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Third, Final Leg

I don’t get the people who say they have no regrets. Isn’t a chronic case of “couldas,” “wouldas” and “shouldas” normal and healthy? Or is that just an occupational hazard of an editor, someone who is always critically examining articles, environments, institutions and life? The principle “life unexamined is a life unlived” may not be biblical but it’s a great mantra. Hence, entering my last quarter at Fuller and at the SEMI, I am already having regrets.

The academic regrets have to do with all the classes I won’t be able to take, especially those that meet at the ungodly hour of 8 a.m. (I don’t get the morning people either.) The SEMI regrets are more on the lines of all of the interesting people, issues and stories we won’t be able to cover. Only nine more issues remain before this year’s Fuller journey—with myself at the helm—comes to an end.

Have you enjoyed the journey thus far? We hope so. We appreciate all of the comments and contributions, and yes, even the criticisms too. Personally, I have enjoyed the articles and perspectives on community. We need to wrestle with this important issue and never allow ourselves to think that we have arrived. That’s why we are fully behind the Stone Soup Supper.

What about you? What are some topics the SEMI has covered that have intrigued you? Or what should we cover? What have we missed? Please let us know; we really want to hear from you. In case you missed the subtlely, this actually is a plea for more letters to the editor. That’s one section I wished we had more of in the SEMI. So take time to drop us a line—emails work great.

And for those who are uncomfortable about having their name in the school paper, we would especially love to hear from you. Feel free to drop in the SEMI office and chat, and the conversation doesn’t have to be limited to Fuller. If you want to talk about the Lakers, I’m all ears. I wonder if we can invite Coach Phil Jackson here? I still don’t get his “Zen Christianity,” but I’m loving him now.

So, as we begin the third and final leg of our journey, we thank you for reading the SEMI and traveling with us.

—ED

Hot Soup Anyone?

By Sandra Furukawa

By now, hopefully, you’ve heard of the upcoming Stone Soup Supper on Friday, April 7. Perhaps you got one of our pamphlets. (Sorry, due to budget and personnel restraints, they were only distributed by mail to individuals with Fuller boxes, but you can get one at Student Services, International Student Services and Housing offices.) Perhaps you heard about it from a friend. Perhaps you ran into someone like me and just couldn’t get away before that person started telling you about it. Whatever the case, the question is... ARE YOU COMING? If you are planning to come, you MUST let us know by no later than March 31, either by sending the pamphlet registration slip to FTS Box #997 or by signing up at the table that will be set up in the Garth from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during the first week of the Spring Quarter.

But, wait, you say you haven’t heard of the Stone Soup Supper? Or you don’t understand exactly what it’s all about? You’re not sure if you want to come? Well, well... allow me to just take this opportunity to let you know what’s what about this extraordinary official-but-not-official Fuller event.

The Stone Soup Supper is a first-of-its-kind dinner being planned for all Fuller folks—but with a maximum of 300 diners due to logistical limitations. As the name implies, the idea for the dinner is based upon the story of stone soup illustrated in the accompanying cartoon. However, it is the idea of group participation in making the meal that we are gleaming from this story. We will not be re-enacting the story so don’t expect to see a little girl stirring a large pot of soup in the middle of the Garth all day long and people gathering around that night to eat bowls of it.

Instead, this dinner is envisioned to be a family-style, sit-down dinner in Payton 101 and, most likely, the Garth. Although the menu has not been finalized, the proposed menu contains several main dishes (one vegetarian), rice, bread, salad, fruit and dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. The main idea of the dinner is not just to fill stomachs but to promote personal, meaningful interaction among individuals, which we feel will be most likely to happen if people are allowed to sit together and converse for the complete duration of the meal without needing to get up for seconds (or thirds or fourths). This is why it is a sit-down, family-style dinner for a limited number of people rather than buffet-style meal that would allow for more diners but less intimate interaction.

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Redeeming Side of Intramurals

COUNTERPOINT

The following is a response to Brian Brown’s article (Winter Week 6) on intramural sports. As the ASC sports coordinator, Brown saw our worst on the playing field.

By Danielle McMartin

In some cultures it is helpful when making a presentation or offering a lecture to share information about yourself, the presenter, so that those listening know that you “know what you’re talking about, and are worth listening to.” Well, here are my simple credentials: I have played intramurals at Fuller for 10 years. (Yes, I know that I have aged myself with this information, but that detail would be obvious anyway if you saw me “sprinting” down the field.)

Another thing you should know about me is that I have kept playing intramurals (specifically flag football) because I love it, not because I hoped to someday get a T-shirt. Brian Brown expressed his feelings of frustration as the ASC Sports Coordinator. My goals in responding, while not to dispute everything Brian said, is first to let folks who may never have played intramurals before know that it is not all “sinister,” we have a great time out there. And second that learning (or growth) can happen even when things don’t look pretty.

Why do I love intramurals? It is my chance to interact with the Fuller community in a different setting. We have a lot of closet athletes hidden in our classrooms, giving our lectures and staffing our offices. Most of us have never dreamed of being a professional “anything” in the field of sports…but we all enjoy running around together, and pushing ourselves physically. It feels good to sweat together.

I also appreciate challenging myself personally: How can I learn to compete in this situation without becoming aggressively competitive? How can I learn to communicate this information to someone on the other team? How can I learn to offer helpful information to bring about positive change in a frustrating situation, and not just complaints?

Yes, there were some difficult situations on the field last fall, and we as a community need to be challenged to grow through them. There may also be specific changes that need to occur related to policies and procedures in order to support fair play, healthy competition and clearer information and guidelines for the sports coordinator.

Flag football is a great intramural sport, and an important community-building event. I will always be really glad Fuller offered me the opportunity to play.

Along with staying active, Danielle McMartin enjoys serving the international student population in the International Student Services. She and her husband of 14 years (David McMartin) are thankful to be able to work and play together.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As interesting as Deepak Babu’s sharing of Indian customs was, I was at a loss to follow his interpretation of the show “Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?” as being “an attempt to marry the U.S. cultural presuppositions with Indian cultural forms.”

He was right earlier on in his article, when he mentioned the fact that so little is known about India’s customs. It is for that very reason that it seems quite far-fetched to assume that American TV tried to pick up on that Indian concept. Rather, I believe this was just another (low) level that Las Vegas entertainment is capable of, and to me it’s all about money! When I saw that show (incidentally, I also only tuned in at the end), I was outraged and at the same time very puzzled that such a “ritual” is possible in the age of emancipation, setting women back centuries! In my personal evaluation, this was the picture of the end result of worldly distortion of marriage, and made a mockery of it. Fortunately, God shall not be mocked and it didn’t even last a week.

I have just as little appreciation for the Swayamvar idea. None of what Deepak Babu touched on in his article can qualify as a recipe for marital success. As Christians in a living relationship with the Lord of grace, we know where to look for guidance in that matter.

Karin Allison
Spouse of Fuller student

ALL SEMINARY CHAPEL

Join us this Wednesday, March 29, in the First Congregational Church at 10 a.m. as we hear a message from Fuller President Richard Mouw.

The Thursday Chapel will meet in Travis Auditorium at 10 a.m. SOT Professor David Scholer will speak. There will be a time of praise and worship led by the Chapel Worship Team.
By Mikiko Kumasaka

A few years ago, I was phoning female student and student spouses to invite them to the Fuller Women’s Retreat. As I did so, I was startled to discover how many international spouses would not or could not talk to me, suggesting that I call later to talk to their husbands or handing the phone to one of their children. I’m sure that some of these women could speak English though limited. I also know that some could not speak English.

To help international student spouses with conversing in English, the Residential Community (ResCom) Office is offering English conversation classes in conjunction with the ESL and International Student Services offices. Two levels of these noncredit classes are being offered at low cost. Each week the spouse will have a class and a meeting with a conversation partner.

Following are the testimonies of two participants in their own words. Hee Jin Ra, wife of SWM student Won Ki Ra, is in the English Level 2 class and Heather Reed, ResCom administrative assistant, is a conversation partner (not Hee Jin’s).

MK: Why are you taking English conversation classes?
HJR: Because I want to go back to South Korea. We plan to teach young people English Bible. They need to learn English. We can use English as preaching gospel.

Three years ago I couldn’t say anything except “yes” or “no” and sometimes not even “yes” because I didn’t understand the question. I thank my husband because he encouraged me to learn English. At first I hesitated to go but he encouraged me.

MK: What have you learned in your class?
HJR: I learned many cultural things from articles we read. We talked about roles of men in the U.S., China, Japan and South Korea. The class encouraged me, not only English but active life. It changed my mind and thinking. After marriage, I thought I lost my dream because I have to raise my kids and support my husband. The teacher provided a video about a Christian woman. In the video, women are working very hard for God’s kingdom, social work for poor people and for people who don’t know God. It challenged me and I decided to have a new dream in Jesus Christ.

Before we start class we have quiet time. Holy Spirit worked with our class. We shared prayer requests. We opened our life and discovered we shared troubles, problems and difficulties. They prayed for me and I prayed for them.

MK: What has your experience been like with your conversation partner?
HJR: My friends ask me about her and I say she is smart and humorous so the studying time is not boring. I was eagerly waiting time and expecting time even though it was once a week.

MK: Heather, what do you do during your time with your conversation partner?
HR: I try to ask her what she is studying in class or what she heard on the news. She read an article in class about the American dream and then we discussed women’s roles in Japan and the U.S. That was an eye-opener for me. It gave me a history and context to some things I have observed. I also let her borrow my Martha Stewart magazines and we discussed the recipes because the [American] cooking recipe vocabulary and ingredients are different than in Japanese cooking. Recently we talked about the political makeup of Japan versus the U.S. Discussing our cultures has made me go find out more information about my own.

MK: What have you learned?
HR: I have enjoyed getting to know my conversation partner. I’ve learned about her Japanese culture and, because of that, I learned bits and pieces of other cultures. Coming from a rural area I didn’t have much exposure to other cultures. This has helped me to grow in my understanding of others.

This experience has also helped me to be more patient and comfortable around those who are still learning English. Some ESL students already know English, but they just don’t feel comfortable speaking it. I have seen my partner progress to not being embarrassed to try a new word with me. The importance of a conversation partner is to help them gain confidence, and give them the freedom to practice.

There has been a lot of growth in me as well. I’m introverted and I worried about holding a conversation with my partner. She is good at throwing the conversation back at me and has helped me to grow in conversing with others.

For more information on these classes, call the ResCom Office at 584-5680 or contact me at 792-4464 or <mikiko@fuller.edu>.

Mikiko Kumasaka is a ResCom program coordinator for Student Housing. She graduated with a M.Div degree last year but still takes classes because she likes learning so much!

Conversation Piece

Both Hee Jin Ra, left, and Heather Reed have learned through the ESL classes.

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STONE SOUP: Feeding Community

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All participants have been asked to either donate money, supplies, help or door prizes, but only students are eligible for the door prizes. So far, we’ve only received a few cash donations and pledged door prizes—some from individuals who cannot attend the supper but want to support it anyway—but we’re expecting that many more donations will be given or pledged as our March 31 deadline approaches. We’re really excited about this great opportunity and already have a free weekend stay at a Big Bear cabin donated by John Hull (D.Min Office), a one-on-one lunch date with Richard Mouw (our president!), a date for two to the theater with the Scholers (SOT faculty/administrator), and a home-cooked dinner with Hendrika Vande Kemp (SOP faculty).

You could say that the Stone Soup Supper is the result of what may be described as grassroots efforts because it’s being planned and put together by a small team of volunteers. No one is being paid for their efforts and no one is doing this because it’s a part of their job; we are involved because—as it says in the pamphlet—we want to “take a personal, active role in building community here at Fuller… and break(ing) down walls between the different groups on campus.” To be perfectly honest, it’s a little tricky and bit overwhelming planning this as it’s completely reliant upon the donations and participation of others and we won’t know for sure until March 31 how many people are coming and what everyone is donating. But we have faith that things will turn out because we know that, ultimately, everything is in the hands of the Divine Planner.

However, we do want to acknowledge the contributions of key individuals and departments of the seminary from the very beginning when the supper was just an idea keeping this dreamer awake at nights. The casually proposed idea of this supper went from being just a vision to reality with the encouragement and support of Tammi Anderson, Scott Engmann, Yuniya Khan, Jeannette Scholer, Inez Smith and Ruth Vuong have been great supporters of this endeavor. Without the generosity of Copy Services and Total Food Management, the publicizing and planning of this supper would be a total nightmare, and additional support will be given by the office of Student Services, Christian Community and International Student Services, along with ASC officers.

Isn’t this great?

Still, we could really use more help in getting additional donations of supplies and door prizes. How about it? Don’t you have a little something to add to our soup? Or maybe you know someone else who does? Just let us know by March 31!

Note: There will be a table set up in the Garth 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. every day during the first week of the quarter. If you have questions or want to drop off your registration slip for the supper, that’s the place to go! However, if dropping by the table doesn’t fit into your schedule or you want to contact us about the supper sooner, please feel free to call me at 584-5443 or e-mail sandra@fuller.edu.

Hope to see you there!

Fuller staff member and SWM student Sandra Furukawa thanks God for her biological family and her church family who both taught her how to give and how to value people as well as how to combine good food with good fellowship. She believes in the healing and affirming power of community but thinks that, sadly, it is not a concept truly understood and practiced by many people although it is preached about a lot. She hopes that the Stone Soup Supper will go well and jokes that it has helped her prayer life immensely.

V O I C E S

Question of the week: What contributions can help make the Stone Soup Supper a great community building event?

Hephzibah Purtee, Front Desk Receptionist at Fuller Housing

The Stone Soup Supper will help build community at Fuller by bringing people together. Sharing ingredients to make soup is a way of sharing with others what I have in order to bless others, as well as receiving what others have to offer. It is a time and place where people can connect as they share not only their food but their lives and experiences around the table.

Brenda Acosta, International Student Advisor

For attendees to bring a written soup recipe from their home country to share, and to bring the food in a container that states something unique about that person.
CAMPUS EVENTS

Farewell Reception

Tues, March 28 @ 10 a.m.

Catherine Schaller, Associate Director of the Office of Christian Community, will leave March 31 to accept a position as Director of the D.Min. program at Azusa Pacific University. You are invited to express your appreciation for Cathy’s ministry among us by attending the Tuesdays @ 10 on March 28, followed at 11 a.m. by a farewell reception in the hospitality center of the Office of Christian Community (Kreyssler Hall, 2nd Floor, above the Catalyst).

New Testament Colloquium

Tues, March 28, 7:30–9 p.m.
Thurs, March 30, 1–3 p.m.

Peter Stuhlmacher, professor of New Testament at the University of Tübingen, Germany, will give an address entitled “Christian Hope for the New Century” on March 28 in Travis Auditorium. He will give another lecture entitled “Experiences with Biblical Theology” followed by a faculty panel discussion on March 30 in Payton 101. For more information, call the SOT Dean’s office at 584-5300.

TGU Book Sale

Wed–Thurs, March 29–30, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Bring your books to the Garth, price them and we will sell them. Unsold books and profits must be picked up @ 4 p.m. March 30 in the Garth. TGU is not responsible for lost or stolen books.

FE Preparatory Workshop

Thurs, March 30, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Participation in a preparatory workshop is required of all first-time interns enrolled in a Field Education course for the Spring Quarter. The workshop will be in Faculty Commons. For more information, call Gary Purtee in the Office of Field Education. Phone: 584-5377, email: <gpurtee@fuller.edu>.

Lunch with SOT Dean Dyrness

Tues, April 4, noon–1 p.m.

Come bring your brown bag lunch and meet the SOT Dean Bill Dyrness in the Garth.

"the artist loft"

Wed, April 5, 2–3:30 p.m.

Roberta King, ethno-musicologist and faculty in SWM, will perform and teach African music. She will discuss integration of faith and music during the workshop at Madison House Community Life Center, 289 N. Madison Ave. Field Education credit will be given. For more information, call Mikiko Kumasaka at 792-4464.

A/G Superintendent Visit

Mon, April 10, 7 p.m.

A/G students and faculty! Come out to Payton 101 to hear the Rev. Ray Raches, District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. Light refreshments provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

S.U.P.P.O.R.T.

All student wives are invited to the SUPPORT Bible study and fellowship class. Wednesday sessions are from 9:15-11:30 a.m. at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church (3rd floor) at Colorado Boulevard and Madison Avenue. Led by Kathleen Hart. Childcare for up to 5-year-olds is provided. Thursday evenings begin at 7 in the SOP Student Lounge. Led by Patty Frey. No childcare. Questions? Call Simone Baroldy @ 744-0371.

Christianity Today Subscription

The popular Christian magazine is offering a special $6.95 per one year subscription rate to the Fuller community. To take advantage of this rate, you must sign up by April 14. For more information, call Dave Dorman, President’s Office, at 584-5214.

Your Artwork Wanted

The Art Festival Committee is currently soliciting visual art for consideration for the Fuller Art Gallery during this year’s Arts Festival. Please bring no more than three pieces to the President’s Office (8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday through Friday) by March 31. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please bring your best work as this will be a juried show. The Arts Committee is also soliciting written, graphic and photographic art for the Offertory Journal printed in conjunction with the festival. Bring your poems, prose, photos, drawings, to the front desk of the Admissions Office by March 24. To help speed up the process we would appreciate your entry being on a disk (Microsoft Word) along with a hard copy. Please be sure your name, telephone number or campus box number is on your submission. If you have any questions please email Deon Standlee at <deon@fuller.edu> or call 584-5404 or Mark Wright at <LordPres@aol.com> or 795-4911.

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$ Fin Aid $

• Last Day for Loans—April 1 is the last day to submit a 1999-2000 application for student loans for the spring quarter.
• If you have any questions regarding financial aid, call us at 584-5421 or e-mail us at <finaid@fuller.edu>.
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 SEMI at (626) 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.

JOBS
Childcare Needed 2 1/2 year old in my La Canada home starting A.S.A.P. 15-20 hours per week. Call Denise @ (818) 790-6395.

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“A good name is chosen rather than riches.” Proverbs 22:1

Mountain Retreat Beautiful country-style cabin, accommodates up to 8 persons, located in the Big Bear area and available to the Fuller community. Rates: $125 weekends; $45 weekdays; $295 weekly. Call John Hull (D. Min. office), ext. 5312.

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. Walt Zimmer Co., wholesale manufacturing jewelers with 82 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.)

FOR RENT

Help Mozambique
Mozambique has been devastated by a cyclone. Please join the Peace and Justice Concerns Committee in sending aid to the people of Mozambique through World Vision. Contributions may be left at the ASC office in the Catalyst. Checks should be made out to World Vision. Credit cards can be used through the World Vision website.
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