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Looking dashing in his bright blue overalls, Cookie Monster hangs precariously from his perch, like a daring trapeze artist swinging back and forth in midair in the circus big top. His blue ruffled body, his ear-to-ear grin and white, bugged eyes make him a source of fascination for the little girl watching from below. She gasps at his daring, thrills to his antics and giggles in sheer delight at his perpetual and mischievous smile.

My three-month-old daughter Alese spends many enraptured moments lying on our living-room floor. She is totally enthralled by this little blue monster who dangles from her play gym, and I, the totally besotted new dad, sit mesmerized by her absolute delight in such a simple pleasure.

As I watched my daughter this morning, I was taken with the fact that she is always so totally present. Whatever we do together, she is completely present. Let me explain. I know very little about child psychology, but it seems to me that Alese, at this age, has little conscious memory of yesterday. Dwelling on what once was is a non-event for her. At the same time she has not yet developed the capacity to anticipate tomorrow. She simply lives the moment she is in. And she lives it fully! When Alese lies under her play gym, Cookie Monster has her absolute and undivided attention.

With my wife and daughter, I have just returned from five weeks in my home country. We had a wonderful time. Catching up with friends, reconnecting with family, breathing in my own culture, and witnessing again the wealth of opportunity for ministry and mission made this trip a breath of fresh air. In fact, I must confess to being a most reluctant passenger on the return flight. Readjusting to the idea that I am here for another three years does not come easily for me, and now that I am here I find myself drawn to live for the yesterdays and the tomorrows. In one moment I long for what once was, and in the next moment I am eagerly anticipating the day when I will be home again. Then, however, I look at my daughter, and I ask myself, ‘Should it really be this way?’

For many of us here in Pasadena, Fuller Seminary can feel like a place of transience, rather like stopping at the gas station on the highway and filling up the tank for the journey ahead. We live with the memories of what we left behind, and we are mesmerized by visions of what we will experience once our tank is full and we have pulled out on the road again. The significance of the present moment is lost.

When I look at my daughter, I am conscious of how very quickly time will pass. She will never be three months old again. The little moments of today will not return this way. Either I choose to live the moment, or the moment will be lost forever. So it is with my time at Fuller. It is likely that this moment and this opportunity will never come my way again. Either I live it, and live it fully, or I will lose out on the deep and lasting impact God desires to have on my life through it. Living constantly for tomorrow will only minimize the richness of the present.

Living the moment does not mean we minimize the past or devalue our visions and dreams for tomorrow. It simply means we are not held captive to them. Living the moment is a choice. We choose to value the present. We choose to invest in those people who share the present with us. We choose to know the God who is not only the Lord of yesterday and tomorrow, but who is the Lord of today.

Allowing ourselves to live the moment also requires some tough decisions on our part. We cannot possibly live the present if the present is so full of breathless activity and busyness that time to feel it, live it and delight in it is almost non existant. Do we really need to take that many classes? Do we really need to work that many hours? When do we draw the line with new commitments and begin saying ‘No’? If being at Fuller for one extra year means living with a more humane schedule, would it really be such a bad move?

Cookie Monster will not always bring a look of glee to my daughter’s face. Tomorrow it may be Big Bird or Blinky Bill. Regardless, today is Cookie’s turn to shine. And as Alese lays fascinated by this little blue fuzz ball dangling from his swing, the moment is ours to live, for it may not come our way again.†

Simon, former editor of the SEMI, now lives in retirement while completing his PhD in practical theology.
Greetings from the editor’s corner!

As we close out our summer and approach New Student Orientation and another school year, I am struck by how time has flown. Wasn’t Spring Break just yesterday?! I trust that your summer has been less busy and more relaxing than mine.

This promises to be an exciting year for the SEMI! We are starting off strongly with another inspiring and thoughtful word from our outgoing editor, Simon Holt. My vision for the SEMI this year is, in part, that it be a place where we hear voices that often go unheard but are a vital part of our community. We will unearth some of the seminary’s ‘unsung heroes’ and celebrate joys so commonplace we often take them for granted. I also hope some of our articles and issues will dovetail with the theme of reconciliation central to Chapel and to the Film Festival this year.

You, the members of the Fuller community, are vital to the SEMI’s mission. If we do not reflect the lives, excitement, concerns and interests of our readers, we quickly become irrelevant. You may have seen a ‘SEMI survey’ floating around: a little green half-sheet with just a few questions on it. ‘We want to take the temperature’ of the seminary, so to speak. We will not be publishing the survey results, and we do not intend necessarily to draw our articles directly from them. However, your answers to those few questions will keep us writing and investigating on your wavelength.

If you have a survey waiting to be filled out, please feel free to voice your thoughts and send it in! If you’d like to fill out a survey and don’t have one, please stop by the SEMI office upstairs from the Catalyst and pick one up. There is one survey for returning students, staff, faculty and administration, and a different survey for those of you who are new.

There is a space at the bottom of the survey where you can indicate if you’d like to write for us. Please let us know if you have something to say to our community via the SEMI!

God bless, and enjoy the summer while it’s still here!

Laura

Please Pray

This summer, our Fuller family has had a number of major trials through various accidents and illnesses. Please keep the following people in your prayers.

P.V. JOSEPH

The Fuller community mourns a tragic accident that happened two weeks ago. P.V. Joseph, a recent SWM graduate from India and his wife Jolly were in an auto accident; Jolly was killed instantly, and Joseph has been in intensive care with extensive injuries.

Please pray that the Lord will touch Joseph. He was scheduled to return home on August 24; thank God with us that his recovery was rapid enough to permit that. Also pray that Joseph and the children, Deepa and Dilipa, will be comforted in the midst of the loss of their wife and mother. God has already met Joseph with a vision of Jolly in God’s presence.

Jolly’s funeral is scheduled for Saturday, August 26 at 3:30 at Forest Lawn Mortuary in Covina Hills. A viewing is scheduled for Friday evening from 5:00 until 9:00 at the same location. Contact International Student Services (584 5396) for the address to send cards and flowers.

The family may not have the funds to cover the expenses involved with a tragedy of this magnitude. International Student Services has established a fund to help them. If you wish to help, donations will be accepted in the International Student Services Office (Box ISS). Checks should be made out to Fuller Theological Seminary with a notation in the memo section, “P.V. Joseph emergency”.

JANET BROWN

Janet is the wife of Dr. Warren Brown, who is a professor in the School of Psychology and Director of the Lee Edward Travis Institute. Both Warren and Janet were involved in a car accident in Colorado. Warren sustained only minor injuries but Janet is still hospitalized. The MRI diagnosed that her spinal cord is intact but it is bruised. Initially, the doctors had suspected that she was paralyzed from the armpits down. There is no actual nerve damage in her neck but the status is still somewhat uncertain. She has movement in her arms now, and limited movement in her hands. Her progress is very slow, though; please pray for continued recovery of movement and endurance during the recovery process.

DR. HENDRIKA VANDE KEMP

Dr. Vande Kemp, a professor in the School of Psychology, recently lost her brother, Garit, to leukemia. The funeral was held on August 18. Please pray for Dr. Vande Kemp and for Garit’s family. He leaves behind a wife, four children, and nine brothers and sisters.
I should have realized from the start that I was going to have a problem with this place... I requested seating on the patio and managed to squeeze myself through the alcove and gently pop out on the other side. This place was definitely not designed for the horizontally challenged! After we were seated (at a table that would comfortably seat a Barbie or Ken doll), our very, very thin waitress finally showed up (at least she could comfortably navigate through this maze).

"Can I get you guys something to drink?" she asked. At least her perception skills were keen: my eating partner had already slumped over in his chair. My lips were dry from the blaring heat of the sun, but I managed to whisper out a request for two iced teas. She lovingly scared away the buzzards that were now flying over our scorched bodies and returned promptly with our iced (but never enough) teas. I managed to sip enough to regain some of my lost strength and I nursed my friend back to health.

I ordered for each of us the daily special the waitress had just raved about. This eye-opener consisted of scallop enchiladas, beans, and rice with corn tortillas. I was so hungry that I imagined the plate would be a size fit for a king (also because of the price we were paying). I was right! She came in with our food, and it was fit for a king—if you happened to be an ant. The enchiladas were the size of taquitos and the scallops had to be from one of Mrs. Paul’s frozen-fish dinners. The beans were so-so, and the rice was cold enough to cool off the tea that was supposed to be cold.

Take my advice: if you want food of this quality without spending a fortune, go to Taco Bell. At least you know what you’re going to get, and if you can’t fit through the door, there’s a drive-through made just for you!

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**DR. LOIS ANDERSEN**

Dr. Lois Andersen, wife of Dr. Francis Andersen, a professor in the School of Theology, had surgery on Tuesday in Melbourne, Australia. The Andersens’ return to California will be delayed until September 22. Please pray for Lois’s recovery.

**DR. LEONARDO MARMOL**

Dr. Marmol, also a School of Psychology faculty member, lost his father at the beginning of August. Please pray for him and his family as they go through the grieving process.

**DR. ARTHUR GLASSER**

Dr. Glasser, who is Dean Emeritus of the School of World Mission, recently underwent major surgery to have his aortic valve replaced. He is doing well, and is walking 1-1/2 to 2 miles a day. He would appreciate continued prayers for his recuperation.

**DR. WILLIAM PANNELL**

Dr. Pannell, the Dean of Chapel, had triple-bypass surgery recently. Please pray for his continued recovery; it is coming slowly. We hope Dr. Pannell will be able to join us for orientation.

**SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY**

The School of Psychology has requested prayer as it undergoes several major transitions this fall. There will be a new dean, Jim Guy, as well as a new administrative structure in the Clinical Psychology Division. Please pray for the existing staff as they adjust to new circumstances, and pray that God would send the right people to fill several staff positions opening up.

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**Getting the Love You Want**

*Workshop for Couples*

- Sept. 2-3 in Newport Beach
- Sept. 23-24 in San Diego
- Nov. 11-12 in Pasadena

**Keeping the Love You Find**

*Workshop for Singles*

- Aug. 5-6 in Pasadena
- Dec. 2-3 in Pasadena

These two-day workshops, designed by Harville Hendrix, Ph.D. and presented by Gary Brainerd, Ph.D. (Fuller grad), offer an opportunity to gain insights and skills needed to create a committed, healthy, healing relationship that taps into the full spiritual potential of being together. Harville is teaching a course here this summer and these can be a way to personally experience his work.

Fuller students and faculty can attend with a 10% discount.

*For more information call 818-577-2628*
It's a Family Thing!

Have you ever been to a family reunion? If you have, you probably remember seeing family that you knew fairly well, could catch up with and find out what’s going on in their lives, as well as enjoy the time together. And of course, there were also those people you had never met in your life (if it was a “broad” enough reunion) and you had no idea they were a part of your family!!! What a blessing to meet them and realize that your bloodline and sphere of life is so extensive.

Well, that’s what the upcoming "Connections" retreat is meant to be. A FULLER FAMILY REUNION. We will all come together to connect with God and each other, those in our Christian family we already know well and those we never knew to even realize that they were a part of our family. We hope to see family members from every school, nation, and era, who will come together in our common bond of being a family in Christ. It’s a great way to start the new year. So be sure and come to your annual family reunion - or you will definitely be missed!!

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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS SUMMER?

Cooperative Housing
Do you long for Christian friendships to become deeper and experience being part of a “family” in the body of Christ?

Then you would love to hear more about Allelous!!! Beginning this summer, Fuller is opening up one of its housing complexes to those interested in having their own separate complex, yet being in a more intentional community atmosphere where you and your neighbors will decide on the activities, meals, and devotional times to be shared. Everyone in the Fuller Community is welcome, and it’s taking off with BOOM! Call for more information!!!

*The community is also looking for donations of just about anything!!! They need furniture, pictures, kitchen utensils and appliances, dining room furniture, etc. - basically, just about anything. Give OCC a call at 584 5322 if you have something you could donate!!

FALL OPPORTUNITIES

Day of Prayer
As last Spring’s Day of Prayer was a rich blessing for our community, begin praying now for our Fall Day of Prayer. All offices will be closed and classes will be canceled 10am - 1pm on Wednesday, October 25, for worship, prayer and community meal.

Connections ’95
This two-day retreat will be a “coming home” experience as we connect with God, others, and ourselves. Workshops will be led on topics all the way from “seminary stressors” to “art and spirituality”. There will also be time to fellowship and build real community. Everyone in the Fuller Community is welcome. Keep your eyes open for the upcoming brochures and mark your calendar for September 29 & 30!

FUTURE EVENTS

Gift of Sex Seminar
Cliff and Joyce Penner are teaching a seminar on January 12-13. It’s a great opportunity to appreciate better how God views sex and how we, in light of this, can enjoy His gift to us. The chance to hear them at such a small cost may not come again, so don’t miss this opportunity. Both couples and singles are welcome.
**Clinical Pastoral Training/Hospital Practicum**
Clinical Pastoral Training is a Field Education course designed to provide the ministry of pastoral care in a hospital setting under direct supervision of a hospital chaplain. Chaplain Phil Manly of USC Medical Center will be on campus to meet with interested students on Wednesday, September 13, 1995, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Office of Field Education, (818)584-5377.

**Immediate Preaching/Teaching Opportunity**
New Harvest Church, a Christian Reformed new church development in Camarillo, is looking for a person to preach and serve as a mid-week Bible study teacher beginning September 3. Pay negotiable. See the Job Room in Carnell Hall for details.

**Field Education Preparatory Workshop**
Participation in a Preparatory Workshop is required of all students enrolled in a Field Education course for the first time in Fall quarter. The workshop has been scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 1995, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Payton 101. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Office of Field Education, (818)584-5377.

**Job Opportunity**
Student Accounts Assistant. On campus. Job includes filing, data entry, and answering phones. Must be eligible for college work study to apply. Assistant will report to Dan Schauer, Fuller Business Office: 584-5475.

**Free Therapy**
The Division of Marriage and Family is offering 10 free counseling sessions, starting the first week of the Fall quarter, to engaged or married couples and families who wish to improve their communication and interaction patterns. For more information, call Susan Kalnay at (818)584-5344. Space is limited, so call now to reserve your time. This offer is not available to MFT students.

**All Campus Bulletin Boards**
Have an ad? Need to make an announcement? Come by the Office of Student Services to get your 1/2 page notice stamped so you can post it on any of the six general-use bulletin boards located throughout campus.

**Attention New Students**
If you are a new student, beginning in Summer Quarter 1995, you are invited to the New Student Orientation from September 18-22. Please call ext. 5436 for a schedule and to RSVP.

**Liability in Ministry Workshops**
The Lowell W. Berry Institute for Continuing Education in Ministry will be offering seminars designed to help you understand the complexities of the legal system and how it relates to your ministry. The “Can you afford to take legal risks?” workshops will be held four times in California in the following dates and locations:
- Nov. 17, 1995 Pasadena, CA
- Feb. 2, 1996 San Jose, CA*
- April 12, 1996 Santa Ana, CA
- May 17, 1996 Pasadena, CA* (*special emphasis on youth work)
Call 818-584-5339 for more information or to make a reservation. This event is sponsored by Continuing Education.

**Walked on Water Lately?**
Not many of us have. But then, Christ didn’t teach that our lives would be full of walking on water opportunities, but of life sharing opportunities! International Student Services needs your help in the following two areas. Please consider them as opportunities to share a cup of coffee (or pots and pans) with the 55+ students and their families that have already started arriving for the fall quarter.

1. **Household Items.** (Limited to the following) New or used in good clean condition: Pots and pans for the kitchen; sheets and pillow cases for full-sized beds.
2. **Friends and Neighbors.** Our newly arrived students need friends and families to help them learn their way around our culture. They are also alone, away from their families and friends, and often lonely. You can help by being a friend to one of them or to a family. The rewards are many: cross-cultural friendships, prayer partnerships, knowledge about customs and foods, and giving a cup of water (or coffee) in His Name!
If you have questions or want to help, please call us at 584-5396 or come by the International Student Services Office! These needs are immediate and urgent!

**Red Cross Blood Drive**
Volunteers needed to help solicit donors for an October 11th Blood Drive. Call Lynne at ext. 5438 or Teresa at ext. 5238 to find out how you can help. (Sponsored by the Office of Human Resources).

**Health Resource Fair Extravaganza**
Fuller employees, put October 11 on your calendars! You will want to attend this exciting event. Representatives from Blue Cross, Dental Health Services, and TIAA-CREF will be there, plus many more. There may be other surprises, too: look for more information in the near future.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Office of Field Education, (818)584-5377.

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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.

Senior Pastor Position: Wesleyan congregation of under 200 is searching for pastoral candidate. Church is located in Covina/Azusa area, has challenges of changing neighborhood. For further information contact the church at 818-915-6691.

Mountain Retreat: Beautiful country-style cabin (2 bedrooms, sleeps 6 to 8), located in the Big Bear area, available to churches and the Fuller community. $125 weekends; $45 weekdays; $275 per week. Call John Hull (DMin office), 818-584-5312.

Editorial Services: Professional editing for dissertations, theses, articles, books. Reasonable rates. References provided. Dr. Denise Blue, Blue Pages, 818-441-5106.

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

Monrovia Apartment Value: Extra large 2 bedroom, lots of closet space, private patio, pool, laundry room, A/C, cable, parking. $675/mth. 15 minutes to Fuller. Good area. 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 78 years' experience. Call 213-622-4510 for hours, days open and directions. Ask for Mel or Ken Zimmer. (Mel is a member of Glendale Presbyterian Church and is active in the healing ministry.)

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.

For Rent-Vacation Get-Away at the Harmony House. 4 bedroom retreat center (sleeps 10-12) in beautiful Lake Arrowhead. $295/weekends, $650/week. Call Dr. Janet Harms 909-394-9990 (Fuller choir director) for brochure and reservations.

Congratulations to Dr. Nancy Stiehler-Thurston, of the School of Psychology (Clinical Division) on the birth of

LEWIS REID THURSTON born August 4, 1995
8 pounds, 2 ounces
20 inches