “pew potato” syndrome in which many, though they attend church regularly, sit in the back row, know no one and do nothing about their faith.

Though at first I came to the SEMI for somewhat selfish reasons, growing as a graphic artist/designer, I would not have taken the position had I not felt that this is where God wanted me to be. I have always enjoyed reading the SEMI and finding out what’s happening on campus. I find that God has blessed me with some very wonderful people to work with and be encouraged by.

RICHARD SHAW - MANAGING EDITOR

I feel privileged to be working with my second SEMI team. If you were around for the summer editions of the SEMI, you already know just how talented this team is. For those of you who were too busy doing beach ministry, going to school or pondering the baseball strike, you will soon discover this truth.

It is our hope that even more than before, this paper will become your paper. For this to happen, we need you to do several things: first, read it, second, write in it, and third, tell someone about it. Here’s to an exciting new year at the SEMI. Fuller Seminary, you are the “U” in SEMI. OK, so there’s no “U” in Semi, what do you expect, I’m only the Managing Editor.
DONATIONS NEEDED!
International Student Services is in need of donated kitchen supplies and linen. We need complete sets of dishes. Please notify our office (584-5396) before bringing donations over. Due to our lack of storage space, there might be times when we cannot accept new donations. Beginning in September, extra donated items will be placed on a give away table during Food Distribution. NO JUNK PLEASE!

GOSPEL CHOIR
If you enjoy singing, Fuller Gospel Choir has a spot with your name on it!!! Notry-outs. No experience necessary. Just come join this fun group of "Rhythmically challenged" Fuller students in praising God through gospel music.
Check bulletin boards for further details, or call Camille at 818-683-9548.

MULTI-CULTURAL JAM SESSION
Learn worship songs from many cultures! Wednesday, September 28 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Join us in Payton 101 to teach and learn a variety of songs. If you want to teach us a song from your culture, please bring your instrument (if needed), a sheet with chords and words for your song, and an overhead transparency of it.

MINISTRY ENRICHMENT SEMINAR
The first Ministry Enrichment Seminar for the Fall quarter will be offered on Thursday, October 6, 1:00-3:00 pm in the Psych. Building, Room 126. Father Mike Flynn, Pastor of St. Jude's Episcopal Church, will be presenting a seminar entitled, "Listening to God with Courage." The seminar will examine the importance of listening to God for short and long term guidance; the role of courage in hearing and obeying God and how to take action with confidence. All interested students are welcome. For more information, contact the Office of Field Education, 818-584-5377.

FIELD EDUCATION
Participation in a Preparatory Workshop is required for all students enrolled in a Field Education Course for the first time this fall. The workshop has been scheduled for Thurs., Sept. 29, 9:00-10:00 am in Payton Hall Room 101. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Office of Field Education, 818-584-5377.

PC (USA) STUDENTS
Come to our first Monday morning together in Travis Auditorium, 10:10-10:50 am. Daryl Fisher-Ogeden, our esteemed leader, will be speaking. There will be singing and rejoicing as well as our quarterly kick-off celebration with donuts and juice. Please join us!

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS-HOLLYWOOD
"College Days at Universal Studios-Hollywood" from Oct. 1-Nov. 30, 1994, Get into Universal Studios for a reduced rate. $21.70 adults & $18.75 children. Pick up your coupon at OSS and have a blast. Coupon good for up to 6 people.

WOMEN'S FALL WELCOME
Join us in Payton 101 on Tuesday, September 27, 1994 from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm for the 1994 "Women's Fall Welcome!" We will chat, meet new friends and reunite with old ones, and hear a brief message from Dr. Marianne Meyc-Thompson. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a friend and come on down!

FREE THERAPY
The division of Marriage and Family Therapy is offering ten counseling session, at no cost, to families or couples who wish to improve their communication and interaction patterns. If you are interested, please call Susan Kalnay at 818-584-5344 as soon as possible.

CROSS CULTURAL EXPERIENCE
If you would like to have a cross-cultural experience, learn about a country other than your own, a language other than your own, and maybe food, prayer and fellowship with someone from a country other than your own, you want to join the Good Neighbor Program sponsored by Fuller's Women's Auxiliary! If you are interested in being a kind neighbor and friend with a new international student, applications and additional information regarding the Good Neighbor program are available at the International Student Service Office 818-584-5395. Don't let this wonderful opportunity pass you by!

MULTICULTURAL CONCERNS (MC3) WORKSHOP
The 3rd Annual MC3 Workshop sponsored by SOP MC3 Office will be held on Oct. 14, 1994 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Our speaker will be Dr. Siang-Yang Tan and the topic will be "Culturally and Spiritually Sensitive Therapeutic Interventions." Look for more info in the next issue of the SEMI.

STUDENT HEALTH REMINDER
The deadline for enrolling or canceling health insurance is September 30.
AUSSIE ALUM’S APPRECIATION

During the summer I returned to Australia and had opportunity to visit three Fuller alumni - a Baptist pastor in Adelaide, a Dean of Students in a Melbourne Episcopalian seminary, and in Sydney, a School of World Mission graduate who is coordinating a multidenomational mission center. All were enthusiastic about their experience at Fuller. In fact, they indicated that their years at the seminary were some of the richest years of their lives.

Why do these graduates have such a positive response to their Fuller education? Perhaps one major reason lies with their involvement in our community. Each of them, with their families, connected themselves to various aspects of community life while they studied here.

My encouragement to all new and returning students is to make space and time in your schedules to be connected to our community. If you are able, become a part of a small group through the Office of Christian Community; come along and join the fun of square dancing this fall, or the Harvest Festival organized by Housing Services; and let’s not neglect the privilege we have of community worship on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

May your experience at Fuller this year be one that echoes my three friends in Australia. Come and contribute to our Fuller community.

Warm regards in Christ,
Rob Gallagher

WE’RE THE ALL SEMINARY COUNCIL. For information regarding computer lab memberships, intramurals, athletic clubs, renting the Catalyst for an event...Call x5452 or better yet, come see us in person in the Catalyst, first floor. We are open Monday-Thursday, 9am-12 noon, 1-4pm.

MEET OUR NEW ASC OFFICE STAFF! We are so happy to have Rob Gallagher back as our returning President. Mike Rewers (last year’s Sports Coordinator) is our Vice President and David Talbert, a new student in the School of Theology, is our new Treasurer. Ana Gan, Events Coordinator, and Nancy Moomaw, Secretary, have resumed their ASC positions of last year. (Who would give up an extra year with Rob Gallagher as their boss?)

IF YOU MISSED INTRAMURAL SIGN UPS AT REGISTRATION, or are still debating whether or not to join, it’s not too late! Intramural football sign ups are going on now in the ASC office. Take a second to check the notice board for more details on where and when you will play. The games will begin the second Saturday of the quarter—September 10. Contact Jay or leave a message with your name at 5452.

THE SECOND ANNUAL ALL SEMINARY COUNCIL SQUARE DANCE! Mark this date in your calendars now—Friday, October 14 in Payton 101. Look for signs around campus for times and details.

FINANCIAL AID

OFFICE HOURS
The Financial Aid Office is open Monday-Thursday 8am-12noon, 1pm-5pm; Friday 1pm-5pm.

INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION
The IAF offers four fellowship programs. Information is available from our office.

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL
Ph.D. students who are interested in dissertation fellowships in various disciplines should stop by our office for more information. Deadline: November 1, 1994 and February 1, 1995.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
The AAUW is offering fellowships to women involved in graduate studies of all disciplines. Minority and international students are encouraged to apply. Applications must be postmarked by November 15, 1994. Pick up yours from our office.

SPENCER FOUNDATION
All doctoral students interested in these dissertation fellowships, please stop by our office for more information. Requests for application forms must be received by October 14, 1994.
Spiritual Stumbling Blocks at FTS
by Robert B. Mlinger

1. Necessary adjustment to the demands of graduate academic life.
2. Effects of an analytical instead of devotional approach to Scripture.
3. Pressure of time.
4. Pressure of finances.
5. Pressure of competition in grades and ministries.
6. Fear of failure, of not realizing the expectations of those at home.
7. Strain placed upon marriage and family.
8. Over-extending courses and ministries, spreading oneself too thin.
9. Disturbing affects of new opportunities and new demands upon the sense of God's call.
10. Impact of unsettling teaching, the battle of doubts.
11. Problem of difficult personalities, disillusionment, resentment, alienation.
12. Inadequacy of weak motivation.
13. Lack of close supportive relationship with a home church.
14. Effects of poor relationships with Christ and fellow members of His Body.
   Indigestion—unassimilated truths and concepts
   Malnutrition—deprivation of soul food
   Malfunction—of organs and members needing supportive relationships.

Small Groups
OCC will connect persons interested in forming small groups, or couples' small groups, from the Fuller community. Contact Ellen, 584-5322.

Tuesdays at Ten
Tuesdays at Ten gives the Fuller community the opportunity to gather for prayer training and experience. Every Tuesday from 10 - 10:40 a.m., during the chapel hour, in Payton 101 there will be a brief training session on various areas of prayer and then the rest of the time will be spent in prayer. Doug Gregg and Cathy Schaller, among others, will facilitate this opportunity to grow in intimacy with God.

Day of Prayer & Fall Devotional Series
Wednesday, October 12 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. all offices and classes will be closed for our Fall Day of Prayer. The 10-11 hour will include chapel with an emphasis on prayer for Fuller, with extended intercession from 11-12. The day will conclude with a community meal and service of consecration on the mall from 12-1. The Day of Prayer will initiate a 44 day Fall devotional series, “O Taste and See that the Lord is Good,” that will run through Thanksgiving. This booklet will incorporate folks from the Fuller community speaking personally and devotionally on various Psalms. You will receive one free copy; additional copies for friends, family or church may be ordered by Oct. 6 for $2 each. Call 584-5322.

Connections, Building Community in Seminary
This retreat for the whole Fuller family - singles, couples, and families - will be held on campus Friday night and Saturday, October 21 & 22. Jack & Judy Balswick will be the primary presenters, and the retreat will include intergenerational worship, community building, children’s programming and nursery, and workshops. Fees are $12/adult and $7/child if you register by October 12 and $15/adult and $10/child thereafter. Fees include snacks and Saturday lunch. Contact Katie, Ellen, Chuck or Dee at 584-5322.

The Office of Christian Community is here to support your relationship with God while you’re at Fuller. In addition to these Fall activities, please feel free to stop by the office to talk or pray. We're located on the second floor of the Catalyst building.
When the class meets, the session is more like a lab session, using case studies to improve students’ work.

Much of Fuller’s other technological exploration occurs in the distance-learning arena. Many people want to study at Fuller or with Fuller professors, but are unable to relocate to Pasadena. Fuller has developed a number of innovative ways to “take the mountain to Mohammed,” as it were. For example, last year during the Lenten season, several Fuller professors participated in a teleconference presentation for a church in San Antonio, Texas. This non-formal educational event was made possible by interactive television transmitted over telephone lines. Courses were taught here on campus and both teacher and students could see as well as interact with one another. This kind of teleconference will happen again this year for churches in San Antonio and in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In addition to teleconferencing, Fuller is also experimenting with satellite-based conferencing. The School of World Mission is teaching Introduction to Missiology “live” this term, broadcast nationwide by satellite. While the instructor cannot see the viewers, people can call in during the broadcast, and their questions are put on a teleprompter for the instructor to see and answer.

Students doing courses by extension through the In-Service Program in the past received a packet of handouts, course materials and videotapes of lectures. Now they can receive all of that information via computer! The videos have been transcribed and the text is downloaded onto a student’s computer. Students can interact with a small group or communicate individually with faculty via an electronic bulletin board.

I asked SWM Associate Dean Eddie Elliston about some of the ethical questions surrounding our use of technology. Will it make education impersonal? Does it fragment our community? He asked in turn, if someone is forced to relocate across the country for the bulk of their seminary education, are we doing them a service by removing them from their own community and accountability systems?

Dr. Russ Spittler (SOT) chairs the Technology Task Force, comprised of both staff and faculty, which exists, in his words, “to reach for ways in which technological advances all around us can be domesticated and put to use in our Seminary community.”

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Chapel news

This week the Fuller Community celebrates the Festival of Beginnings marking the new academic year.

**Wednesday, September 28 - 10 am First Congregational Church**
Our guest speaker is Dr. Richard J. Mouw. The faculty will process in regalia, the Chapel Choir will sing, and we will worship God together.

**Thursday, September 29 - 10 am Travis Auditorium**
Our guest speaker is Dr. Robert K. Johnston, Provost, who will share a personal testimony. The vision for the new Thursday All-Seminary Chapel will be shared and the Thursday Chapel Worship Team will lead us in worship and praise.

**Chapel Choir Announcement**

The Chapel Choir rehearsals this year will be on **Tuesdays at 10 a.m.** in the Choir Room of the First Congregational Church, beginning September 27. The First Annual Choir Retreat is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, September 24 at Director Janet Harms’ home in San Dimas. The cost is $5 for lunch. (Bring your swim suit for the pool or spa, and there’s also tennis courts.) There are sign-up sheets for the Choir Retreat at the Chapel Office, 2nd floor, Carnell Hall, or notify Dr. Harms directly. If you are interested in singing with the Chapel Choir please contact Dr. Janet Harms at (909) 394-9990.

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**BRIEFLY SPEAKING**

- The SOT Dean’s Office has announced the appointment of Dr. Seyoon Kim as Professor of New Testament, effective January 1995. Dr. Kim is presently a member of the faculty at Chongshin Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea. We also extend a warm Southern Californian welcome to Drs. Richard Peace, David Scholer and Frank Andersen, who have joined the SOT faculty this fall.

- Back in July of this year the Office of the Provost welcomed two new members of staff. Karen L. Conant has commenced as Institutional Researcher, and Marianne Lui has taken up the position of Faculty/Academic Processing Coordinator. We welcome them both to our community.

- Our congratulations to Dr. David and Mrs. Leann Augsburger, married July 23, 1994. *Way to go!*

- Dr. Bill Dyrness, Dean of SOT, was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on July 4th at First Presbyterian Church, in Berkeley, California. Dr. Richard Mouw preached for the occasion. Congratulations Dr. Dyrness.

- It was recently announced that Jeff White, Director of Admissions, will be leaving Fuller October 1st to take up a position in the Bay Area. Jeff has been a member of the admissions team since graduating with an M.Div. in 1989. He has served as Director since October 1993. We wish you well, Jeff.

- The SWM Dean’s Office has announced that Dr. James A. Sherer, Professor Emeritus of World Mission & Church History at the Lutheran School of Theology, has accepted the invitation to be Distinguished Scholar in Residence, joining us on campus for the Winter and Spring quarters.
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.

**Mountain Retreat:** Beautiful country-style cabin (2 bedrooms, sleeps 6-8), located in the Big Bear area, available to churches and the Fuller community. $125 weekends. Call John Hull (D. Min. office), ext. 5312.


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**Day Care for your Kid(s):** “Children’s Kingdom” - on Fuller campus. Stop by or call to check us out. Pura Family, 289 N. Madison Ave., 818-683-9954.


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