Changes Within
By Raquel Lofstedt

While I was shocked and saddened, greatly saddened by the tragedy at Columbine, I have become concerned about some of the developments I have seen emerge in the past year around the case. I applaud the courage that Cassie Bernall showed in her last moment, and I grieve the loss of so many young people and teachers. One year is barely long enough to emerge from the fog of bereavement. However, in an effort to keep this from happening again, something else than a cult of martyrs is needed.

Adolescents just don’t sell their souls to the Devil, run about their school with guns looking for specific groups of people to kill, and then dispatch themselves as coldly as they did dozens of other people. In my experience, that takes a pretty mighty push from the community.

I went to a series of schools where young people didn’t only have to deal with the usual popularity clashes, but a number of us met constant and long-term harassment, beatings and threats of sexual violence from our fellow classmates. Some of the crudest people were those who claimed to be Christian. At one point, one young man snapped and started throwing sulfuric acid at people in science class. Even though he had been taunted through the class period, everyone swore this simply came out of nowhere. He simply just couldn’t take teasing.

Some teenagers try to seize control of their lives by making themselves outcasts if they are not accepted by their peers. The more extreme the pressure they perceive, the more extremely they’ll pretend that they don’t want to be part of the pack, the more they will heap scorn on that which the “in” group values. I remember doing that myself. Yet, I have parents of faith, and they taught me the preciousness of human life, as did the parents of most of the other “outcasts” in my school. That’s the only reason we speak

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Embracing Colors; Facing Fears

What is the matrix? Racism. What is the overlaying infrastructure that systematically bind all and pit one ethnicity against another? Racism. What is the tint that colors all perspectives, issues and actions? Racism. Insidious and overpowering, racism has seeped into every fiber of our society. The documentary film “The Color of Fear” exposes the ugliness of racism, and the painful courage needed to overcome it. This film is a must view. And the issue must be discussed. May God help us all. —ED

Lee Mun Wah’s documentary film strips bare the tormenting effects of racism in the United States.

By David Thornton

Fuller Theological Seminary is multidenominational, multicultural, multiethnic, multilingual. We are the largest seminary of our kind in the world. We rejoice in our gifted professors, in our hard-working and underpaid staff and administration, and in our breathtakingly diverse student body. We are moving toward a foretaste of the glorious scene in Revelation 5:9-10, where the elders and the living creatures fall down to worship the Lamb, who is “worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God.”

Without pride but with trembling delight, we can say that there is perhaps no other academic institution on earth as close to the brink of seeing that worship scene incarnated in our midst. Christ has not only ransomed saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, but He has brought a great number of us together from around the world in this place at this time. We are poised to move into a depth of communion and servanthood of which we have only dreamed.

A good number of Fuller students have been in active dialogue for many months now, desiring deeply not to simply talk about issues of race and reconcili-
T’was a Successful Supper

By Sandra Furukawa

The Stone Soup Supper was a success according to the feedback I’ve gotten so far. About 90 people attended, the food was good, the setting was cozy, the socializing went well, the prizes were nice and the kitchen was left neat and clean. All in all, things went pretty well for a first-time event of this scope and nature. Allow me to share a few things from behind-the-scenes.

First, special thanks to the following people for making it happen: Chris Low, Margie McKenna, Esther Vasquez, “the two TFM guys” who cooked almost everything, Melissa Keeble, Twyla O’Callaghan, Gus Wright, Heather Reed, David Smith, Hephzibah Purtee, Laura Simmons, Ed Maling, Joaquin Becerra, James S. Kim, Jeannette Scholer, John Hull, Michelle Chovan, Vince Lu Visi, Curt Roberts, the ASC, the “not-so-Hawaiian Club” and the many who couldn’t attend but donated anyway. I also want to apologize for the supper not being as well-planned as I would have liked—people not RSVP-ing made it challenging to say the least and, for some, the idea of a donation-based supper was confusing.

I’m glad that so many did make it to the supper and, to those attendees who hadn’t made their donations yet, it’s still not too late to donate toward the supper’s cost—any amount will do. Perhaps next time (if there is one) we’ll be able to plan better, cut down on the confusion and get at least one faculty member to come!

To make a donation, claim a prize, get information or give feedback, please contact me at 584-5443 or via Box #997—and if you are the person who won the Scholers’ door prize, please contact me as soon as possible!

Sandra Furukawa works in the Housing Office and on her MAICS degree when she’s not dreaming up and/or coordinating things like the Stone Soup Supper.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I think Stuart Dauermann has done the Gentile Christians at Fuller a service by letting us in on his experiences of anti-Semitism at the hands of Christians (Spring 4 Issue). It is indeed a matter of shame that followers of Jesus treat Jewish people as scapegoats. But even more, it is a way of bringing a curse upon ourselves when we consider God’s unilateral covenant with Abraham. And when we observe that Jesus was willing to forgive those who nailed him to the cross (both Jew and Gentile), it seems to me a matter of spiritual myopia that leads Christians to see in the crucifixion of Jesus an occasion for blame rather than the supreme expression of God’s love.

Stuart’s suggestions for relating to Jewish people are well taken and give us an insider’s perspective of how even our best intended words can come across as condescending. I commend Stuart for highlighting the Pope’s recent confession. May we all emulate the Pope’s humility and in so doing move a step closer to the fulfillment of Stuart’s (and my) hope that large numbers of Jews will recognize Jesus as God’s Messiah for them.

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The Price of Racial Reconciliation

By Paula Fuller

What do you get when a group of women leaders from Fuller Theological Seminary meet in the bathroom at a retreat site for an impromptu discussion about racial injustice and multiculturalism? C-H-A-N-G-E! Many people jokingly refer to “the bathroom group” that talked until the wee hours of the morning during the Catalina leadership retreat last fall, but I know God arranged that meeting for my sisters and me. That conversation among a small group of students led to other discussions and resulted in a group of students committed to monthly to form relationships, share their cultural backgrounds and dialogue about racial issues.

I loved the dialogue with my sisters, but my enthusiasm for racial reconciliation waned considerably in the larger group discussions. I knew God was working on the campus to bring about reconciliation and I wanted to participate in what God was doing, but I couldn’t seem to enter into the flow of it. I didn’t feel safe sharing my experiences. I was uncomfortable being the lone voice or one of few voices for African Americans. During these discussions I would look around the room and see people I’d been interacting with for more than a year. I didn’t understand why I didn’t “trust” them. I was unwilling to take the risk to share my stories and sometimes, even when I really wanted to speak, the words just wouldn’t come.

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atation in the abstract, but to focus our attention more closely on the Fuller community. Beautiful and difficult conversations have increased the yearning to see the walls of injustice and prejudice come down here on our campus between persons, between schools and within the institution itself.

This week (May 1–5), great things will happen on campus as we look at “Breaking Dividing Walls.” On Monday (May 1) and Tuesday (May 2), there will be repeated screenings of a fabulous documentary by Lee Mun Wah, called “The Color of Fear.” The documentary is one of the most powerful and revealing films I’ve ever seen to deal with issues of race and prejudice. The filmmaker assembled for a weekend discussion about prejudice eight of his friends who had not yet met each other, and he captured their conversation on tape. The conflicts and confessions that arose from this encounter are deeply moving to the audience, and they help viewers to identify and face issues of prejudice in their own lives.

One reviewer wrote, “‘The Color of Fear’ is a film about the pain and anguish that racism has caused in the lives of eight North American men of Asian, European, Latino and African descent. Out of their confrontations and struggles to understand and trust each other emerges an emotional and insightful portrayal into the type of dialogue most of us fear, but hope will happen sometimes in our lifetime.”

Several years ago, “The Color of Fear” was screened throughout one day, and its impact was felt for weeks afterward. Many people began to ask each other about their experiences of prejudice, and they were much more aware of and open to considering problems of racial and social justice than they had ever been. Because there is now a completely new cohort of students at Fuller, our hope is that showing the film will again spark profound levels of discussion and promote actual changes within our community.

Wednesday (May 3) will be our celebration of Cinco de Mayo, with all the joy of Latin music and worship. Come in common cause with our Hispanic sisters and brothers to chapel on Wednesday, Thursday (May 4) will be our Day of Prayer in Payton 101, from 10 to noon, with a light meal following. This day will be one of the highpoints of a week of Breaking Dividing Walls, where we will pray together to discover the need for true reconciliation in our community at every level. All classes are cancelled during those hours on Thursday, so please come and join us in prayer. Finally, on Friday (May 5), the International Festival will bring celebratory closure to the week. This will be a blessed time of celebrating our cultural diversity in dance, cuisine, music and art. After we are reconciled, we can truly appreciate and delight in our differences.

During the first days of May, we have a great opportunity to deepen our communion and serve one another. Please watch for location and times of the film’s screening, with discussion groups following. Take the time now to make space on your calendar and join with your sisters and brothers in a week of examining our hearts and pressing into truer and more just community. Let us move closer to realizing the vision of Revelation, where we unite around the throne of the Lamb in unboundaried worship.

David Thornton, assistant to the directors of Chapel and the Office of Christian Community, hopes to help build real community with justice at Fuller. He leaves in August to study in Cambridge, England, for a year.
Maria’s Italian Kitchen
3537 Foothill Blvd., Pasadena

I can’t even remember the last time I gave a restaurant a five-star rating but I must say this place is that good! I’ve been going to so many mediocre and just plain lousy restaurants I was beginning to think there was some kind of government conspiracy to help me lose weight. (Maybe I’ve been watching the “X-Files” too much?)

Maria’s, unlike some of the big restaurant chains, only uses “fresh” ingredients. They use 100 percent-pure olive oil and pasta imported from Italy. All of the produce is purchased from a local grocer the same day and the meatballs and Italian sausage are homemade as well. Hot delicious Italian breads are complimentary with each entree and complement the meal very nicely.

I started out with an antipasto salad and it was delicious. It contains fresh greens piled high with such an assortment of meats and cheeses to even make the low carbohydrate-loving Dr. Atkins green with envy. After the salad and breads I was a bit nervous that I would not be able to eat my Eggplant Parmigiana but God spared me and delivered a spirit of hunger. Okay, everything so far had been perfect but now the true test, the Eggplant Parmigiana. Would it be as good as Domenico’s? The first bite—the texture, the home-made sauce, the melted cheeses—had I died and gone to heaven or what? It was perfect—the best! I want stock in this company!

The food was so good I had forgotten about my poor friend Jim sitting directly across from me the entire time as I was caught up in the moment. I offered an apology, feeling quite poorly as to have forgotten about him being there and all. Shortly after the apology I inquired as to the possibility of perhaps getting a bite of his stuffed shells with creamy ricotta. (For research purposes only, of course.) The stuffed shells were absolutely delicious with the yummiest ricotta I have ever eaten. Do they have a cow in the back to keep the dairy this fresh?

I was feeling every bit as stuffed as those shells after eating all this fine cuisine but I did manage to save just an itty bit of room for a dessert in the menu that intrigued me. I ordered the Maria’s Country Apple Almond Crumble and it was everything that was advertised. Caramelized apples piled into a buttery tart shell topped with almond crumble. That was just the icing on the cake after such a wonderful dinner and made from scratch on the premises.

The service here was impeccable, as well as the genuine desire to make the customer feel appreciated that is lacking in so many venues today. Georgio, the most gracious manager and host, made us feel very welcome, as did the fine staff at this establishment. Bravo!

Well I’ve made myself so hungry writing this review that another trip to Maria’s is being contemplated in the very near, perhaps as soon as . . . (Dan has left the building.)

Until next time, may your tummies be happy and your heart burns be few.

Buongiorno.

Dan Payne

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of Columbine, Littleton, CO, instead of Bullard High, Fresno, CA, in tones of horror. I briefly left the faith due to the harassment and many I know left permanently. After all, who wants to associate with hypocrites, and for many teens, hypocrite is a loaded word.

While spending time with our son in the Koinonia playground, my husband observed some children of Fuller students making a big deal of going to the same church, and setting up a “club” where membership was given to those who could sing a certain hymn. Those unfamiliar with the hymn, or, like our son, who didn’t have the ability to sing it back to them, were excluded from playing with the other children. Parents should be aware that their children are setting up their playmates to resent other Christians, if not to resent the Church as a whole. What seems innocent or “just girls being girls” now may lead to worse harassment later.

I am not blaming the Columbine victims. Many of these people probably had done nothing to their aggressors, and if they had, they did not deserve death. Yet, I am concerned about the lack of critical analysis concerning the origins of this horrible happening. The first accounts said that Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, as well as their friends, had been harassed by other students. Then, within two days, this acknowledgment was dropped as if it was never made.

Targeting people like Klebold for psychological intervention will make no impact unless we as Christians teach our adolescents these important points:

• The Church is not an in group to be strengthened by treating outsiders with scorn.
• Witnessing is to be an act of love, not a statement of “I’m right and you’re wrong and you’re going to Hell.”

• Love your neighbor as you love yourself, and better, seeing how hard it is for a teen to like him or herself.
• Have the courage to keep reaching out to an angry classmate, because sometimes even your teachers will target such people for ridicule to gain popularity in front of the class. To help a child, the environment has to be changed as well.

It seemed to me that much of what went wrong, and is still going wrong in my old school, was going wrong at Columbine. Teenagers seem to be such adults, but they vacillate between being capable of great maturity and empathy and being completely self-focused. They still need leadership and support in how to properly treat other young people. It seems to me that if we turn Columbine into merely a tale of martyrdom and glory, we are setting up rich ground to sow...
CAMPUS EVENTS

Interviewing Workshop  
Mon, May 1, 1:30–3:00 p.m.  
Eva Peters of Career Services, and Elizabeth Gate of Pitney Bowe Inc., will present “Interviewing for a Ministry Position” in Payton 101. Through role-playing and case studies you will learn various tips on how to gain confidence and become an equal partner with the interviewer in the interview process.

Listening Tools  
Wed, May 3, 3–5 p.m.  
Glenda Corstorphine, SOP, will present “Listening With Both Ears: How to Listen and Respond in Ministry” in Payton 101. Corstorphine will present practical listening tools to enhance your ability to respond to spiritual and emotional themes in ministry.

National Anxiety Screening Day  
Wed, May 3  
If you feel like anxiety has taken over your life, come to Fuller Psychology and Family Services and receive a free anxiety screenings. Call 584-5555 for appointment times.

Gender Barriers Presentation  
Sat, May 6, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
SWM Professor Betty Sue Brewster presents “Strategies to Cross-Cultural and Gender Barriers in our Own Backyard.” Sponsored by the greater L.A. Chapter of Christians for Biblical Equality. For more information pick up a flier in a kiosk, or call Betsy at 584-5385.

Women’s Lectureship and Research Colloquium  
Wed, May 10–11, 10 a.m.  
Anthea Butler, Assistant Professor of Church History at Loyola Marymount and Ph.D. candidate at Vanderbilt University, will speak at the lectureship. Research colloquium papers will be presented from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brown Bag Lunches with SOT Faculty  
Lunches are at noon in the Garth. May 2—John Goldingay; May 10—Marianne & John Thompson; May 18—Jim Bradley, May 22—Ray Anderson.

Children/Youth Ministry Opportunity  
Come volunteer every Friday 4–6 p.m. to work with kids from Fuller families. Positions available to work with both Jr. High and K–6th graders. Even if you cannot commit every Friday, please come for a short time. You can also earn your field education internship. For details call D. Kinoti Meme at 577-6742.

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Donations Coordinator position open in the office of International Student Services. The Donations Coordinator coordinates the process of incoming donations and their distribution to international students. For info, call Danielle McMartin at 584-5398.

Free Film Screening  
An award-winning film “The Best Man” produced by a Fuller student will be screened May 3 (Wednesday). The movie is the first film produced by Mark Klitsie, a Ph.D. student in theology. The screening, free to Fuller students, is at 7:30 p.m. at The Academy of Television Arts and Science, 5230 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood. For more information, call (818) 754-2800. A campus screening is planned for late May.

Visiting Professor Lectures  
Wed–Thur, May 3-4, 7:30 p.m.  
Thomas Smail, renowned theologian from England, will give two lectures on “The Holy Spirit and the Renewal of the Church Today” at Payton 101. The Wednesday lecture is titled “Passion and Pentecost—the Spirit and the Son” and the Thursday lecture is titled “The Spirit in Person.” Smail has been here for the Winter and Spring quarters as the Arthur DeKruyter/Christ Church Oakbrook Visiting Professor of Preaching.

Smail is well known especially with reference to charismatic renewal within the Church of England. He was Vice Principal and lecturer in Christian Doctrine from 1979-85 at St. John’s College, Nottingham, England, and then Team Rector of Sanderstead, South Croyden, from 1985-94.
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.

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