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During my time at Fuller, I have observed that many of us spend much of our time living for our academic programs, while we neglect other essential areas of our lives. This scares me because the environment at Fuller does not model or teach students a holistic approach to education and personal development. In fact, to successfully complete our degrees and finance graduate school, we are pushed to adopt unhealthy patterns of living. All the while we think that once we graduate we will all of a sudden be able to live a balanced life. Well, this thinking process is based on a lie. We will not be able to live a healthy life and minister effectively to others if we cannot do it where we are right now.

Academic training is one of the reasons most of us came to graduate school, but it is not the only reason. Don’t get me wrong; we all want to be effective in what we do, but I do not think that increasing our intellectual capacities is the sole desired result of our journey. You and I are much more than a head on a pair of shoulders. For this reason, we must take the initiative to approach our education and training in a holistic manner by understanding education as much more than just what happens within the walls of the classroom.

We are not benefiting anyone by putting certain areas of our lives on hold while we pursue a degree from Fuller. A degree does not a perfect pastor/therapist/missionary make!

Our growth comes during the process of living our lives in a balanced manner. “What does this look like?” you ask. I am not sure. After three years I am still working on it myself, but I think that I have an idea.

The key to our holistic growth is learning to be, with ourselves and others, in the presence of Jesus. All of our strivings and studies will amount to naught if we have not learned to be in relationship with Him. Luke writes about the people who marveled at Peter and John, two uneducated and untrained men, but were deeply impacted by them because “they began to recognize them as having been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13). These men were transformed within their hearts because they had been with Jesus. He ministered to their hearts as well as their minds.

This tells me that a balanced education focuses on the transformation of our hearts. What have you done to minister to your heart lately? Have you splashed in the rain puddles, gone on a walk with a close friend (spouse), made personal time for yourself in your schedule, or pursued lunch with an inspirational professor? If you have not done something like this lately, why not? Were you able to finish your studies last quarter, to read,
Personal Wellness
A Seminary Concern

by Thomas Harang (Director of Human Resources)

April is National Safety Month, but that’s not all. It is also National Cancer Control Month and Stress Awareness Month. So, I thought I would share a few tips about safety, cancer and stress.

Safety

You have heard the old saying, "It is better to be safe than sorry." Most of us can recount stories of people we know who were injured or injured innocent parties because someone failed to follow common-sense safety practices. This is perhaps one reason why we should consider the importance of following the basic principles of safety. Do you take safety precautions when operating equipment, walking across campus or working in an office? There are many practical things you can do each day to prevent or reduce injuries at home, school or in the office. Here are just a few.

- *Handling: bend your knees when lifting heavy objects or wait to get help.*
- *A hand cart or dolly should be used to transport heavy loads.*
- *Unplug electrical equipment before servicing.*
- *Do not overload electrical outlets.*
- *Close file cabinets when you have finished using them.*
- *If you see a spill, clean it up or report the spill to the appropriate person for cleanup.*
- *Avoid slippery walking surfaces.*
- *Remember, safety is everybody's business; it's a community thing.*

Cancer

The American Cancer Society is now estimating 30% of the U.S. population will contract one type of cancer during their lifetime. What’s encouraging is that many of the factors that tend to contribute to cancer are controllable: diet, exercise, and smoking.

Identification and intervention in the early stages of cancer is also critical to a successful cancer treatment program. Understanding what to look for (the warning signs), therefore, is very important. The following are a few of the warning signs to various cancers (there are over 100 types):

- Changes in bowel or bladder habits.
- A sore that does not heal.
- Unusual discharge or bleeding.
- Thickening or lump in any part of the body.
- Indigestion or difficulty swallowing.
- Obvious changes in a wart or mole.
- Nagging cough or hoarseness.

Remember that cancer can be prevented by a low fat, high fiber diet, and avoiding tobacco products and harmful sunrays. Regular checkups and self examinations are also advisable practices. For more information, the Cancer Information Service can be reached at 1 (800) 422-6237 or 1 (800) 4-CANCER.

Stress

April, as I have mentioned, is also Stress Awareness month. Stress is a pervasive fact of modern life. It is here to stay. Therefore, we must learn to manage it and, to the degree possible, manage our own life styles. Stress is a response to signals called stressors. Stressors can be positive or negative. Getting married is an example of a positive stressor and the death of a family member is an example of a negative stressor. In either case, however, positive or negative, stress can result in increased blood pressure, heart rate and blood sugar. Prolonged stress can cause a number of diseases including ulcers, asthma, heart disease, or stroke. To properly manage your stress, you can implement several strategies including:

1) Taking time to relax daily.
2) Exercising regularly.
3) Eliminating or reducing your intake of alcohol, caffeine, fats and sugars.

In recognition of Stress Awareness Month, Fuller is hosting a stress management seminar on Thursday, April 20 from noon to 1:00pm in Payton 101A. This session is open to the entire Fuller community. A Blue Cross representative will be the presenter. Register for this free seminar by calling ext. 5238. Bring your lunch. For resources and additional information regarding stress, call Hope Publication at 1 (800) 334-4094.

In addition to this information, Dr. Archibald Hart, Dean of the School of Psychology, has written on stress. The Hidden Link between Adrenalin and Stress and Stress and Your child are two of his books related to this topic.
Creation’s Praise, focused primarily on music. This year the major forum will be drama. In future years it may be dance, visual or written arts. The possibilities are endless! The vision behind the Festival is to highlight art’s role in worship, prayer, and spirituality. Again, the arts touch many aspects of our lives.

One purpose of the Festival is to raise various issues for dialogue. We also want to encourage people to integrate an understanding of the arts into their theology. With these ends in mind, it is the committee’s goal to provide the Fuller community opportunities to explore and enjoy God’s gifts of creativity together.

This year’s theme, Ponderings of the Soul, is more pensive and reflective. Yet, A Holy Awakening intimates how, as we ponder, God quickens us to new revelations of Himself and the world around us. It is the hope of the festival’s steering committee that you will take advantage of the festival events this year. It is our prayer that you will be awakened with new revelations of God, yourself, others, and the world.

Spring Festival of the Arts
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Festival Events

Chalkwalk
Saturday, April 8, 9 am - 1 pm, on the Mall
Sidewalk Art in Chalk and a Sixteen Foot Quilt-Making Project

Festival Gallery Opening
Sunday, April 9, 5-8 pm, Faculty Commons
Presenting the Art of Students, Faculty and Staff

Christian Artists Panel
Monday, April 10, 12-1:30 pm, Payton 101

Music at Noon
Tuesday, April 11, 12:15-12:50 pm, in the Garth
Motown Christian Gospel Group: Strate Vocalz
Outdoor BBQ

Bonhoeffer Requiem
Wednesday, April 12, 7 pm, Congregational Church
Play Performed by Fuller Students

Disciples Mass
Thursday, April 13, 5 pm, Congregational Church
Play Performed by Fuller Students

Special Chapel Schedule

Chapel News

Wednesday, April 5
*Our guest speaker is Dr. Kenneth Fong, Associate Pastor at Evergreen Baptist Church in Rosemead. Join us for a time of corporate worship followed by coffee and fellowship. The Wednesday All-Seminary Chapel meets at the First Congregational Church at the corner of Los Robles and Walnut at 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 6
*Ann McKusick, Vice President for Development, will be sharing from her personal faith journey. There will be a time of praise and worship before Ann speaks to us. The Thursday All-Seminary Chapel meets in Travis Auditorium at 10 a.m.
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There is Rest for the Seminarian

During the zeppelin period of the 1930’s, when those huge lighter-than-air ships were becoming the mode of air travel, there occurred a tragic accident. An air-ship was coming into San Diego and 150 men had come out onto the field to take the dropped lines from the ship, moor the ropes and then draw it down.

While it was coming down, suddenly there was an updraft of air that caught the air-ship as the men were drawing it down for mooring. As it became caught in this updraft, some of the men thought, "let's hold on and pull it down." But of course, it was far too heavy for the men and the power of the wind was stronger than their combined weight. Most of them, when lifted three to four foot off the ground, let the ropes go. Others held on, foolishly thinking they could hold the air-ship down and were lifted 20-25 feet. After seeing what was happening, they then let go the ropes. Limbs were broken as they crashed to the ground.

There were three men of the 150 on the field that day that held on. As the crowd began to gather to watch this drama unfold, the air-ship was taken up even higher in an updraft until it was more than 1000 feet above the ground, with these three men dangling on cobweb lines. They hung on for all they could until finally, one of the men dropped, unable to hold his weight any longer; his hands gave way and he fell to his death.

The crowd watched, tension mounting second by second seeing the frightening scene before them. After a few minutes another man dropped to the ground, crunching to his death. They stood and watched the last person dangling on the rope 1000 feet above the ground and it seemed that superhuman strength had laid hold of this one man. He held on for over 40 minutes and finally the updraft subsided and the air-ship came down. The spectators racing towards this man soon discovered why he had survived for so long. When he knew what was happening, this man had thrown the end of the rope around himself and made a chair in which he sat and rested.

So many of us believe that God has called us to Fuller Seminary to be trained for the work of the kingdom and we come with high expectations of growing closer to God. However, many find the life of balancing study, work, church and family difficult to cope with and their relationship with God suffers. Some grab on tenaciously and hang on until it looks like its going to be too much for them to handle and they let go. Others hang on a little longer and they get hurt when they fall. And some hold on until finally in desperation they slide away. We need to be like the person who made a chair of the rope and rested in it. There is a rest for each of us at seminary supported by the cords of God’s love. May we find that rest this quarter in the midst of our pressured situations.

Warm regards in Christ,

Rob Gallagher.

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THE QUILT

What is the quilt? The Arts Concerns and Peace and Justice Concerns Committees are sponsoring this 16-square quilt designed by members of the Fuller community around themes of peace and justice. ALL ARE INVITED to join us at the quilt kickoff meeting on Saturday, April 8 from 11am-1pm on the mall. The quilt will be completed in the Fall, and will then be dedicated to Fuller and permanently displayed on campus. Call Kent at 584-5591 or Beth or Deon at 584-5215 for more information.

ASC ELECTIONS

The time is now to consider running for an All Seminary Council office. This is a great way to get involved in what’s going on Campus. There are also non-elected positions open, such as ASC Administrator/Office Manager, Computer Lab Coordinator, and Events Coordinator. See Nancy in the ASC office for applications.

THE FULLER FUND

The Fuller Fund allows students to support other students in mission and ministry. Applications for support through the fund for those engaging in a ministry project, mission or internship during the summer are now being accepted through April 13 at the ASC office. Donations to the fund are also welcome.

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Get Connected

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Join us on Tuesday, April 18 from 12-1 pm for a brown bag lunch with Dr. Ray Anderson. Dr. Anderson will speak to us on stewardship and the environment, and what we can do as Christians. This event is sponsored by the Peace and Justice Concerns Committee.

FULLER FOLLIES FLAGSHIP

Due to the lack of student contributions, the Fuller Follies has had to be postponed to the end of the spring quarter. The event was originally rescheduled to the week prior to Easter. Upon reflection, the ASC felt it was inappropriate to have such an event during the Lenten season. If you are interested in contributing to the Follies later in the quarter, then please contact the ASC office and let us know by Thursday, April 6. Without your support, we will not be able to conduct this fun event.
MARRIAGE RETREAT

The Christian life is lived out in relationship with God and with others: spouse, family and the church—the family of families. Thus, community begins at home.

Any graduate school program can place severe pressure on couples. Fuller Seminary is no exception. OCC works to schedule opportunities for couples to strengthen and enrich their relationships through such programs as Couples' Garden, workshops, seminars and retreats.

Such an opportunity is right around the corner. On Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, a super retreat will be held in Ventura at the Casa Sirena, a marina resort. Yes, a resort! Great non-smoking rooms, beautiful pool and a large jacuzzi, weight room, sauna and fantastic surroundings.

The speakers are David and Jan Stoop. Their retreat focus will be Experiencing God Together. Dr. David Stoop is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Newport Beach and is clinical director for the Minirth-Meier Clinic West. He is a graduate of Fuller (MDiv) and has a PhD from USC. Jan is also a graduate of Fuller and is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology. They write and lecture together and have conducted seminars and retreats in the United States, Australia and France.

$65 for the retreat is a great buy and a significant investment in your marriage relationship. There is opportunity to register for the second night only if necessary.

The Office of Christian Community is available as a resource for you in protecting and nurturing your personal relationship with God and others. In addition to these winter activities, please feel free to stop by our office to talk or pray. The Office of Christian Community may be reached at (818) 584-5322, or FTS Box 243, and is located on the second floor of the Catalyst building.

FINANCIAL AID

All students must reapply for financial aid if they are interested in receiving financial aid for the 1995-96 academic year. If you haven’t picked up your Financial Aid Application Packet (FAAP) do so now.

The Nikkei Ministerial Association offers scholarships annually to students who are members of, or are serving in, a Japanese (Nikkei) church. All applications will be evaluated on the basis of scholastic standing, need, promise, and Christian maturity. Applications are due March 31, 1995. Pick up yours in the Office of Financial Aid.

The American Indian Graduate Center is offering applications for 1995-96 fellowships. In order to apply please contact them: 4520 Montgomery Blvd. NE., Suite 1-B, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87109-1291, or (505) 881-4584. The deadlines for Summer 95 enrollment is March 31, 1995 and for Fall 95 enrollment is May 1, 1995.

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships for 1996-97 are available. If you are interested in studying abroad come to the Office of Financial Aid for more information.

The Fuller Theological Seminary Auxiliary Scholarship applications are now available. Awards are based upon Christian commitment, scholastic achievement, future vocational plans, and financial need. A completed Financial Aid Application Packet (FAAP) must be submitted with the FTS Auxiliary application so get started now. Both applications are available from the Financial Aid Office. The deadline is April 1, 1995.

Members of the United Church of Christ are eligible to apply for the Matthew O. Reynolds Scholarship. Students must have completed 12 units. Two scholarships are awarded each! Come to the Financial Aid Office for an application. Application deadline is April 15, 1995.

The Orville Redenbacher's 2nd Start Scholarship application is now available from the Financial Aid Office. If you are 30 years or older and plan to be enrolled in the 95-96 academic year you are eligible to apply for this scholarship. All applications must be postmarked by May 1, 1995.
prepare for and take your exams? Probably so, because our lives revolve around an academic schedule. My point is that all of the studies in the world will not prosper the kingdom of God, if our hearts are neglected. The head knowledge will never bear quality fruit if it is not based in a change of heart.

To truly educate students, Fuller needs to focus on four key areas that teach heart to heart, not just head to head:

1) We need professors who teach from a Christian world view and are committed to mentoring, modeling, and encouraging students to live balanced lives.
2) We need administrators who create space on campus where student-concerns of all types (academic, spiritual, moral, ethical, physical, emotional etc.) are processed in an open manner.
3) We need effective student services and student groups that promote student life on campus. One key issue is common areas that teach heart to heart, not just head to head:
4) We (the students) need to take responsibility for our education.

Our education is so much more than what happens in the classroom. We need to pursue relationships with our professors, our home life a priority by structuring time into our schedules to spend with our friends, spouses and children.

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Notice to the student who was looking for his lost cash in the Registrars’ Office.

Dr. C. Peter Wagner is the leading speaker at the International Conference on Prayer and Spiritual Warfare, "Reaching Cities on our Knees," April 24-26, at New Life Church in Colorado Springs, CO. Other speakers include Robert Beckett, Cindy Jacobs, Ted Haggard, Dick Eastman, John Dawson, Larry Lea, Richard Twiss, Rolland Smith, Robert Beckett, Cindy Jacobs, Ted Haggard, Dick Eastman, John Dawson, Larry Lea, Richard Twiss, Rolland Smith, Dutch Sheets, Jean Steffenson and Dean Sherman. Call Dr. Wagner’s assistant Kay Hiram at 584-5285 for conference details and information on how to receive independent study credit, with additional reading and research, for attending this conference.

The Fuller Auxiliary wants to recognize new babies and their parents with a gift. A special way to share this news with the Fuller community is through the SEMI. We invite you to call the SEMI with your new baby’s name, date of birth, weight, length and sex as well as the parent’s school (SOT, SWM, SOP). Please call the SEMI at 584-5430 with this info and we’ll help spread the good news to others.

This Ministry Enrichment Seminar will cover the ‘nuts and bolts’ of interviewing by phone and in person for pastoral positions. This includes areas the committees usually ask about and what questions candidates can raise. The seminar will also explore resource material to help you discover if this is God’s place for you to minister. Rev. Daryl Fischer-Ogden will present this seminar on Wednesday, April 5 from 3:00-5:00 pm in Payton 101. Please contact the Office of Field Education for more information at 584-5377.

Every Thursday 12:00-1:00 pm, in the SOP faculty lounge. Sponsored by Dr. Leonardo Marmol, Associate Professor of Psychology. Only Spanish will be spoken. All are welcome. Bring your own lunch.

Consider being a part of the delegation cosponsored by Fuller and China Connection that will teach English as a second language at one of China’s 13 theological seminaries this summer. The approximate dates are late June through July. Because the majority of the funds are being raised by China Connection and friends of Fuller, the cost for you is only $600. If this sounds like a challenge you’re up to, pick up an information flyer and an application form in the SWM Academic Advising Office today!

Join other Fuller families and enroll your child at Epworth Preschool! You can even find Fuller staff on staff. Epworth Christian Preschool is located on 500 E. Colorado Blvd. Epworth is a ministry of the First United Methodist Church of Pasadena. In an effort to provide quality care for Fuller families, Fuller has established a partnership with Epworth Preschool. Thus, tuition assistance is available, as the budget allows, through the Office of Student Services. Call the OSS at 584-5435.

Friday, April 7, 7:30 pm “Discoveries in the Museums of Europe and America” with Patricia and Dr. David Depew. Glendale Federal Bank Community Room, 100 S. First St., Arcadia. $4 per person.

Sunday, April 9, 2:00 pm “Samaritans of Israel” with Professor Zeb Garber. Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center, Wohlmann Hall, 1434 N. Alhaden Dr., Pasadena. $4 per person.

Do you need a safe, supportive place where you can discuss feelings about yourself, pregnancy, and motherhood, as well as exchange information about pregnancy, childbirth and parenting? Join the Pregnancy and Early Mothering Therapy Group at Fuller Psychological and Family Services (FPFS). For more information call 584-5555 and ask for Farida Anwar or Sarah Groen-Colyn.

If you are a specialist in any of these areas and desire credit for an independent study, please help us with your area of expertise. Make an appointment with Dr. Wagner by calling 577-7122. Windsor Manor of Glendale, a retirement facility, is seeking a knowledgeable, friendly and compassionate Bible study leader for a small group. This volunteer position requires planning and leading one class session per week. Excellent opportunity to minister to Christian seniors. Call Christine mossawi at 818-244-7219.

The next event in this series sponsored by FPFS will happen Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 pm. Our speakers are clinicians and PhD students Kathleen Thompson and Patricia Hopp who together will address the topic, All You Ever Wanted to Know About Learning Disabilities But Were Afraid to Ask! This event is FREE and will be held in the FPFS conference room on the 2nd floor of the Psych. building. Call 584-5555 by Monday, April 10 to reserve your place.

April 1-May 31. Only $18.75 per person. Experience "Spring Break Madness" during College Days. Students, faculty, staff and families can spend an exciting day at the #1 movie studio and theme park in the world. Pick up your coupon at the Office of Student Services. Each coupon admits up to 6 people. Enjoy!
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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Grandma’s Helper: Need nanny to help us with handicapped girl. Hours are flexible, live-in or out plus $. Marie 818-790-4836.


Apartment for Rent: Extra large 2 bedroom, lots of closet space, carpets, drapes, patio, pool, laundry room, parking, cable, A/C. Monrovia near Foothill. $675/mth. 15 minutes to Fuller. Call Pat at 818-792-6732.

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 77 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.

Rose City Cleaners: 115 N. Lake Ave. 818-577-1438. 20% Discount (Dry Cleaning) to all Fuller Seminary students and staff.

Christians need cars too! SIDCO Auto Brokers serves Christian Colleges, Missions, Staff/Students/Alumni. This is our 9th year serving the Christian community. Fuller Hotline: 909-949-2778 or 1-800-429-KARS.


Auto Repair: SMOG CHECKS, tune-ups, oil change, brakes, batteries, etc. Complete service. Hrant Auto Service, 1477 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena. 798-4064. Call for an appointment.