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"What I did with my summer vacation"

by Laura K. Simmons, with contributions from Fuller staff and faculty

The SEMI asked Fuller staff and faculty a few weeks ago to tell us what they were doing with their summers. We wanted to know ‘who you are when you’re not at Fuller,’ and what adventures you’ve had recently, be they across the world or in your own back yards! Our own staff have driven across the country (more than once), visited somewhere in the neighborhood of 15–20 states (Alaska being the most ‘exotic’), and had various other adventures. Around Fuller, we’ve heard tell of Texans in Canada, exotic cabins in the Grand Tetons, and other intriguing ‘vacation’ plans. What we discovered is that the storytellers among us have decided, for the most part, to remain in the woodwork. You may have to corral your own staff in September for story-swapping about your vacations. Here are the stories of a few folks who did share with us...

I felt like I was inside a pinball machine. Bright lights lit up around me at regular intervals, all pointing in one direction. Periodic loud booming and shaking accompanied this ‘light show.’ Unfortunately, this was not a video game. Objectively, I might call it ‘God at his most spectacular,’ but driving in a Midwestern thunderstorm felt only frightening, not spectacular.

We had an entire summer’s worth of rain that day, and the segment of storm in which I drove to Wheaton, Illinois, from Naperville contributed greatly to the flooding local residents experienced. I grew up on a hill in Northern California, where we had neither thunderstorms nor floods. I went to the Midwest for a summer of research expecting perhaps a rare tornado watch (there were two, and each time I wondered why I had seen ‘Twister’ twice), but nothing more. Instead I found myself fielding phone calls and e-mailing friends to reassure them that I had survived yet another natural disaster.

I was very thankful the house in which I was staying did not flood. How would you tell someone who is overseas for the summer that their home has flooded and you’ve had to toss most of their basement carpet and furnishings out in the trash? I learned that when your basement floods, you should pump it out by thirds ‘to avoid structural damage.’ I learned that a flash flood can send a van all the way across a parking lot–eight inches above the ground. I learned to mourn with those who were mourning, to celebrate the teamwork of neighbors helping neighbors, to worry about each new rain and rejoice in each sunny day.

Others’ summer vacations were just as exciting, but for positive reasons. SWM Associate Dean Eddie Elliston spent part of July in Quito, Ecuador. He was the principal speaker for the South American Missionary Convention there, addressing Christian Church/Church of Christ missionaries from across South America. Chances are, faculty members from all three schools have been world travelers this summer; stop one and ask where they’ve been! Others, such as Bill Dyrness and Robert Banks in the SOT, returned at the beginning of the summer from time abroad.

D.Min. Director Robb Redman spent his summer in beautiful places, although he was not always able to enjoy them as fully as he might. He sprained his ankle mountain biking in Aspen, Colorado early in the summer. His only comment about this experience? “Ugh.” Redman also “went home to Yakima, WA for my 20th high school reunion.”

Communications Director Marilyn Thomsen took advantage of her husband’s teaching overseas to take a wee trip...to Tahiti, Moorea, New Zealand, and Australia! Thomsen’s children “decided that the day we got to feed kangaroos in the wild by hand (not in a reserve; in a field) and pet them was not only the best day of the trip, but the best day of their lives!” Thomsen managed to get some work in, as well (do we ever really vacation?), interviewing Australia-based Fuller alums and chatting with prospective students. She estimates that she took 18 rolls of photos, so do stop by to hear more details on her vacation! (On these hot August California days, it might be soothing to hear about frozen waterfalls in another hemisphere...)

For every trip overseas, there was a backyard barbecue or a few hours in the

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‘Lone Star’ Gets Four Stars

Difficult to categorize, excellent nonetheless

Review by Allen Corben, Registrar's Office

*Lone Star* is a film which defies easy genre pigeonholing. It's a small film which, even if it is a hit, will probably stay in the art-house circuit. The story takes place in the present in Rio County, Texas, on the US-Mexican border. The film gives us a close look at the people of this small border town. The town is being kept alive by an about-to-be-closed Army base. In some ways, this is a slice-of-life film. The story centers around three sheriffs: Charley Wade, who disappeared with $10,000 in 1959, Buddy Deeds, a local hero who replaced Charley, and Buddy's estranged son Sam Deeds, the current sheriff who took over when Buddy died. The remains of a body are found in the desert, and our protagonist, Sam, becomes involved in the investigation of a crime that took place 37 years ago: the film turns into a murder mystery. The body belongs to Sheriff Charley Wade and the primary suspect in the crime is Sam's father, Buddy.

Sam Deeds has returned to town partly to take over as sheriff, and partly to try to rekindle a high school romance, which gives this film all the elements of a love story. Many of the main characters, including Sam, are attempting to come grips with their alienated parents, so this is a film about intergenerational reconciliation. Meanwhile, the Colonel in charge of the local Army base, the owner of the Saloon, the mayor of the town, the manager of the town's 'respectable' Mexican restaurant, and a teacher from the high school all get significant (and sometimes very funny) screen time, which means that the film is also a kind of character study. With shoot-outs, brawls, Texas-style saloons, and the military, it's a sort of western. Whatever genre you want to put it in, it's still an excellent film about political corruption, racism, assimilation, integrity, violence, responsibility, and some very interesting people.

Sam Deeds’ investigation moves the plot forward, as he tries to understand his own father, and his father’s relationship to Charley Wade, and as he discovers what actually happened way back when. The acting is excellent, the story is well written, and the film interesting to watch. Because *Lone Star* is playing in select theaters nationwide, and "select" means New York City and Los Angeles, we are among the select few who CAN see this film. I highly recommend you make time for it.

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Holy dollars and cents, Batman! Breakfast here will set you back at least $8.00 a person with drink! But it's good... I had the multi-grain pancakes with tomatoes on the side and soybean sausage (only in California). When I think back on this meal, I can only conclude that I was having an out-of-body experience, because I rarely eat anything that's been actually grown (tomatoes for breakfast?). I could probably have planted the leftover vegetable-protein sausage and grown something very special.

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See ya in the Fall; happy dining!

Dan

What I did this summer
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Jerry's Delicatessen

by Dan Payne

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Jerry's Deli is on Delacey street in Old Pasadena, just down the block from Goldstein's bagels and the U.A. Theater. Dan is in good company; Jerry Seinfeld is reported to be a Jerry's fan (and not just because of its name!)

Former SEMI Production Editor Jin Cho married Esther Chang on August 10. Congratulations, Jin and Esther!!
Summer Opportunities

Last Chance for rest!
This is your last chance to sneak in a restful and renewing personal retreat before the summer is over. Come by and pick up a Retreat Center Listing to find out some great places in the area to spend some time alone and with God. We encourage you to take this time for yourself to be nurtured by God.

Spiritual Formation Groups
If you are interested in a spiritual formation/small group, we will be starting new “Further Up Further In” groups in the Fall. The groups are usually made up of 8 to 10 people (male, female, or mixed). Meetings focus on spirituality, support for one another in the group, and the uniqueness of each person and how to better relate to God (given our unique qualities). Call and get on our list if you are interested. It is a great way to meet new students and be challenged and nurtured spiritually.

Renovaré
Richard Foster (author of Celebration of Discipline) and James Smith will be at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena on September 13 & 14. This is a regional RENOVARÉ conference on personal spiritual renewal. Even though our office is not directly sponsoring this event, we recommend it for all Fuller students. Call our office for more information.

Pray for us!!!
We will be doing the Barnabas Partner program for the second year and are very excited about it. This year, it will consist of many offices besides our own, and the retreat for preparation will be happening over Labor Day weekend. Keep us in your prayers as we get ready for the Fall and look forward to orienting the new students here at Fuller. Thanks!!!!

New Students
If you are a new student and have not yet heard about Barnabas Partners, we would like to tell you more! This is a program where you can get plugged into a small group that can help in your process of adjusting to seminary life. Your Barnabas Partner hopes to be a helping hand in your new life, anywhere from helping you find a good bank to talking about the spiritual questions and challenges that await you. Call the OCC at 584-5322 if you want more information.

Community Living
It is still not too late to get involved with community living. If you are interested in sharing several meals a week with your neighbors, living around people that are committed to building relationships, and have been disappointed with the community life here at Fuller, community living may be the perfect opportunity for you. Allelous (meaning “one another” in Greek) has a few more openings, and we would especially love to have more families!!! Call the OCC at 534-5322 for more information.

The Office of Christian Community is on the second floor of the Catalyst and the phone # is 584-5322.

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To all School of Theology students

• Registration for Fall 1996 will take place in Payton 101 from August 27th to 29th! Check the Registration Board at Payton for priority times.
• If you cannot attend your registration priority time, you may obtain a self-registration packet from SOT Academic Advising.
• Advising will see students by appointment only. Please be aware that staff changes may mean that students have new advisors—please inquire when you make your appointment. To contact the office, call 818-584-5425.
• Check out the SOT Academic Advising Web Page! We provide information on academic services, concentrations, and registration. Go to “http://www.fuller.edu” and click on the School of Theology icon.

• Modifications to the Fall Academic Schedule for SOT:

Deletions:
LG 512B - Griego

Modifications: (corrected information in bold)
OT 519 - Josh, Judg, Sam, Kings R. L. Cole
GM 503 - Foundation of Ministry 1 R. R. Redman R. V. Peace
NS520 - Etica Neotestamentaria y el Ministerio attribute: ETH
MN 522, 523, 573 SWM classes now open to SOT students

For any updated modification, check with the Advising office.
FALL FILM FESTIVAL
Mark your calendars now for October 17-20, 1996! The third annual City of the Angels Film Festival is on the horizon. This year’s topic is “The Search for Meaning in Film.” Funded in part by Fuller, the Festival fosters conversations about spiritual perspectives in film.

INTERNSHIP IN ART EDUCATION
The Union Rescue Mission is offering an internship in art education. The responsibilities are primarily administrative, coordinating classes and volunteer instructors. Successful applicants will be committed to serving the poor, and have some knowledge of artistic methods and materials. For information call John D’Elia at 213-347-6353.

FIELD ED PREP 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 will be held on Thursday, September 26 from 11:00-12:00 in Payton 101. For more information, contact the Office of Field Education, 818-584-5377.

MINISTRY/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY
The Revs. Paul Clairville (Westminster Pres., Burbank) and Bob Kelley (Shepherd of the Valley Pres., Hacienda Heights) will be in the Garth from 12-2 on Wednesday, August 21 to talk to people about their churches. You need not be Presbyterian and both churches offer a range of ministry opportunities. Asian students are especially encouraged to apply. Sign-ups for specific time slots are on the first floor in Carnell Hall.

RESOURCE FAIR
The Office of Human Resources and the benefits office are sponsoring another health resource fair (with a SPORTS theme) for faculty and staff at Fuller. Come to the Garth and Payton 101 Thursday, September 5, between 10:00 and 4:00. Not only will you receive information on all the benefit plans Fuller offers, you’ll also have an opportunity to get your blood pressure tested, enter a drawing for door prizes, and much more. Watch campus mail for more information.

WE NEED/WANT YOU
The Registrar’s Office is looking for people to work registration for returning students August 27-29 and for new students Sept. 19-20. The hours are 8:00-5:00. Please contact Marian at 818-584-5414 if you are interested and available.

LEND A HAND
Fuller psychology student Dina Paul is recovering from a near-death illness. Friends invite male and female unpaid volunteers to keep Dina company and help with meals during two-hour blocks of time around breakfast, lunch, dinner and bedtime in her home. If you are willing to help a fellow student for at least one two-hour stint, please contact Barbara Eurich-Rascoe in the Office of Women’s Concerns at 818-584-5433. Thanks!

FREE THERAPY
The Division of Marriage and Family is offering 10 free counseling sessions, starting the first week of the Fall Quarter, to engaged/married couples or families who wish to improve their interaction patterns. For more information, call Denise Hall at 818-584-5415. Space is limited. Not available to MFT students.

FALL 1996 Deadline Schedule

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Submissions must be made by noon on Tuesdays.
Questions? Call the SEMI at ext. 5430 or write FTS Box OSS.

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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.

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

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.

Editorial Support: For summer intensives, dissertations/tutorials. I have an experienced eye for academic organization, transitions, conclusions, grammar, Christian theology and related. (APA, Turabian, etc.) Carol Sippy, Ph.D. 818-446-3273.

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; $45 weekdays; $275 per week. Call John Hull (D. Min. office), 818-584-5312.

Apt. for Rent: Monrovia - 2 bedroom, patio, carpets, air conditioning, laundry room, pool, parking, lots of storage. $675. Call Pat at 818-792-6732.

Summer Calendar

| NOW | Returning students, see your advisors before registration begins! |
| August 26 - 30 | Summer Quarter finals week |
| August 27 | Deadline for Orientation SEMI announcements/information. |
| August 27-29 | Fall Quarter registration for returning students |
| September 2 | Labor Day. Seminary closed. |
| September 13 | Official end of Summer Quarter. Last day to submit Summer Quarter assignments. |
| September 16 - 20 | New student orientation. |
| September 19 - 20 | New student registration. |
| September 23 | First day of class, Fall Quarter. |