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Way to Go, ASC!

Resurrected Fuller Follies an unqualified success
by Laura K. Simmons, Editor

A year and a half ago, Dr. Richard Mouw summoned ASC president Gino Vaccaro to his office to discuss a matter of grave concern. Gino bravely approached Slessor Hall, reminded once again of the responsibility of representing Fuller’s diverse student body to the seminary’s president. When Gino and Dr. Mouw were seated, president to president, the concern was broached.

“Tell me, Gino, what’s happening with the Fuller Follies? We can’t have it canceled two years in a row! This show is an invaluable Fuller institution, and it’s very important to me that it happen this year...”

Due to a variety of factors (including a dearth of acts), the 1996 Follies was canceled. But this year’s ASC ‘did Dr. Mouw proud’ on Friday night, February 21. Travis Auditorium was packed for its first Follies in three years. The ASC even held just one show and allowed everyone in for free, just in case the two generations of Fuller students who had never seen the Follies were hesitant to give it a try. And nobody left early.

The Fuller Follies is an annual (normally) event allowing us to laugh at ourselves a bit and to show off some of our oft-hidden talents. Skits this year included appearances by several ASC members dressed as Saturday Night Live cheerleaders to keep us energetic—and laughing—during the evening. Fans of SNL assure us, “they had the moves down!” Several acts capitalized on psychology-related themes, from “The Sound of SOP” (“I am second-year, going on third-year, I’ll look after you”) to the “Top Ten Things that Would Be Different if Jesus Had a Degree in Psychology” and a song from the MATZ about multiple voices in a woman’s head (“Who says you need a group to do group therapy?”). Another skit portrayed a psychology student asking tons of intrusive and inappropriate questions (like “Professor, in what states are therapists allowed to date their clients?”) in the classroom and eventually being carried off bodily by his angry classmates. As in every Follies, there were a couple of skits mentioning dating at Fuller (ask Doug Friesen and Co. to reprise their ‘rapturous’ discussion for you).

One of the exciting elements of this year’s Follies was the “F-Files” theme. ASC Events Coordinator Laura Partridge and M.Div. student Paul Yeager did not stop at playing Scully and Mulder (Laura even dyed her hair red for her part!) and writing several skits, gets a “gut-feeling” enlisted the help of SOP student Kate Rankin and SOT student Cynthia Wayne to design and assemble authentic-looking “F-files” backdrops for the show, and also created a very funny opening video.

In the video, Scully and Mulder have been reassigned from their normal extraterrestrial-hunting duties to go and search for the mysterious missing “Fuller

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1997-98 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW AT THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

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Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid and are due to JEMS by Friday, March 29, 1997.

Don’t forget to use the net for scholarship opportunities! Check out: http://www.fastweb.com

Financial Aid is located on the second floor of Stephan Hall and can be reached by calling (818)584-5421.

Follies Acknowledgments

ASC President Meg O’Brien would like to extend her thanks to the following people who helped make the 1997 Fuller Follies a reality:

Laura Partridge, Event Organizer
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Scott Clark, Media Center
Brian Garvin, Media Center/Sound
Christie Meier, Media Center/Lights
Allen Henninger, House Band
Samuel Paul, House Band
Peter Johnson, House Band
Video Actors, Intentional and Unintentional

All those who created and performed in skits and songs, with a special thanks to Drs. Don Hagner, Marianne Meyle Thompson, and David Scholer for being willing to jest within their field of expertise.
We do not know Judi Brodeen, other than through the article she wrote in the SEMI for its February 17-21 issue. Her words, however, have produced a lot of anger, grief, and weariness in our lives, probably unintentionally. We thought the campus community might benefit from hearing the impact of her article.

Rather than dispute the article point by point, we wanted to share a few thoughts and feelings in reaction to it. First of all, we agree that “person-bashing” is not something that anyone deserves. When Ms. Brodeen, however, states that The Color of Fear “portrays an America I don’t know, and one I refuse to believe my homeland has become,” we feel bashed ourselves. We feel invalidated — our experiences of racism and prejudice are very similar to those shared in the film. Just as the white David in the movie repeatedly told the men of color that their fears and feelings were “unfounded,” so Ms. Brodeen’s refusal to believe that some of us have experienced America as a racist nation puts us down and dismisses us. Somehow she can see the deep roots of tribal hatred in Africa, but not the racism that has existed for centuries here in America.

Secondly, Ms. Brodeen states that she and her cousins “never experienced racism nor witnessed it” within the Minnesota community of Swedish, Slovak, and German immigrants where they grew up. We can believe that she never experienced racism. What astonishes us is that she never witnessed racism. Perhaps she may not have gotten close to very many people of color here in America; we have yet to meet an American person of color who has not experienced racism in some form during his or her life.

In one crucial sense, Ms. Brodeen’s Swedish grandparents were more fortunate than our Chinese and Japanese parents and grandparents. Although the latter were equally “proud to call themselves American,” America — particularly California — refused to welcome them. Troy’s California-born parents and their families were interned by the United States government during World War II despite the fact that Troy’s father was serving as a soldier for the United States Army against Japan. Margie’s parents were denied employment and housing opportunities once it became clear that they were immigrants from China. All Asians were denied the right to become naturalized United States citizens until 1952. This was, and is, an America that can be witnessed by those willing to see it.

Thirdly, and finally, Ms. Brodeen’s comment that she and her cousins have served the Lord around the world and married people from other countries raises great weariness for us, since this is the type of comment we have confronted innumerable times. The film is not about ‘people from other countries’ — it is about Americans. Acquaintance with people from other countries does not give one an understanding of the experience of people of color in America. Growing up as Asian Americans is not the same as growing up as an Asian in an Asian country! We, unlike our counterparts in Japan and China, do not have a country where we totally belong. We stand out whether we are in America or in Asia. When we are in America, people mistake us for foreigners and ask us where we are from, or comment on how well we speak English (although that is the only language we speak fluently). When we traveled and worked in Taiwan, Hong Kong, China and Japan, the people there noticed immediately that we were foreign, because we did not speak Chinese or Japanese very well, and because we were so obviously American in our dress, values, and outlooks. Unlike Ms. Brodeen and her cousins, neither we nor our three daughters can blend in to an American “melting pot;” we are not given that option, as Victor in the film made unmistakably clear.

Ms. Brodeen calls on us to meet her at the foot of the cross. We agree that we are sinners, that we hold racist viewpoints ourselves, and that we need Jesus Christ and his salvation. As her Christian brother and sister, however, we remind her that Jesus does not erase our personal stories as he transforms us. He is willing to hear our pain and, in fact, has taken it all upon himself on the cross. The men in the movie were ultimately able to hear, and even feel, each other’s pain. May God help us to do likewise.

The SEMI would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed their thoughts, experiences, views, and insights to our campus conversation on The Color of Fear this quarter. Jon Motohiro, co-chair of the ASC Multicultural Concerns Committee, is writing an article for issue 10 to close out the SEMI conversation and to direct us to whatever ‘next steps’ are appropriate as we continue to learn to live out true reconciliation in Christ.

The deadline for the week 10 issue will have passed by the time you read this, and during the Spring quarter the SEMI will be bringing you one or two new series. If you have perspectives or questions about The Color of Fear which you would still like to share with others, we encourage you to continue this conversation on the Board of Declaration. If you are interested in pursuing other venues for conversation and reconciliation, please contact the All Seminary Council.
MONDAY
MEETINGS

The following groups will be meeting on Monday mornings from 10 to 10:50 a.m., with exceptions as noted.

**Denominational Groups**

This time is set aside for you to worship, for support, to network, and to connect with denominational issues.

- **American Baptist**
  Psych. Bldg. 116
- **Assemblies of God**
  Psych. Bldg. 311
- **Episcopal/Anglican**
  Preaching Arts Chapel
- **Evangelical Covenant**
  CF D Learning Center
  465 Ford Place
- **New Apostolic Churches**
  Psych. Bldg. 314
- **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**
  Payton 303
- **Reformed Church in America/CRC**
  Psych. Bldg. 120
- **Roman Catholic**
  Library Chapel
- **Southern Baptist**
  Payton 302
- **United Methodist**
  Psych. Bldg. 130
- **Vineyard**
  Payton 301

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 Denominational Relations Office on the second floor of Carnell Hall (behind the Catalyst), or call (818)584-5387.

**Other Groups**

- **Action for Reconciliation & Renewal**
  Psych Bldg. 120, Thursdays 11 a.m.
- **African American Seminarian Association**
  Taylor Hall, Third Floor
- **Korean Students**
  Travis Auditorium
- **Messianic Jews**
  Glasser Hall, First Floor

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- Surveys of Prophets and Writings
- Hebrew Book Studies
- Old Testament Theology
- Spirituality of the Psalms

What are you reading right now?
(Asked in late spring.)
- *God: a Biography* by Jack Miles
  (A sort of reader-response treatment of the Old Testament.)

What are you listening to these days?
FM 105.1

What is your favorite snack food?
crisps (‘potato chips’ to you!)

What are you writing/researching right now?
- Just finished a 154,000-word manuscript on Chronicles for the New Interpreter’s Bible.
- Just starting a commentary on Ezra and Nehemiah for the New International Biblical Commentary.

What do you do in your spare time?
- DIY, reading mysteries and biographies, sewing, gardening, and cooking.

What are you doing in your spare time?

What do you watch on television?
Mysteries and ITN news from London.

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Notice: We are running out of Faculty Profiles to run in this space. In order to continue this column through the spring quarter, we will need about eight more profiles. If you are a faculty member who would still like to be profiled, please send your completed form back to the SEMI at Box OSS, or via e-mail to semi@vax.fuller.edu. If you are a student and enjoy reading this column, please encourage your professors to complete and return their profile forms.
In Spite of Suffering, Faith

The State of the Church in the Middle East, a conference held at Southern California College in Costa Mesa on Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8, will bring together many world-renowned Middle-Eastern specialists. Sponsored by the Southern California College Middle East Studies Center and Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding, this inter-denominational gathering will include speakers, seminars, and workshops on the Church as it confronts persecution and human-rights deprivation in the Middle-East.

The keynote address, “How Can We Be One Body in a Fractured World?” will be on Friday, March 7 at 8:15 p.m., given by David Neff, editorial vice president for Christianity Today, Inc., and president of Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding. Dr. J. Dudley Woodberry, dean of our School of World Mission, will give an assessment of “The Rise of Islamic Fundamentalism and its Impact on the Churches in the Middle East” on Saturday, March 8 at 1:30 p.m.

A special free pre-conference session, “Christian Women’s Human Rights in the Middle East,” will be held on Friday, March 6, from 7-9 p.m.. Alice Bratton, founding director of A Woman’s Voice International, a Christian women’s human rights organization with bases in India and Africa, will be the speaker.

Students with ID will pay $25. Non-student registration is $55 and $60 at the door. Brochures and information are available at the School of World Mission office. The program will be held at Newport Mesa Christian Center on the campus of Southern California College, 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, (714) 668-6142.
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Follies” at Fuller Theological Seminary. They commandeered a library carrel for their operations — only to be confronted by CATS student Joy Jimena, who needs to study and wants her carrel back. After they explain that “it’s not your carrel anymore; we need it,” Joy walks despondently away. The next thing Scully and Mulder know, they are hauled up the stairs and forcibly thrown out of the library by an indignant Olive Brown. (That scene by itself was worth attending the Follies for; and we bet that Olive enjoyed giving someone what they deserve, just once in her career as librarian here!) The video also includes a wiretap on Dr. Mouw’s phone (“Do we have call waiting in this phone, Nancy? I keep getting this odd clicking sound. I can’t help feeling like I’m in some sort of Fuller Follies skit or something...”) and a slight dig at the mailbox situation when Scully and Mulder go to retrieve a message from Box 67. They encounter ASC administrator Maria McDowell, who in no uncertain terms informs them that “You can’t get a mailbox here unless you’re a full-time student, are here on campus three times a week to check your box, live on campus, and...”.

Laura Partridge also unearthed the slightly-altered Fuller Difference ‘promotional video’ from the 1994 Follies, in which Fuller boasts about its ample parking...and we see a student park at the Rose Bowl and jog all the way to campus, only to find security locking up for the night just as he arrives. Dr. Jim McClendon, a Follies regular, addressed the audience at “Fullest Theological Seminary” on the “Dogmatic Theory of the Pasadena Bagel,” giving an extremely clever lecture about ‘tribagelism’ (“original sin is not the sin of talking without sense, as might have been thought, but of ordering one bagel instead of three.”). Quoting ‘Cal Johnvin’ of Geneva, McClendon explained that “three bagels, please is the only orthodox bagel order. Anything else is liberal and Anabaptist!”

ASC president Meg O’Brien made an amusing appearance as “Kerri,” a stars-and-stripes-bedecked young athlete called in at the last minute to save an intramural football game when the team’s only female player leaves the game. As she limps out to take up her position, legs bandaged, lips trembling, her ‘coach’ (Jess Vega) calls from the sidelines, “C’mon, Kerri! You can do it!” She turns to him and asks, “F-f-for my country?” “No!” he replies, “For the McDonald’s endorsement!”

Folklorists say that we tell jokes as a way of coping with our anxiety about certain circumstances. Dr. David Scholer, at the conclusion of the evening, observed about the Follies that, “If you look at this, Fuller students have three concerns: money, parking, and exegesis.” Many of the evening’s most enjoyable acts focused on these themes. Scholer himself gave an entertaining mini-lecture on how to give a sermon, illustrating it with a sample of preaching on

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**CAMPUS EVENTS**

**Singles 40+**
Singles 40+, women and men. Students, staff, faculty. Interested in fellowship just for fun? Let’s see how many we are. Hosted by the Office of Women’s (and Men’s) Concerns. Call Linda at (818)793-1009 for more information.

**Library Exhibit**
March 10-21
McAlister Library will present an exhibit of rare English Bibles from Monday, March 10 through Friday, March 21. Items on display will include Bibles from the Wilbur Smith Rare Book Collection, the Harrison-Ladd Collection and the Donald Dayton Collection. For further information contact David Holifield at (818)584-5612.

**SEMI Spring Deadlines Coming Soon!**
Plan your spring events now, so you can publicize them in the SEMI! Due to finals and Spring Break, the deadlines for the first few SEMI issues of Spring Quarter are early. The deadline for Issue 1 is March 4th; for Issue 2, March 18; and for Issue 3, April 1. A complete deadline list can be found on page six.

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the text of “Little Bo Peep.” He cried while telling his ‘congregation’ what a sad story it was, and then launched into sarcasm (“Of course they’re wagging their tails behind them! What did we expect, that they would wag them in front?”), concluding every section with “It’s in the book!” Scholer had been waiting for three years to contribute that skit to the Follies; it was well worth waiting for.

A group of guitar-playing youth leaders provided some of the most popular music of the evening, leading the audience in several slightly-altered church standards like “Amen” (sung as a background to a recitation from the genealogy in Matthew 1, on the premise that we learn scripture best when we set it to music) and these Sunday-School favorites, the spelling songs, which escalated rapidly from “I am a C, I am a C-h” through a song about the B-i-b-l-e on to E-s-c-h-a-t-o-l-o-g-y and H-e-r-m-e-n-e-u-t-i-c-s (in a three-part round, no less!). Perhaps their most pointed song of the evening, in which they were joined with great vigor and enthusiasm by students in the audience, was a modified version of “Shine, Jesus, Shine” whose chorus went:

_Oh, Dr. Mouw, my tuition is making me bankrupt_  
_Can’t pay my rent or buy groceries_  
_My GSL could balance President Clinton’s budget, Something must be done; won’t you help us, please!_  

Another popular song on Friday evening was Steve Peterson’s “Oh Parking Pass,” set to the tune of “O Tannenbaum.” He sang about the ecstasy with which he bought a coveted parking sticker at Fuller, and the rapid deterioration of his love affair with the parking pass. At the end of his song, we caught a glimpse of renewed hope as he sang of having spotted a brochure advertising Fuller, the interdenominational, ecumenical...parking lot.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Stepping Stones of Service**
Wednesday, 3/12 @ 10-11 a.m.

“Stepping Stones of Service,” the 1997 Faculty and Staff Awards Convocation, will take place on Wednesday, March 12, 1997, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church. Awards will be presented to faculty and staff who have served Fuller for five, ten, fifteen, twenty, and twenty-five years. Please join us in celebrating the faithful service of these members of our community. A reception will follow immediately after the ceremony in the adjacent parlor from 11 to 11:30 a.m.. Hope to see you there!

**Parish Pulpit Fellowship Award**

Application Deadline: Monday, 3/17

Applications are now available for the Parish Pulpit Fellowship Award. This award offers funding for two graduating students with outstanding preaching gifts, and provides them an opportunity to study overseas for one year at the theological school of their choice. Applications are available through the preaching arts office and the SOT Dean’s Office. Application deadline is March 17.

**CHAPEL**

Come and join us this and every Wednesday at the First Congregational Church at 10 a.m. for a time of worship. This week, March 5, we will be honored to have John Huffman, from St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, give the message. A speaker forum will follow the service.

The Thursday Chapel meets in Travis Auditorium at 10 a.m. and this week will feature a testimony from Juhie Shinn, a student in the School of Theology and the Women’s Concerns Committee chair. There will also be a time of praise and worship led by the Chapel Worship Team.

Yes, this is a long article, but ye of great patience shall be rewarded; we saved the best for last! In an informal exit poll, the win-

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The New Testament scholars had to answer questions, among them queries about the resurrection: "You must have the resurrection of manuscripts: "And everyone can find both of them in published Bibles, and about the authorship of Paul. The SEMI and the staff of the Office of Student Services would like to thank the All Seminary Council for bringing the Fuller Follies back to life in 1997! Our staff managed to brainstorm four or five acts for next year's Follies, within ten minutes of the ending of this year's; perhaps you, too, have thought of funny things you (or someone else) could do next year. If you have ideas, why not write them down and drop off a copy in the ASC office today? Make sure you add your name, box number if you have one, and phone number so that someone can call you next year to see if you still want to make your idea happen, or if you'd allow someone else to do so. The 1995 and 1996 Follies died in part because there was not enough interest demonstrated. Laura Partridge showed with this year's Follies that you just need to ask the right people to be involved. If you've got ideas now, turn them in, lest they be forgotten when Follies planning resumes next year! The All Seminary Council has promised to set up (in its office next to the Catalyst sandwich counter) a folder for the 1998 Fuller Follies. The "F-files" were great; can you top that?"