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Dates to Know:

- **Tuesday 8/19**: Deadline to submit stuff for the Summer 2 issue of the SEMI.
- **8/15-19, 1997**: Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association in Chicago. SOP student and faculty attendees, note: the SOP will host a banquet during the conference, at 6:30 p.m. on August 16 at the Palmer House Hilton. Drs. Richard Mouw and Jim Guy will speak. Contact Bert Jacklich at ext. 5506 for more information.

Inside...

**Giving Thanks for Betty Berg**

Imagine saying, "Good morning, Fuller Seminary..." every day, dozens of times a day, for seventeen years. Sound like it might get boring? Not for Betty Berg, Fuller's faithful switchboard operator for almost two decades. Betty retires this week, on July 16. She will be returning to South Carolina with her husband, Warren. When Betty first told her supervisor, Margie McKenna of Auxiliary Services, that she would be retiring, she reassured Margie that "we won't be leaving until the house sells." The Bergs' house sold in a week, so Betty's departure has come as a very sudden surprise and shock to the Fuller Community.

Fielding as many as ten calls at a time for Fuller, Betty has never been fazed: "Oh, no—I love my job." When asked what has made her stay at Fuller for so long, Betty responds immediately, "the people, the spirit, the bosses I've had over the years.... I think Fuller is a really good place to work, because of the Christian atmosphere...and I felt that the Lord wanted me to be here, or I'd be elsewhere. And I really love it. I enjoy the students and the faculty and the staff. I feel very fortunate that I have the rapport that I do with staff and faculty. Sometimes you work in places where you see the executives, but it's just, "Hello, Dr. So-and-so, how are you...?" But our faculty always has the time to stop and say, "Hello, Betty, how's it going? How are you today?" If they pass by and they see that I'm busy, there's always a wave and a big smile. It means so much. And it means just as much when the students do it, or when the staff do it. I've just always felt that one of Fuller's real strong points is that the faculty are so friendly."

Betty's career at Fuller has been fairly uneventful. Aside from several calls for travel agencies, insurance companies, and Greyhound Bus Lines (whose number is one digit off from Fuller's), she has had few unusual wrong numbers. Occasionally a crank call comes through her switchboard, but Betty has mastered how to deal with those. Once a child crank-called her, using some foul language, and Betty immediately said, very sternly, "You go into the kitchen right now, and you wash your mouth out with soap, 'cause that kind of language I don't tolerate! You go now, do you hear me?" The child responded with a very meek "Yes..." and never called back again.

Betty Berg's faithful service to the seminary will be remembered long after she leaves us. Various members of the Fuller community have given the SEMI their tributes to Betty:

**On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of the Hispanic Church Studies Department, I'd like to pay tribute to Betty Berg on her retirement after 17 years of faithful service to the seminary. Betty has been a wonderful and a very joyful person behind the phones, and I will miss her "Hello, Fuller Seminary" and her waving hand as you pass by while she has the phone to her ear. So Betty, we love you and we're gonna miss you, and God bless...**

Isaac Canales
Hispanic Church Studies/SOT Faculty

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FULTER 1947–1997

The JUBILEE is coming soon!

Q. To what does the word “Jubilee” refer?
A) The title of a song by Michael Card
B) A celebration occurring every fifty years, described in the Old Testament
C) An unusual Alabama phenomenon involving crabs’ and flounders’ beaching themselves under certain weather conditions
D) A & B
E) All of the above

If you answered “All of the above,” you’re better informed and more well-rounded than we thought! (And if you’re from the Alabama coast, we’d like you to write for us this year on those crazy flounder-fests.) Crabs and Christian music aside, at Fuller Seminary “Jubilee” refers to our upcoming celebration of the seminary’s fiftieth anniversary. Throughout the 1997-98 school year, various events nationwide will commemorate Fuller’s founding and its first half-century of preparing men and women for the manifold ministries of Christ and his church.

Aside from being a great marketing device, the Jubilee theme also provides the SEMI with lots of opportunities to have fun and add variety to the paper this year. We’ll be bringing you stories of events from every month during the 1947–1948 year, so you can learn (or remember) what was happening the year those first brave students were tackling the then-even-more-stringent M.Div. requirements.

Do you have a Jubilee-related idea you’d like to see us run? Why not write an article on it? (First person to find a deep, relevant, viable analogy to the Alabama “Jubilee” gets a gift certificate for Higher Grounds...) We’d love to get your article by September 3, so we have flexibility in how and when we’ll run them. Send us anything: a small paragraph of remembrance; a list of top-5, top-10, and top-50 items relating to the Fuller community; a 500-word piece or an 800-word article about what Jubilee means for you or for us as a community. (What would forgiving all our loans look like, for example? Who are the people we may have enslaved in some way, and what does it mean to free them?) GET CREATIVE, and send those submissions to us at Box OSS through campus mail. You can also reach us by e-mail (semi@vax.fuller.edu), or come by our office upstairs from the Catalyst in Kreyssler Hall.

The SEMI would also like to invite your participation this year in reflecting on several aspects of Fuller’s mission statement. What does it mean to you as a student, faculty member, staff or administrative representative that Fuller is interdenominational? Why is it important that we serve and learn among an international constituency? How did Fuller’s evangelicalism influence your choice to come here? How does its multiethnic and multicultural character enhance or affect your experience here? The SEMI welcomes brief (one-to-two-paragraph) statements from members of the community reflecting on any one aspect mentioned above. We will decide how and when to run those statements based on how many we receive. If there are too many representatives of a given group (e.g. 25 responses from Presbyterians or Pentecostals and none from a representative of the Orthodox or the Evangelical Covenant traditions), we may have to select only a few of the reflections from that constituency; please encourage a variety of people to respond. Send your reflections to the SEMI at box OSS or via vax (SEMI) or e-mail (semi@vax.fuller.edu). If you have any questions, call us at (626)584-5430 (yes, our area code changed—on June 14).

Thanks in advance for your participation in the SEMI for 1997-98—we look forward to hearing from you!
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It has been a real joy to call Fuller from any place in the country and always receive the warm greeting, “Well, hello, Dr. Needham!” Thanks, Betty, for your 17 years of dedicated and joyful service! I will personally miss you. God bless you in your retirement years! (By the way, why are you retiring so young?)

Thom Needham
SOP Faculty

I knew Betty through phone contact in the mid-eighties when I did an M.A. degree at Fuller, although Betty did not know me. She was then, and still is, for me the “Voice” of Fuller Seminary. It is a voice that has always conveyed to me grace, thoughtfulness, and efficient service. After coming to Fuller as an employee in 1992, I have been able to put a face with Betty’s voice, and she with mine. My image of her has not been dimmed by personal acquaintance. In a community that is constantly changing, Betty has remained a faithful presence and a kind voice. Thanks, Betty, and God bless!

John Hull
Doctor of Ministry program

The first time I heard of Betty Berg was in the early 1980s when she worked with my mother, Naomi Johnston; together they helped the Women’s Auxiliary get clothes and food to needy seminary students. Betty’s work was indispensable. Since coming myself to Fuller, I have experienced Betty’s cheerful presence, her servant attitude, and her real concern for students. She has been an important part of Fuller, and we will miss her.

Robert K. Johnston
SOT Faculty

To Betty Berg,

You have been a friend, colleague, and sister in Jesus Christ; I will miss you. I will miss your pleasant voice and pleasing personality. You have been a great help to me, the staff, and the students. I believe God has other work for you to do. It is my prayer that you will allow the Lord to continue to use you as you leave Fuller Seminary.

Yours truly,
Officer Harrison Ridgeway, Jr.
Parking and Security

First impressions are important. Thousands of people over the years have had their first contact with Fuller through a brief “conversation” with Betty. I can’t imagine that the first impression of Fuller for each and every one of them was anything but positive. Her warm and happy spirit communicates the hospitality and joy of the campus. Betty is a model of Christ-like service, and her career is a generous gift to the life of Fuller Theological Seminary. Thank you very much, Betty.

Peter Harkema
Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment Services

I first met Betty Berg through her familiar “Fuller Seminary” voice through the phone. Her gentleness and grace and vitality were all hidden in what we all know as the beloved voice of Fuller. She knows everyone by name, she is prompt and efficient, and I always appreciated her help. Betty exudes vitality and joy. There was never a day when I did not receive her smile and her “HI, BYE.” Betty, we will miss your melodious “Fuller Seminary...ry” greeting, and your laughter and funny stories. Hi, bye.” “You are the light of the world.” Mt 5:14a

Yalem Haile
Continuing Education

When I think of Betty Berg, I will remember hearing a joyful voice; being grateful for a listening ear; seeing a brisk and confident walk; receiving immediate help and concern; hearing a spontaneous laugh; having a playful, energetic friend; seeing a lovely woman; experiencing a heart of gold! I love you, Betty Berg!

Tammi Anderson
Office of the Vice President for Finance

Y’all come on back now, ya hear?
Father Sam Gantt

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Oh, my gosh! What will the world do without Betty's “Good afternoon, Fuller Seminary” on the other end of the telephone wire? Only Betty can say “Fuller Seminary” in a way that makes me have goosebumps just thinking about her leaving! I've known Betty for almost fifteen years, and I've never met anybody with such a smile and sparkle about her, 99 percent of the time! I'm gonna miss you, Betty! May God's blessings shower down on you and Warren as you begin this next chapter of your lives.

Janice Ryder
Communications

Dear Betty,

We would like to thank you for your many years of service to Fuller and to those of us here in the School of World Mission. You have served so many of us (staff, faculty, and students) during your 17 years here. We will miss your cheerfulness, your smile, and your commitment to service in this community. May God bless you as you move to South Carolina.

Gratefully,
J. Dudley Woodberry, on behalf of your friends in the School of World Mission

Not only has Betty been a warm and welcoming presence to me personally over many, many years, but she has also gone far beyond the call of duty in showing genuine concern for all those unknown callers whose voices have entered her world. Just a few weeks ago, for instance, an obviously distraught former parishioner phoned me. Betty didn't just transfer the call. A short while later, she rang me up to make sure I had actually been in my office and received it. Wow. You have been a gift of grace to this community, Betty. We will miss you. I will miss you.

Marguerite Shuster
SOT Faculty

Betty, thank you for five special years at Fuller Seminary. You have become the voice of Fuller. The most friendly voice in the world, with that touch of Southern hospitality, is leaving. I always thought that Betty would be at Fuller forever, or at least until I came back to teach!! Betty, may your retirement be just as full and enriching as your presence at Fuller has been for us. Even though I don't call much, I will miss your voice on the other end of the phone!! In the words of your favorite singer, “I'm all shook up” about your leaving!! Peace and grace to you and your husband!!

Blessings,

Anthea Butler (switchboard relief and “parking goddess” Emerita)
Vanderbilt University

For a whole generation of students, faculty, and staff, Betty Berg was in a very real sense the voice of Fuller. I cannot count the times when I’ve talked with someone from another seminary who has had occasion to call Fuller. The comments are always the same: “That cheerful voice is unmistakable!”—“What a welcome!”—“I'm disappointed if I call and she is on a break.” Betty has been an excellent example of ‘serving where you are.’ Sitting in her very small space, she managed to cast sunshine over those of us who walked by and those who called in. I never heard her be curt, or short, or impatient with anyone. Betty has been such a part of us all that I fear that I, at least, have often taken it for granted that she would always be there to be counted on. Her departure leaves an empty place. Thank you, Betty, for the gift of your presence, all of these years!

Larry Lloyd and staff
Parking & Security

I cannot say “farewell” to Betty, for wherever she and Warren are, I will still call both of them close friends. Betty is a great person: not only an asset to Fuller for the many dedicated years she has worked here, but helpful, gracious, and kind to all. I love her willingness to assist, always with a smile. During some particularly stressful times when my husband had surgery, Betty was there to comfort us and to pray with and for us. When Warren was recovering last year, she retained her composure, never wavering in her faith. So this is not “good-bye,” but only “so long...let's keep in touch!” and “blessings” to Betty and Warren.

Your friends,

Marilyn Marshall, Assistant to Legal Counsel, and Dale Marshall

Well, this is definitely the end of an era for Fuller. The most friendly voice in the world, with that touch of Southern hospitality, is leaving. I always thought that Betty would be at Fuller forever, or at least until I came back to teach!! Betty, may your retirement be just as full and enriching as your presence at Fuller has been for us. Even though I don't call much, I will miss your voice on the other end of the phone!! In the words of your favorite singer, “I'm all shook up” about your leaving!! Peace and grace to you and your husband!!

Betty Berg, the sunshine voice of Fuller for so long. I remember Betty's extra kindness to me after I was hit by a car at Oakland and Walnut. She could cheer me up just by her voice. I will miss Betty’s cheerfulness very much.

Anita Hutches
Library

Imagine being on business travel to North Bend, Indiana, and deciding to call the office to get messages and reports from faithful assistants. Who first answers and says hello? Betty Berg! Well, I have enjoyed that bit of personal interaction with Betty for 17 years. We will all miss the familiar “Good morning, Fuller Seminary...” Betty, thank you for your faithful service to Fuller Theological Seminary.

Lee Merritt
Vice President for Finance

She knows our names,
She knows our faces.
The lost-and-found she even traces!
A gift like this is hard to find,
But Betty Berg’s one of a kind.

So ok, fine—abandon us
And go your merry way!
While we all cry and shout aloud,
“Oh, Betty! Won’t you stay?”

We wish you well,
Much joy and rest.
You've earned this time;
You are the best.

From CEE, those silly guys
Who value you so much,
We send you off to your new life...
But please, please keep in touch!

submitted by Judy Christy, CEE

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CAMPUS EVENTS

Ministry Enrichment Seminar
Thursday, 7/17 @ 10–11:30 a.m.
Patricia Henning, MBA, will present “Running the Business of the Church” on Thursday, July 17, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Payton 101. Patricia will address the administrative aspects of church life which pastors face on a regular basis. She is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church, and previously served as an advisor to churches in northern Florida seeking to improve their total operations.

Ministry Enrichment Seminar
Tuesday, 7/22 @ 10–11:30 a.m.
Paul Conditt will present “Ministry to Adopted Children and Adults” on Tuesday, July 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 126, School of Psychology. Some people in your congregation and community are adopted or have adopted children. Come and learn about adoption and how to minister to the unique needs of children and adult adoptees.

Ministry Enrichment Seminar
Wednesday, 7/30 @ 2–3:30 p.m.
Dr. Herb Robinson will present “Why is Self-Care So Difficult in the Pastorate?” on Wednesday, July 30 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Payton 101. Clergy self-care is a much-neglected, but most central task of pastoral ministry. Dr. Robinson is staff psychologist and director of the Munger Counseling Service at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.

Rhythms of Grace Retreat
Saturday, 8/9 in Payton 101
“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.” Matthew 11:27-29, The Message.
The Office of Christian Community is offering a one-day retreat for all those who would like to enter a rhythm of rest through prayer and solitude, worship, and community. It will be held on Saturday, August 9 in Payton 101. Call the OCC at (626)584-5322 to register. The cost is $10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer and Fall Enrollment
Summer and Fall enrollment is now open to the public! Epworth Christian Preschool and extended care at 500 E. Colorado Blvd. caters to children ages 2–5 years old. An after-school program is available for older brothers and sisters of preschool children enrolled. For more information, please call Mrs. Cherry Chua at (626)568-9502.

AAA to the Rescue!
Before you take a trip this summer, don’t forget to get a Southern California Auto Club/AAA card. Applications at a special rate are available at ISS, OSS, and Human Resources.

Chavera’t Mashiach Fellowship
Student Group
2nd & 4th Saturday of each month @ 6–8 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to our Saturday evening fellowship with Ma’Ariv Havdolah services featuring special guest speakers. Celebrate the close of Shabbat and the start of a new week, the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. in Payton 101. Refreshments provided. Contact Melvin Spicer, fellowship coordinator, at (626)798-3522 or mwspicer@fuller.edu. Come and learn about the Jewish roots of the Christian faith!

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I will always remember Betty Berg’s lipstick. Why? Because it outlines an ever-present smile which consistently showed me patience during my three years at Fuller, when I would sheepishly ask to use the campus phone on the ledge above her throne, inquire countless times as to the possibility of my car keys’ being in the lost and found box...I even roped her into taking TGU banquet reservations over the phone when I was TGU vice president and president. Betty is a woman who is loved, and who makes me smile when I think of Payton Hall.
Amy Arnold
M.Div., 1996

Dear Betty,
It’s been a pleasure working with you these past two years. I’ve enjoyed our wonderful, endless conversations. Continue to celebrate life and indulge yourself in those exciting hobbies you never had time for. God bless.
Terry L. Harris
Parking & Security

After what seemed like years in a professional studio, we are pleased to announce a STARTLING new album by

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JOBS


Head Administrator/Principal, Calvary Christian Schools, Pasadena. Ministry of Calvary Community Church includes daycare program and K–6 elementary school. Contact Sheila Wright at (626) 794-6545 or (626) 398-8785 or fax resume to (626) 794-6547.

Youth Leader Sought. Small evangelical Lutheran Church in downtown Pasadena seeks youth leader, approx. 10 hrs./week, with middle and high school ages. Lutheran affiliation not essential. Responsibilities include shepherding young people, teaching, mentoring toward leadership and ministry, $300/Month. Schedule is flexible and negotiable. Call Pastor Steve at Immanuel Lutheran (626) 796-8526.

Programming/Worship Director: New Community is an exciting seeker-sensitive church of 250 located in Elizabeth City, NC (45 miles from Virginia Beach/Outer Banks). We are looking for a director with the ability to lead and expand our various worship, music, and drama teams. This person should be gifted and have experience in programming, recruiting, and leading teams, planning and leading worship, music technology, keyboard and/or guitar, vocal skills, and creative communication. Send letter of interest and resume to: Mike Gothard, Senior Pastor, 100 Kathryn Ct., Elizabeth City, NC, 27909. Phone: (919)335-0015, fax: (919)335-2084, E-mail: newcommunity@ecsu.campus.mci.net.

MISCELLANEOUS

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