The Semi (01-01-1996)

Fuller Theological Seminary
In November President Mouw announced to the Fuller community that Russell Spittler had been appointed as the new provost and vice president for academic affairs...

Russell Spittler thought about decreasing his teaching load in the coming year, but doing so by becoming provost wasn’t exactly what he had in mind. So how did he feel when Dr. Mouw called him into the president’s office at the end of September and invited him to consider the position? “I was taken aback...it was quite a surprise,” said Spittler in a recent interview, “But I have to say it’s one I’m energized for: very eager, very interested, very engaged.” The response of faculty and staff to Spittler’s appointment has been gratifying to him. He received a long standing ovation from the joint faculty, and he says their support “has been overwhelming; it’s meant a great deal to me personally.”

Two things strike me almost immediately about Dr. Spittler: his humility and his integrity. This is a man who is committed to Fuller, and that commitment is more important to him than the prestige of his position. He says, “I can’t imagine waking up and not belonging to something in which I powerfully believe.” Spittler believes Fuller is an ideal place in which to belong and believe. Citing its combination of academic excellence, multi-denominational character, social concern, engagement with culture, and global perspective, he says, “These are the criteria of the ideal theological seminary. If I were going to sit down with a group of people and say, ‘let’s design the world’s greatest seminary,’ these are the criteria I would have.”

His newly-reconfigured position as provost and vice president for academic affairs puts Dr. Spittler at the helm of faculty, curriculum, and academic programs and gives him responsibility for the library, church relations, chapel, institutional research, and ethnic affairs. Spittler views his calling in this position somewhat differently. He explains, “One of the words Rich Mouw used in describing the new configuration was the word ‘pastor’-I converted that to the concept of an academic pastor, and that interests me very much.” He believes that one of the most important elements in his role is to support the deans; he says, in fact, that he “would probably work toward the deans becoming more prominent than the provost.”

Another element of his new position that interests him is his role with the faculty. This is Russ Spittler’s 20th year at Fuller; he is on the...
What is the SEMI all about, anyway?

A hearty welcome to all you new students who are joining us for the first time this quarter! And welcome back, everyone else! As we gear up for another busy quarter, the SEMI has been at work for several weeks preparing this issue. During ‘normal’ school weeks, the SEMI, Fuller’s weekly newstang, will appear in your campus mailbox on Friday or Monday of each week. If you do not have a mailbox, you may pick up a SEMI outside our office or in the Office of Student Services, both on the second floor of Kreyssler Hall, above the Catalyst.

The SEMI is one of the few ‘connecting points’ for our campus community. With 1500 students, three schools, more than 100 denominations, 60+ countries, and two sexes, Fuller is a diverse place! The SEMI is one focal point where the campus ‘comes together,’ so to speak. We attempt to bring together Fuller’s diverse elements into an interesting, informative, and exciting whole.

One of our goals is to be a voice for those in our midst who often go ‘unheard’. In the fall, we brought you information about Fuller husbands, the D.Min. program, and our custodial staff. In the future, we hope to report on such groups as the Fuller auxiliary, Fulle, alumni, the Korean community, international students in general, and certain staff groups.

In addition, this quarter will bring you information about our new Internet capabilities; an article by Nancey Murphy about praise choruses; an interview with Lee Merritt about campus finances, and MORE! If you’re interested in writing for the SEMI, call us at ext. 5430 or send us a short draft of something impacting our campus community. We’ll contact you to talk more. If you are not a writer but have some ideas, we’ll gladly put them to good use for you!

Here’s to a great quarter...

Questions? Call the SEMI at 584-5430 or write FTS Box OSS.
The last three months of my life have been the most difficult and challenging time I have ever experienced. Within two days of moving to Oregon, I found out that the unborn baby my wife Karen was carrying had Trisomy 18, a chromosome disorder. This baby had three number-18 chromosomes in every cell of her body, where there should be only two. The diagnosis was that she would not live; it was fatal. It was only a question of how long she would be with us, and if she would ever see the light of this world.

Karen and I were numb at first, frozen in time. It felt like we were going through the motions of living. The first thing we did after we had wept was to find out the sex of our baby and give her the name we had so carefully chosen for our child-to-be. The name we had specially chosen for our blessed first daughter was Taylor Alexandra Shaw. From that day forward, in all our conversations with family, friends, and medical staff, we saw and knew this unborn baby as Taylor.

For the three months after Taylor was diagnosed, we talked of Taylor as if she were right here with us, not in some unknown, inner, dark, quiet, unborn place. She was our little girl, our first child, our beloved Taylor, our little angel. Even as I write these words now, tears come to my eyes. This time with Taylor was extremely hard, and the time went by too quickly. Indeed, we lived a lifetime with Taylor in those months, for we would never know Taylor with her eyes open, but only as our little angel.

I was approached the other day after class by a student who told me he just wanted me to know how Taylor had impacted his life. He said he was changed forever and would never forget her. He continued that he could not wait to get to heaven to tell Taylor in person what a difference she had made in his life! How did this short life do that, I wondered. Tears flowed again down my cheeks. I am ever amazed at the God we serve.

As we prepared simultaneously for Taylor’s birth and for her death, I could not help thinking of God and the sacrifice He made of his only child, Jesus, His son. This is, for me, now more real than ever. The night Taylor was born was the hardest night of my life, and yet there was a quiet, tearful peace as she was dedicated in life and in death by our pastor in the hospital. This ritual that parents, perhaps routinely, walk through for me carries intense pain and joy as I knew the actions were for me and Karen. Taylor did not need them, sitting in heaven on Jesus’ knee, peering down at her lifeless human body and her earthly parents with their tears. This is truly the most mysterious thing I have ever had to face.

We endured a painful funeral and a grave-side service that was hard to leave. The coffin is so tiny. And although some people only dream of angels, we truly held one in our arms. She was our little angel; with us only a short time, but with such a great impact. No one we talk to about Taylor can escape the impact of our little angel.

And so, though I do not understand, I can see God’s redemptive plan even in this, the worst of tragedies. The next time you hear the song, “Jesus Loves The Little Children,” or “Jesus Loves Me, This I know,” or read Mark 13 where the disciples attempted to keep the children away from Jesus and he rebuked them, think of Taylor. Let your heart be softened for the weaker, the smaller, the hurt, the suffering, the sad around you, and may the short life of Taylor, my little angel, guide and impact you in each of these encounters. Let her life and death continue to shine for all we might see as ‘less than.’ May God continue to be praised in the midst of this painful, mysterious experience. Some only dream of angels...but I held one, Taylor, in my arms.

Richard Shaw is a D.MFT.(cand.) alumnus of Fuller and former Managing Editor of the SEMI. He is a professor of Marriage and Family Therapy at Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oregon. Karen is the Corporate Housing Administrator for Oakwood Corporate Housing, R&B Realty Group.

We at the SEMI realize there may be others in our community who have privately loved children we have not had the chance to meet because their lives were too short for us to know them. We have profound respect for these parents and grandparents, and we affirm the value of the life that was in each of their children, lives whose effect we have felt even when we have not known of them. We are grateful to Richard and Karen for sharing Taylor’s life with us.

– The Editors
“FRESH PASSION FOR JESUS”

What question are we asking at the beginning of this new year? We need to ask the right question if we’re to have any confidence in the answer. Henri Nouwen says, “the question is not: How many people take you seriously? How much are you going to accomplish? Can you show some results? But: Are you in love with Jesus? . . . The central question is, Are the leaders of the future truly men and women of God, people with an ardent desire to dwell in God’s presence, to listen to God’s voice, to look at God’s beauty, to touch God’s incarnate Word and to taste fully God’s infinite goodness?”

Are we in love with Jesus? Do we have an ardent desire and passion for God? At the end of a busy holiday season, with gifts opened, cards sent, and turkey digested, I confess that my love for God seems more abstract and duty-based. Yet I know that for Jesus, love for His Father meant the most passionate, intense love of which we are capable. I’m comforted with the scriptural truth that love for God doesn’t flow from my natural heart; the Holy Spirit, the True Lover of God, when He comes in, He will make my heart (and yours) the center of love for God, the center of personal, passionate, overwhelming devotion to Jesus Christ.

I pray that will be so for me, for all of us in this new year - fresh, passionate, practical, lasting, joy-producing love for Jesus. Amen.

Douglas H. Gregg
Director,
Office of Christian Community

1 Henri Nouwen, In the Name of Jesus, p. 24,29-30.

WINTER OPPORTUNITIES

❖ Barnabas Partners small groups - As a new student this Winter, would you like a consistent place to connect personally with Fuller students that are going through the same transition you are? The Barnabas Partners groups are for all new students and are led by Fuller students who have been here at least a year. The groups start during orientation and meet several times during the quarter. You will discuss everything from where to find a good bank to the fears you have coming to such a “strange” new place. It will be a real source of encouragement, so if you’re not in a group and would like to be in one, call the OCC at 584-5322.

❖ Bridge Toward Wholeness (time change) - The Fuller 12 step group will be meeting at a new time this quarter. Every Thursday, from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Office of Christian Community, the Fuller Community is welcome to participate in this Christian 12 step group. If you struggle with perfectionism, overeating, overspending, alcoholism, or just want to learn more about the twelve steps, please join us. It’s an open group, so you can come as often or as little as you want. We hope to see you there!!!

❖ Enjoying the Gift of Sex - It’s finally here!!! Cliff and Joyce Penner are leading their seminar on January 12-13, and it’s a great opportunity for singles and couples to gain an open, realistic, and Biblical view of sex. For couples, this seminar provides an opportunity to enrich your sexual relationship. For singles, a Christian view of sexuality is presented, along with an opportunity to prepare for a positive sexual relationship in marriage. The cost will be $30 per person for students. It’s worth the time and cost - we encourage everyone who can to come!!!

❖ Genesis Journeys - Are you in a small group that you would like to see become more intimate and vulnerable? A Genesis Journey may be what you need. This is a program, offered through the OCC, which seeks to foster and develop community in the context of the outdoor environment. The idea for Genesis Journeys grew out of the need to bring Fuller’s Pre-Sem program “closer to home” and to give Fuller students an opportunity to experience community in creation. If you are interested in taking your group on one of these “journeys”, give our office a call.

❖ Lenten Devotional - For those of you who desire to experience a deeper sense of community here at Fuller and would like to play a role in seeing that happen, help us out by writing a devotion for us! Depending on the amount of interest, we will be putting together another devotional book this year, trying to bring in more of the Fuller community. What better way is there to get to know the students here, as well as to get to know God through other’s experiences? Call us at the OCC if you would like to participate!!

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.
Dining With Dan

Hometown Buffet
5535 N. Rosemead Bl.,
Temple City

(four stars out of five)

This was better than your typical Sir George's all-you-can-eat buffet, but I've yet to find an American buffet where quality surpasses quantity. I found a lot of healthy (just like myself) individuals here. This is definitely not the spot for the horizontally challenged. There is enough food here for to feed a tiny nation. They offer a wide (no pun intended) variety of meats (baked ham, fried chicken, baked fish, roast beef) and fresh/frozen vegetables. The breads are quite good (except for the cakey cornbread) and the desserts are above average for a buffet. The apple-cinnamon crunch and homemade cookies are quite tasty. Unfortunately, I sat by a mirror and could actually see myself growing throughout the meal. I figured when I heard my chair start creaking that it would probably be an excellent time to stop feeding myself. The prices are good - between $6.00 and $7.00, beverages included, for adults - depending on the the day you go and whether it is lunch or dinner. Senior citizens and children get a discount. If you're really hungry and want a lot of decent food, then skip breakfast and head on down to Hometown Buffet.

See ya there!
Dan

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Denominational

The following denominations will be meeting on Monday mornings at 10:00 am, with exceptions where noted. This time is set aside for you for worship, for support, to network, and to connect with denominational issues.

- American Baptist
  Psych Bldg. 116
- Armenian Students
  (Monday Evening 6 - 7 pm)
  Library 203
- Assemblies of God
  Psych Bldg. 311
- Episcopal Church
  (Thursday Lunch)
  Garth
- Evangelical Covenant
  CFD Learning Center - 465 Ford Pl.
- Friends
  Stephan Hall 207
- Lutherans
  Library 203
- Messianic Jews
  Glasser Hall - Second floor
- Post-Denominational and Foursquare
  Psych Bldg. 314
- Presbyterian Church (USA)
  Travis Auditorium
- Reformed Church in Am./CRC
  Psych Bldg. 120
- Roman Catholic
  Library 205
- Seventh Day Adventist
  Library 204
- United Methodist Church
  Psych Bldg. 130
- Vineyard
  Payton 302

Note: If your denomination is not meeting at this time and you are interested in starting a group, and/or connecting with others of your denomination, please come by the Office of Denominational Relations, located 2nd floor of Carnell Hall (behind the Catalyst) or call 584-5387.

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Chapel News

All-Seminary Chapel

This Wednesday, January 3, our speaker is Dr. Richard J. Mouw, the president of Fuller Theological Seminary and professor of Christian Philosophy and Ethics. We gather for the Wednesday Chapel at 10 am at the First Congregational Church. There will be a brief time of fellowship following chapel.

On Thursday, January 4, Dr. Doug Gregg, Director of the Office of Christian Community will be sharing a message after a time of praise and worship led by the Chapel Worship Team. The Thursday All-Seminary Chapel meets in Travis Auditorium at 10 am.

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Spittler’s vision for Fuller for this year is stability. He plans to spend time simply absorbing everything he can relating to his new responsibilities: “I have a lot to learn, especially about operations in the School of Psychology and the School of World Mission.” His vision for Fuller over the next five years is enhancement of community. Acknowledging that this is a frequently misused word and misunderstood concept, he nevertheless believes that “we have to find ways to enhance community and to explore the range and variety of communities” at Fuller. He says, “We shouldn’t have the illusion that suddenly community is all over the place. It’s very easy to be lonely in a crowd, and we’ve had losses here, individual trauma of various kinds, that I hope will diminish…” Dr. Spittler is also quick to emphasize, “I want us to give room to spirituality.”

Russ Spittler has a lot more to share with the Fuller community; we simply do not have room to print it all. Spittler notes, however, that beginning in January he will be establishing ways for people on campus to have access to him: “whoever wants to see the provost should see the provost.” He acknowledges that the provost position is part of the oft-unnoticed infrastructure of any school: “The provost is probably to a student like a city street is; you don’t notice it, but you’d sure miss it if it weren’t there.” So stop by and say hi, and get to know this man of humility and integrity.

FINANCIAL AID

Stop by the Financial Aid Office for applications and information about the following scholarship opportunities.

- **Sandy Ford Fund:** Last call for applications. Deadline is 1/22/96. Funds are not available for pastoral ministry; they are available for missions and evangelism only.

- **Korean American Scholarship Foundation:** Deadline to turn in application and other materials is 1/31/96. (Must be Korean or of Korean heritage to apply.)

- **APA Minority Fellowship Program:** Information currently available. Preliminary deadline 1/15/96; Final deadline 2/15/96.

- **John Wesley Fellowship:** for United Methodist students, deadline 1/20/96.

- **College Women’s Club of Pasadena:** For female seminarians, deadline 2/5/96. Must be a U.S. Citizen.

- **Friend Peace Scholarship Fund:** For Pacific Basin residents; deadline 1/31/95. Countries which are **NOT** part of the Pacific Basin: Africa, Europe, Canada, Central and South America, New Zealand, Australia, and Asian countries which do not border the Pacific.

Current information can also be found on the Financial Aid Board adjacent to the mail center.
An exciting season of intramural flag football came to an end with Heteroscedasticity defeating The Feebleminded Dipsydoodles in the championship game by a score of 28-24. The top four ranked teams made it to the semifinals, which resulted in three exciting and very competitive games to determine the eventual champion. In the two semifinal games, The Feebleminded Dipsydoodles defeated the Super Egos 20-14 and Heteroscedasticity defeated the Post-Moderns 20-12. A special thanks to everyone who helped with the picnic. I also want to thank the captains and referees for their work this season. Finally, thanks to all who participated! (Several items were left at the field, so give Jay a call if you are missing something.)

Jay Shetler
ASC Sports Coordinator

ASC Announcements

Winter Sports - Winter quarter Intramural sports are basketball (Fridays, 10 am - 3 pm) and volleyball (Saturdays, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm). If you would like to sign-up to be a team coordinator or to just play, call the ASC office at 584-5452 or Jay at 793-7128.

PAC sign-ups - Late sign-ups for the Pasadena Athletic Club will be taken from Jan. 3 through 10, with a $10 late fee. Absolutely no sign-ups after Jan. 10!

Audition for a play! Come try out for a part in a Fuller Theatre Co-op Production (to be staged Feb. 23 -24) of a new play by Fuller student Garrett Omata. Auditions are 10 am - 1 pm on Sat., Jan. 13 in Payton 304. You can also come and sign up to work on the crew! Sign-ups for audition slots are in the ASC office.

SWM Social on Jan. 19, 7 pm in Payton 101. All SWM students, staff and faculty are invited - international snacks, fun and fellowship!

Story Night 1995! Come and hear bed-time stories read to you by Fuller faculty and staff! Adults and children are all welcome. Friday, Jan. 12th at 7 pm in Payton 101. B.Y.O.P. (Bring your own pillow!) Pajamas optional. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Sponsored by the Arts Concerns Committee.

Artist Salon - On Friday, Jan. 19, from 7 - 9 pm at Higher Grounds, guest artists will share and answer questions about their artistic and spiritual journeys. They will show their work and everyone attending is invited to bring examples of their own work. Sponsored by the Arts Concerns Committee.
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Student Events Calendar

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EPWORTH CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL
Join other Fuller families and enroll your child at Epworth Preschool! In an effort to provide high quality child care for its students, PTS has entered into a partnership with Epworth Christian Preschool, 500 E. Colorado Blvd.. Monthly tuition assistance is available through the Office of Student Services at 584-5435.

FREE CHILD CARE
Epworth Christian Preschool, at 500 E. Colorado Blvd. is now accepting 18 mths - 5 year olds. If you enroll for January, you get 8 free hours ($24 value) of extended care. If you enroll another family, you receive an additional 8 hours of free ($48 value) extended care. Tuition assistance is available (through the Office of Student Services, 584-5435) or call Cherry for more info about their program—568-9502.

JANET BROWN FUND
Individuals interested in assisting Janet and Warren Brown with expenses resulting from their serious auto accident this past July are invited to give a tax-deductible contribution made out to PTS for the Janet Brown Fund. Please direct the check to Bert Jacklitch, Box SOP (584-5506).

WHY DO WE NEED FEMALE FACULTY?
This question has been raised campus-wide for years. Please come to a forum Jan. 16, 11:30 - 1:00 in Payton 101. Sponsored by the SMGU, this forum is open to students, staff and faculty from all schools. Please come and show your support.

FPFS SPECIAL COUNSELING RATES
FPFS welcomes you to 1996! Remember that we have a new $20/session rate for all SOT and SMU students and their families. Call 584-5555 if you’d like to set up an appointment or for more information.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY
Neighborhood Covenant Church of Rosemead is looking for musicians and people with theatre arts experience to become part of a seeker-centered evangelical Christian ministry. If interested, call pastor John Wood at 818-280-3878, or 288-4023.

DISNEYLAND FOR ONLY $22.50!
Get into Disneyland for only $22.50! Epworth Christian Preschool is participating in Disneyland’s “School Spirit Days.” Epworth receives a $3 donation for every admission passport purchased through their school. Come by the OSS office (Kreyssler Hall, 2nd floor) today and pick up an order form. Offer good from Jan. 1 - Feb. 29.

FIELD EDUCATION PREP WORKSHOP
Participation in Preparatory Workshop is required for students enrolled in a Field Ed course for the first time in the winter quarter. The workshop will be on Jan. 4, 1996, from 11 am - 12 noon in Payton 101. For more information, contact the Office of Field Education, 584-5377.

VOLUNTEER FOR EVANGELISTIC PLAY!
Volunteers needed for all stages of production (actors, dancers, stage crew, ticket sellers, costume and make-up, etc...) for Hold Me, an evangelistic play sponsored by the OCC, to be staged here at Fuller on Jan. 26, 27 and Feb. 23. Call Nancy Dowell at 584-9710.

PRESBYTERIANS
Come in out of the cold! Small groups have formed. Both women’s and men’s groups are open to new members this quarter: don’t wait, act now! If interested, contact Jean Throckmorton via Box 68 or call 840-0011 or pick up a flyer in the Presbyterian Office.

LOW-FEE INDIVIDUAL THERAPY
Offered by the School of Psychology, beginning February, 1996. The psychotherapy is appropriate for those experiencing anxiety, depression, relationship difficulty, life-changing adjustments and personal growth. Fifteen sessions provided for $50.00. Therapists are students enrolled in Ph.D. or Psy.D. programs in Clinical Psychology. For further information, call 584-5555.

IN MEMORY OF JAN HUFFAKER
We have been informed of the passing of Jan Huffaker, a Fuller M.Div. student and alumna. Jan began her studies in the spring of 1991, and was last on campus during the summer of 1992. Jan became ill in August while on the Mission field in Uganda. She was diagnosed with advanced cancer. After a few months spent with her family in Arizona, she went to be with the Lord on November 2. Memorial gifts for Jan may be sent to CBInternational, P.O. Box 5, Wheaton, IL 60189, attn: Special Project: Uganda Leadership Fund.

Volunteers Needed
Spanish translators are needed to assist FPFS clinicians in communicating with Spanish speaking clients (and/or parents). Contact Bill at 584-5529 if you are interested. Time requirement would be a maximum of 1 hour/week.

COUPLES ENRICHMENT
Join our 6 week group for couples enrichment on Weds., January 10th, from 7-8 pm. The cost is only $35/couple/session. Call FPFS at 584-5555 to reserve your spot to improve your communication patterns, increase the level of intimacy in your relationship, and other information to enrich your marriage.

FAMILY COUNSELING
FPFS is starting a new program for families called Family Night. On Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan. 16, we will be offering several group opportunities that will meet at the same time, for both adults and youth. Call 584-5555 for more info!

In Memory of Jan Huffaker
Jan Huffaker
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.

**Christians need cars too!** SIDCO Auto Brokers serves Christian Colleges, Missions, Staff/Students/Alumni. This is our 10th year serving the Christian community. Fuller Hotline 909-949-2778 or 1-800-429-KARS. "A good name is chosen rather than riches" - Proverbs 22:1

**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.

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**Bradley Childbirth Education** - Childbirth education classes available. Have a healthy, smart, and safe delivery for mom and baby. Cost is reimbursable by some insurance co's. For more info, contact Carol Von Ehrenkrook, 818-793-9846.

**More Baby Announcements**

**Congratulations on the following additions to the Fuller family!**

To **Lara and Jeffrey Lanfried** (Jeff works as the computer rep at the bookstore) on the birth of their daughter **Madeleine Lia Lanfried**. She was born 3:50 am on November 9, weighing 7 lb. 5 oz., and measuring 19 and 1/12 inches. Both mother and baby are doing great!

To **Gaithri and Mano Mylvaganam** (Gaithri is a SOP clinical student), on the birth of their son **Ischaak Francis Mylvaganam**, weighing 6 lb. 2 oz., and measuring 21 inches. He was born on December 9th.

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