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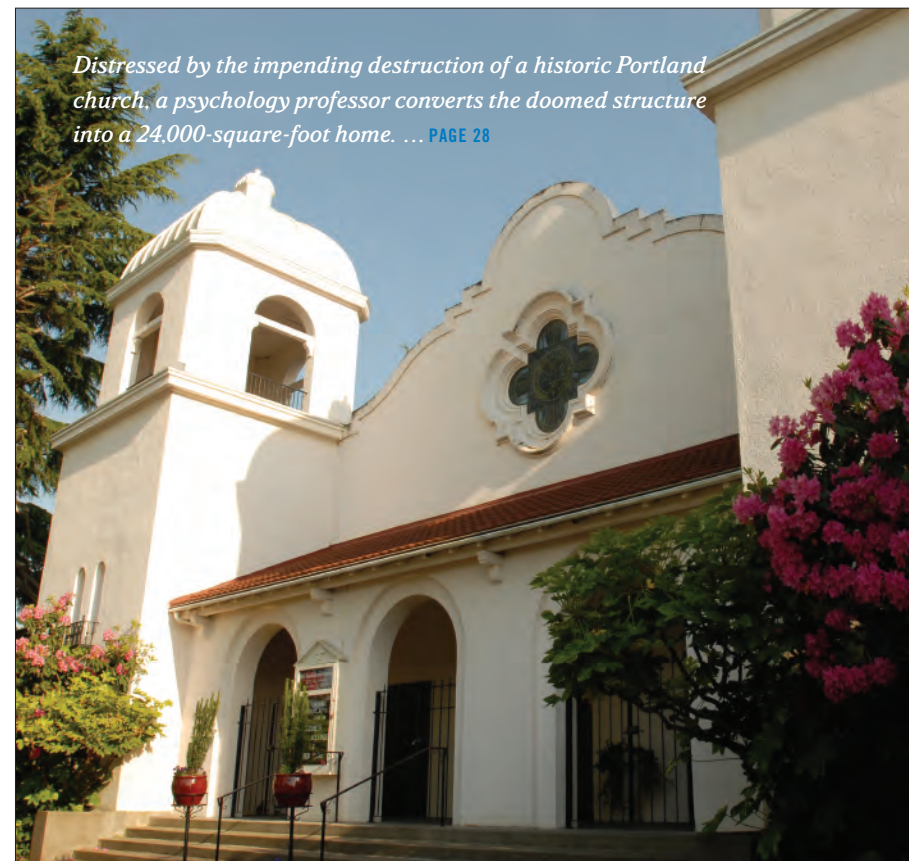
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Readers Forum

Hoover and Hatfield

>> I was thrilled to read about Jim Foster in the *George Fox Journal* ("Psy-Fi," Spring 2007). I read *Footprints of Thunder* years ago and enjoyed it very much. Now I know who the author is. I lost track of a few things when I started grad school and didn't get to follow up with a new favorite author. I'm looking forward to reading the rest of his books.

Darlene Babin (G06)
NEWBERG, ORE.

>> It was saddening to read of Colleen Richmond's passing ("Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow," Spring 2007). However, in the moments of reflection all of my memories of Colleen invariably involved a smile. I had many professors who spent a great deal of their time instructing me during my matriculation at George Fox. But very few of those professors also took the time to befriend me. Colleen was one of those few. Her thoughtful encouragement was a much-cherished cornerstone in my college experience. As was typical of our interactions, her comments on my final paper to her, an antinomic paper in which I somehow frapped Yin and Yang and Macbeth, were "Suitably Incomprehensible! A."

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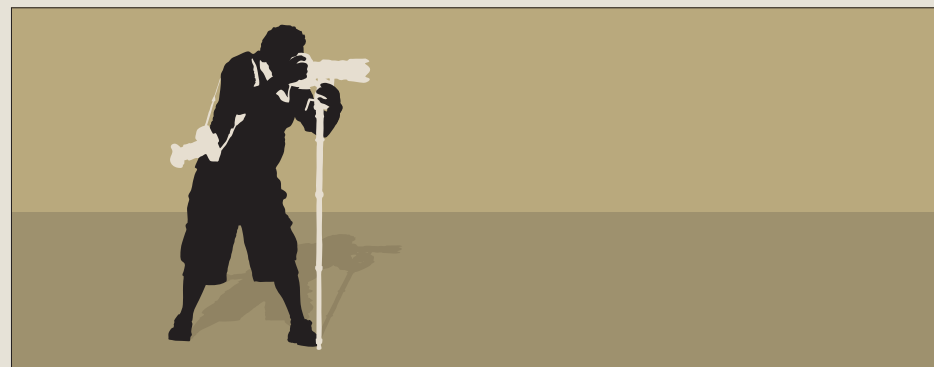
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Give us your best shot

Readers' photo contest call for entries

>> The *George Fox Journal* invites you to submit photographs that convey the university's hallmark theme, "a matter of mind and spirit." The university adopted this theme during the development of its marketing plan initiated in 2002.

The winning entries will be featured in the Fall 2007 *Journal*. First place will be awarded \$250, second place \$100, third place \$50. Other entries may be published. Runner-up entries also will be featured in the Fall 2007 *Journal*.



Competition rules

- The competition is open to all amateur photographers (people who do not earn more than 50 percent of their annual income as photographers). George Fox employees and their immediate families are ineligible. Each contestant may submit no more than three photographs.
- A photograph may be submitted in one of two ways:
Digital: You may submit a jpg file, copied to a compact disk.
Print: You may submit an unmounted 5"x7" or 8"x10" print.
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- Please include the following information with your entry: name, mailing address, e-mail, phone, title of entry, and a 50- to 100-word description of how the photograph conveys the idea of "a matter of mind and spirit."

Submissions

- Mail your entry to *Journal*, George Fox University, #6069, 414 N. Meridian St., Newberg, OR 97132.
- Deadline: July 1, 2007
- The winner will be notified by Aug. 15.

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Fond farewell



It doesn't take university presidents long to discover that there are really few different speeches to speak or articles to write. The themes are the same and the trick is to use enough different words that it appears to be new.

At George Fox University the main (maybe the only) theme is that we offer students high-quality, Christ-centered higher education. Our historic mission is "to demonstrate the meaning of Jesus Christ by offering a caring educational community in which each individual may achieve the highest intellectual and personal growth, and by participating responsibly in our world's concerns."

Jesus Christ is pervasive at George Fox — in the classroom, the laboratory, the residence hall, the playing field, the theatre, and the music hall. Jesus is relevant everywhere.

To support this main theme, my speeches and writing have required secondary themes. Education has never been inexpensive, and access is difficult for some groups of people. George Fox University needs financial support to carry out this important mission. As high as tuition is, we have significant discounts for those who are academically capable, but unable to pay our cost. Buildings and capital equipment are essential for high-quality education, and tuition is not designed to address such expenses. So your support is essential to carrying out our mission.

In my final column, I simply repeat what I've been trying to say for nine years. We produce graduates who will serve our nation, the world, and the Christian church. We produce graduates who will provide visible as well as behind-the-scenes leadership for our society. I ask you to be engaged with us in this process. We need your prayers and your financial support to be successful.

After nine years, I have come to love this university. I am grateful to the board of trustees for my designation as president emeritus. I will wear that title with great pride and look forward to watching this university continue to grow and mature as it carries out its mission under Robin Baker's leadership. Robin will need your continuing help as he leads the university into the future. Maybe the only thing we know about the future of George Fox is that the university will continue to face challenges of various kinds. I have full confidence that Robin and Ruth Baker will provide the right leadership. Be sure to encourage them with your ongoing prayers and gifts. Melva and I intend to continue to support Robin and Ruth and the university in prayer and with our finances.

Thank you for your love and support during my tenure as president of the university.

Dr. David Brandt
President

"We produce graduates who will serve our nation, the world, and the Christian church."



Baker named university's 12th president

Board promotes Provost Robin Baker, a historian and seasoned administrator

Provost Robin E. Baker, who has overseen a dramatic expansion of academic programs at George Fox since 1999, will be the institution's next president. He will begin his presidential duties following the retirement of President David Brandt on June 30.

Baker, 49, was selected March 10 by the George Fox Board of Trustees at its annual spring meeting.

"After conducting a national search and evaluating the complex requirements for leadership at George Fox University, the board is unified in our excitement that Dr. Robin Baker has accepted our offer to be our next president," said Barbara Palmer, chair of the board of trustees and senior vice president of Bank of America.

"I am very pleased with the selection," said Colin Saxton, superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church and a member of the selection committee. "Dr. Baker is passionate about Christ-centered higher education and is deeply committed to the mission of George Fox. We feel like he will be an excellent spokesperson for the community and will help the university move into the future in creative and faithful ways."

As provost, Baker supervised all academic programs, institutional technology, intercollegiate athletics, student life, and library services. During his eight years, Baker oversaw the addition of 13 undergraduate programs and nine graduate programs. He also worked with the university's academic units to help gain specialized



accreditation for the engineering, social work, athletic training, and music undergraduate programs, as well as the seminary and psychology graduate programs.

During his tenure, the faculty has

grown from 80 to 180 and the university has quadrupled institutional funds for academic research. He initiated new efforts in globalization of the curriculum and helped create the university's new Act Six program, which each year will offer 10 full four-year scholarships to multicultural students in the Portland area.

Baker has taught classes at George Fox as professor of history. His research has focused on the American Civil War and Reconstruction, 19th-century American political/quantitative history, and the history of the southern United States. In addition to his work in political history, Baker speaks frequently on the integration of faith and learning in the Christian university and he has a special interest in the works of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Baker married his wife, Ruth, in 1980 while a student at Grand Canyon University. They have three children: Jacob (16), Rebekah (13), and Tara (12).

Teaching and administrative history

Institution	Final title	Years
George Fox University (Oregon)	provost	1999-2007
Grand Canyon University (Arizona)	senior vice president	1994-99
John Brown University (Arkansas)	assistant professor of history	1992-94
Wheaton College (Illinois)	assistant professor of history	1989-92

Education

Institution	Degree	Year
Texas A&M University	doctorate in history with honors	1989
Hardin-Simmons University	master of arts in history (outstanding graduating student)	1982
Grand Canyon University	bachelor of arts in history and political science with high honors	1980

Left: Janelle Trausem. Right: Molly Boyle

All that jazz

The first "Julianne Johnson and Friends" concert, hosted in Bauman Auditorium in April, drew 700. The concert was intended to raise awareness for the institution's Act Six leadership and scholarship program and allowed donors to get to know the Act Six students.

Johnson, a singer and actress who has appeared in more than 45 theatrical productions locally and regionally, performed a set of spirituals, jazz, and Motown selections. Among those joining her onstage was Michael Allen Harrison, a producer, composer, arranger,



and concert pianist who has sold nearly 1 million albums.

Portland saxophonist Patrick Lamb and the Portland Community Choir participated, and singers Courtney Greenidge and Vanessa Wilkins — two of the Act Six scholars who will join the university this fall — also performed.

Act Six is designed to equip urban student leaders to serve on the college campus and return to their neighborhoods as agents of change. The program's first cadre of nine students have been admitted and will enroll in George Fox this fall. Plans call for the program to enroll approximately 10 new students each fall thereafter. Portland Central Young Life is teaming with George Fox to provide training for the scholars.

Joel Perez, director of the program at George Fox, says the university plans to bring Johnson back to campus for another fund-raising concert in 2008.

Hoover Academic Building earns industry award

The Hoover Academic Building, renovated in 2006, earned the 2007 Excellence in Construction award from the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors organization. It won in the institutional building category.

A panel of judges reviewed entries in the annual contest, now in its 13th year, considering a project's challenges, uniqueness, attention to safety, deadlines, scope of work, and hazards, among other criteria.

The \$4.3 million project included construction of a 15,400-square-foot, two-story addition to the existing building and a major remodeling of the original building, built in 1977.

The job was a homecoming of sorts for project manager David Hoff, a 2003 graduate of George Fox. The Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership designed the building, and Mark Foster served as principal architect.

Don McNichols, 1915-2007

Don McNichols never held the title of president at George Fox, but his role as a leader was undeniable. McNichols, a



longtime administrator, professor, and trustee, died in May at age 91.

During a leadership crisis at the college in the early

1950s, he headed a three-member administrative committee that served in lieu of a president. Nearly three decades later, in 1982, McNichols chaired a 15-member search committee that selected President Ed Stevens.

McNichols, who arrived at George Fox in 1950, taught literature for five years and was dean of the college. He later served on the university's board of trustees for 24 years, elected and reelected by fellow members eight times. In 1980 he wrote *Portrait of a Quaker*, the definitive biography of former President Levi Pennington.

McNichols, a resident of Warm Beach, Wash., taught at Seattle Pacific University while he continued to serve George Fox as a board member. His wife, Lydia, died last December.

A century of service

2007 faculty award winners combine for 100 years of teaching

Graduate teaching

Gary Kilburg

For Gary Kilburg, academics and personal connection go hand in hand: "In the end, nothing matters more than the relationships we have and how we care for them," he says.



The philosophy is noted by his students. "His support, patience, and encouragement toward his students is unmatched by any other," one student says. "He has truly opened my eyes to the courage it takes to live my life as a teacher who cares for each and every child and colleague as a child of God," said another.

Kilburg has taught for nearly 40 years — 18 at the secondary-school level and 21 in higher education — yet he still finds ways to keep things fresh. "I never teach the same way twice, which means I have the opportunity to continually reflect on my practice," he says.

Kilburg has been a professor in the master of arts in teaching program for 15 years. In the past year, he was elected to the board of directors for the International Mentoring Association; served as a consultant to K-12 school districts in Lebanon, Madras, and Woodburn,

Ore.; and traveled to Chicago to serve as a panelist on a research panel on mentoring.

He is also director of the Mentoring Institute — a program he helped create in 2000 that assists public and private schools in designing K-12 mentoring programs for new teachers.

Undergraduate teaching

Steve Grant

Steve Grant admits he "was the most surprised person in the room" when his name was called as the undergraduate teacher of the year. His students, however, probably saw it coming.

For 25 years, Grant has taught health and human performance courses while serving as head volleyball coach. His ability to relate to students as both a professor



and a coach inspired one student to say "he inspires you to grow as a person."

"In the classroom I deal with theory, methodology, facts, and ideas," says Grant, who earned a masters in education from Linfield College. "In the gym, I work with

visual and auditory learners who need guidance in incorporating the 'feel' of something. Having those separate venues at which to focus on the learners' needs keeps one motivated."

As a volleyball coach, Grant, 61, has guided the Bruins to a .610 winning percentage, two conference championships, and one national title. In the past five years, every player in his program who has completed four years of eligibility has graduated.

Research

Ed Higgins

Ed Higgins' poems have been translated into Chinese. His work has been published in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Australia, Germany, Switzerland, Singapore, Britain, and Bahrain. In all, more than 70 of his poems and four short stories have appeared in 39 print and online literary/art journals since January of 2006.

Higgins, a professor of writing/literature, began teaching at George Fox in 1971. "He is a model for other young scholars in that he strives to remain active in publishing even though he could just as easily kick back on his front porch, sipping lattes," says colleague Melanie Mock, associate professor of writing/literature.

In addition to his productivity in publishing, he was the featured creative writer at three academic conferences last year and regularly contributes works and critiques as a science-fiction scholar.

Several of his poems reflect personal struggles or ideas central to his Quaker

beliefs, including pacifism. One poem, "Epistemology," was named "Poem of the Month" by the organization Poets Against



War. "Art should at least try hard to point in the direction of truth," Higgins says, "and represent a thoroughly honest search for values that avoids easy answers. Like faith itself, art ought to struggle. Maybe more so if produced by a Christian."

Epistemology

*It's always about loss,
this kind of epistemology
philosophers regard with dread.
And we can fool ourselves with thinking.
Like the grandfather
I read about recently
who picked up his four year old grandson
in two pieces on a Baghdad market street,
after a sudden car bomb there.
And then just yesterday grocery shopping,
concentrating on which broccoli florets to buy,
out of the corner of my eye
a little blond four year old girl
is running to the side of my leg
yelling grandpa, grandpa, we saw your car
in the parking lot and knew it was you.
And my son and his beautiful wife
are smiling an aisle away,
near the potatoes and sweet onions,
she holding their year old daughter
on her hip the way mothers do.
And I'm so happy to see them all there
in one piece that I begin to cry,
like a foolish, foolish old man.
— Ed Higgins*

For left, above: Jerry Hart. Left: Kirk Hinata.

Faith of our fathers

Did America have a Christian founding? More than a dozen authors and scholars from Stanford, Georgetown, Colgate, Texas Tech, and other universities visited George Fox in March to debate the question and other church-state issues at a "Religion in the American Founding" conference.

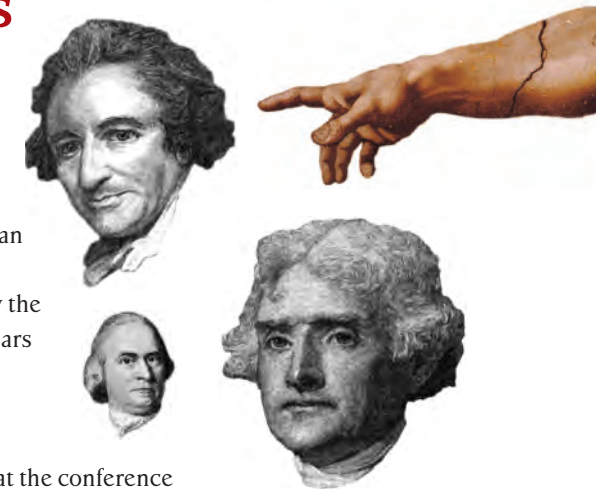
About 120 attended the event, sponsored by the university's political science department. Scholars presented papers on religion in the lives of the founders, and included a formal debate on the



Christian founding question.

Many of the papers delivered at the conference will be published in a forthcoming book, *The Forgotten Founders on Church and State*, edited by George Fox Herbert Hoover Distinguished Professor of Political Science Mark Hall and fellow conference organizers Daniel Dreisbach and Jeffrey Morrison.

"We brought together some of the top scholars in the country working on these issues to discuss and argue about them in a serious manner," says Hall.



Outreach 101

For nearly 30 students this spring, vacation or the search for a summer job had to wait: The university's annual May Serve program took priority.

Led by Andrea Crenshaw, director of outreach and service learning, and alumnus Matt Johnson (G04), 14 students traveled to Brazil for three weeks. They partnered with an English school in Londrina to host an English camp, helped a community finish work on its health center, and organized a Vacation Bible School program at four day centers in Sao Paulo. The team also learned some Portuguese and visited a coffee plantation.

"May Serve has been one of the most defining experiences of my life," Johnson says. "My hope is that these students experience that as well."

In June, a team of 14 students travels to

India with Campus Pastor Sarah Baldwin and her husband, Clint, an assistant professor of political science. The trip includes two weeks in Calcutta, where students will work in the homes of the Missionaries of Charity, an organization founded by Mother Teresa.

The group also will visit nongovernmental organizations to learn about their work with victims of human trafficking. The trip concludes with a stop at an orphanage in Gaya that has never had a visit from a missions team.

Now in its 18th year, the May Serve program allows students to spend a month in volunteer service in cross-cultural settings. Students pay their own way for the trips. Previous May Serve trips have gone to Ukraine, India, Cuba, Jamaica, Brazil, Romania, and the Philippines.

Activist group met with grace



A bus filled with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights activists rolled onto the George Fox Newberg campus this spring to protest the university's policy on homosexuality. Beyond a small flurry of media attention, the April 5 visit passed with little drama as administrators, faculty, and students hosted the two dozen activists for a day of civil dialogue.

The George Fox visit was one stop on a national bus tour of 32 religious colleges organized by the Soulforce Equality Ride. While some schools barred the group — resulting in more than 100 trespassing arrests during the two-month tour — most of George Fox's sister schools in the Council for Christian Colleges &



Universities agreed to meet with the riders.

Dana Miller, vice president of marketing and advancement, said the university was clear about its orthodox Christian view of homosexuality and also treated the riders with respect and hospitality. "We were able to express the love of Christ to a group that has not always been met with grace." equalityride.georgefox.edu

Faith at work



David Sherwood, professor of social work, received a Distinguished Service to Christianity and Social Work award. Given by the North American Association of Christians in Social Work, the award honors his leadership in developing and accrediting social work programs in Christian colleges and universities.

Sherwood's career in social work education spans more than 30 years. Since 1982, he has been editor of *Social Work & Christianity*, the refereed journal of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work. He regularly contributes literature on the ethical integration of Christian faith and professional social work practice. The award was given at the organization's 57th annual convention and training conference in Dallas. Sherwood led two workshops and delivered an address, "Moral, Believing Social Workers: Philosophical and Theological Foundations of Social Work Ethics," at the plenary session.

Baseball hits 30 again

Following the best start in school history and a No. 5 national ranking, the baseball team recorded its seventh 30-win season.

Led by Northwest Conference Player of the Year right fielder Dan Wentzell (Sr., Tualatin, Ore.), the Bruins won their first 14 games and were 19-1 at the season halfway point. Advancing to its sixth NCAA playoff appearance in the last eight years, the team was elimi-



Second baseman Patrick Bailey hit a school record 22 doubles this season

nated by West Coast rival Chapman University, the No. 2 ranked team in NCAA Div. III. George Fox finished 30-11, its 12th straight winning season under head coach Pat Bailey. The

Bruins were nationally ranked in batting average (.346), pitching ERA (3.65), and fielding percentage (.970).

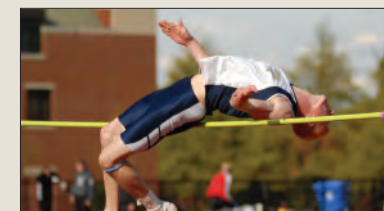
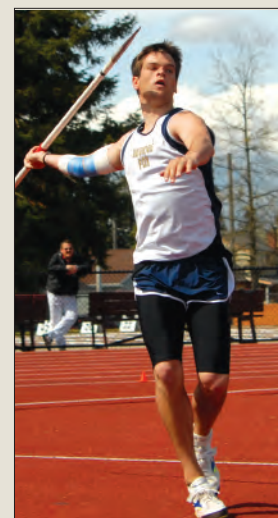
A dozen Bruins earned all-Northwest Conference honors. Wentzell earned D3baseball.com First Team All-America. First baseman Bryan Donohue (Sr., Gresham, Ore.) was D3baseball.com Second Team All-America. Second baseman Patrick Bailey (So., Highland, Utah, unrelated to the coach) set a new single-season record for doubles (22).

Bruins spear another title

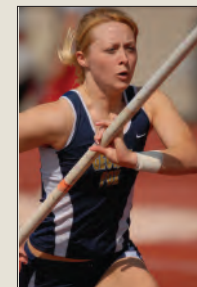
Joel Krebs (So., Salem, Ore.) captured the Bruins' second national javelin title in four years with a throw of 198 feet, 18 inches at the NCAA Division III track and field championships May 26 in Oshkosh, Wis. Krebs joined Matt Gassaway, the 2004 national javelin champion, as Bruins who have won individual titles in the school's eight years as an NCAA member.

"I was in shock — it took a couple of hours for it to set in," Krebs said of winning the event. "I wanted to treat it like any other meet. I tried to stay relaxed and not worry about the fact we were throwing in terrible conditions. It was just pouring."

Krebs accomplished the feat despite missing most of the season with an arm injury. "He was third at nationals last year, so we knew he had potential, but we weren't sure what to expect," coach John Smith said. "He'd only been throwing about three or four



Sophomore Joel Krebs (left), junior Ben Dillow, and senior Victoria Black anchored the Bruins at the NCAA national meet in Oshkosh, Wis.



weeks before the conference meet."

Krebs won despite being a relative newcomer to the sport. He didn't even throw javelin in high school. "I saw him in an intramural football game and was impressed by his arm," Smith says.

The coach asked Krebs to consider joining track.

"At first I wasn't too sure about it," Krebs said. "But I had a roommate on the team, and coach seemed to think I had a decent arm, so I gave it a shot."

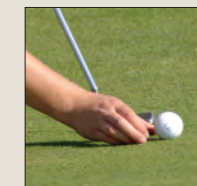
Joining Krebs as an All-American was Ben Dillow (Jr., Kirkland, Wash.), who finished third in the decathlon with 6,925 points. Their finishes earned the Bruins 16 team points and a tie for 18th in the final men's team results.

At the Northwest Conference championships, the Bruin women finished second and the men fifth. NWC women champions were Rachel Giffey-Brohaugh (Jr., Renton, Wash.) in the 800, Victoria Black (Sr., Baker City, Ore.) in the pole vault, and Katie Alaimo (Jr., The Dalles, Ore.) in the long jump. For the men, Krebs won the javelin, Ryan Forbes (So., Jackson, Wyo.) the decathlon, and Jake Moe (Sr., Anchorage, Alaska) the steeplechase.

Men tee off

The university's NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletics program continues to grow with the addition of a men's golf team this fall.

Men's golf will be the 15th intercollegiate sport and seventh men's sport



offered by George Fox. The university added a women's golf team in the fall of 2006. The Bruins' home course will be the

new Chehalem Glenn Golf Course in Newberg, which opened in the summer of 2005. The collegiate golf season is played in both the fall and spring semesters.

The university is seeking an associate head coach for the program. MaryJo McCloskey, coach of the university's women's golf team, will serve as coordinator for both programs.

Other intercollegiate men's sports sponsored by the university include soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball, tennis, and track and field. George Fox sponsors eight women's sports: volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball, softball, golf, tennis, and track and field.

George Fox will be the ninth and final team in the Northwest Conference to offer men's golf. Other Northwest Conference schools are Lewis & Clark College, Linfield College, Pacific University, Pacific Lutheran University, the University of Puget Sound, Whitman College, Whitworth College, and Willamette University.



by Rob Felton

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A man of momentum

In 1998, President David Brandt came to a surging but grieving university. As he leaves this summer, George Fox remains on the upswing.

President H. David Brandt

is a man who understands that momentum is more than a matter of mass and velocity. As a physicist-turned-president, he knows institutions must move forward to thrive.

Brandt was hired in 1998 to lead a university on a decade-long growth spurt. George Fox quadrupled in size under former president Ed Stevens, but terminal cancer tore Brandt's hard-charging predecessor from office. Stevens died just months before Brandt's arrival. The new president brought firm leadership shaped by career experiences at five Christian colleges across the nation. Drawing upon his professional and academic background in analytical problem solving, Brandt guided George Fox into its second decade of significant growth.

Raised in a Mennonite family, Brandt understood the nonhierarchical Friends ethos that flavored the evangelical Christian campus. The son of a machinist, he considered the use of "Dr." in his presidential correspondence to be ostentatious and instructed his staff to strike it. On campus, he encouraged employees to address him as Dave. Undergraduates affectionately called him H. Dave.

Students fueled Brandt's passion. His wife, Melva, advised him that the best way for him to cheer up was to



spend time with students. The Brandts often hosted meals at their home, and he was known for stopping and chatting with students on walks across campus. When it came time to publicly announce his retirement, undergraduates at chapel were the first to hear.

Off campus, Brandt built a significant network of personal

and professional relationships. Last winter, he signed more than 2,200 Christmas cards.

Brandt was a leader on and off campus, taking national posts with the Council of Independent Colleges and the Christian College Consortium. He was one of 50 college presidents honored with a presidential leadership award by the Templeton Foundation for commitment to character development on campus. His influence was recognized beyond evangelical circles. The University of Portland awarded him an honorary doctorate in May, offering public acclaim for "a wonderful teacher, a man who has with vision and character, energy and verve, elevated his own university into the front ranks of colleges in the Pacific Northwest."

Nearly a decade after taking the presidency, Brandt leaves a university that continues to expand its academic offerings, enrollment, and campus borders. On the following pages are milestones of the university's momentum. ➤

Expansion of academic programs

"Ultimately, I'm a program person," says Brandt, who has overseen the addition of 15 undergraduate programs and nine graduate programs. Two of the new programs — engineering and nursing — are now among the top-five-largest majors on campus. The graduate student population has grown to nearly half of the overall student body. Both the MBA and the master of arts in teaching programs enroll more than 200 students.

Undergraduate programs added since 1998

- Accounting
- Allied health
- Athletic training
- Economics
- Engineering
- Health administration *
- Music education
- Nursing
- Organizational communication
- Philosophy
- Political science
- Project management *
- Social and behavioral studies *
- Social work
- Theatre arts

* adult degree-completion programs

Graduate programs added since 1998

- Doctor of education
- Doctor of management
- Doctor of ministry
- MA in Christian ministries
- MA in ministry leadership
- MA in organizational leadership



- MA in school counseling
- MS in school psychology
- MA in spiritual formation

Marketing

Brandt made marketing a university priority, championing an integrated marketing campaign that changed the public face of the university. The university replaced its 30-year-old institutional logo and sports logo, created new recruitment materials, revamped its stationery package, redesigned its website, and converted its university tabloid, *LIFE*, to a full-color magazine, *Journal*. The efforts won awards from several professional organizations, including the "best in show" award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District VIII.

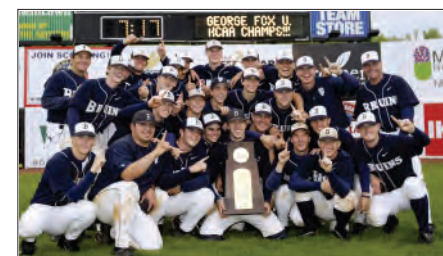


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UNIVERSITY

a matter of mind
and spirit



Perhaps the first thing a person sees upon entering Brandt's office is a newspaper article on the wall describing George Fox's 2004 baseball NCAA Division III national championship. It's one of Brandt's favorite memories. "(The championship) was a healthy thing for campus," says Brandt. "In the United States, intercollegiate athletics is part of your positioning."

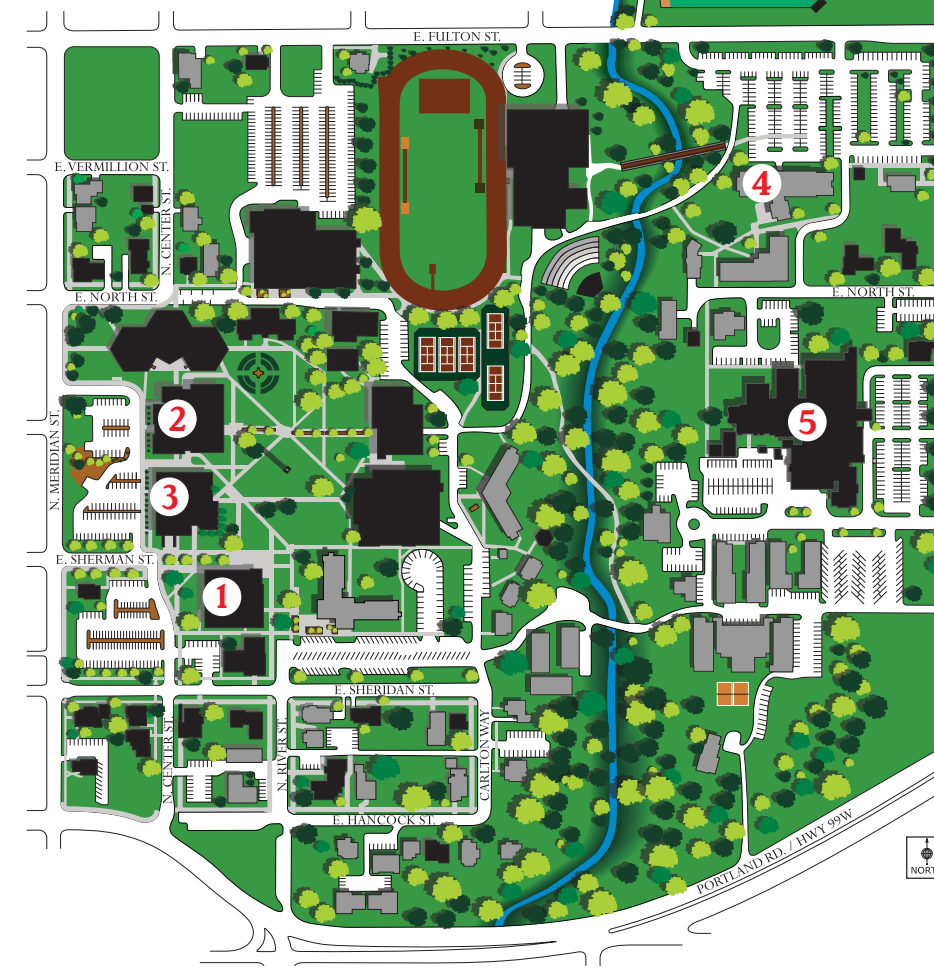
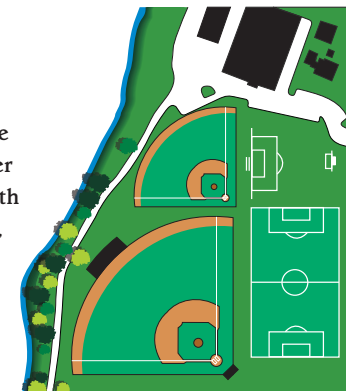


Financial stability The annual budget has grown from \$30 million to more than \$52 million during Brandt's tenure. Ensuring the university's financial health became Brandt's first priority after enrollment stagnated in 2001, leading to the elimination of 21 positions. He made moves to stabilize enrollment, enhance marketing, and prioritize fund-raising. Since 2002, traditional undergraduate enrollment has increased 26 percent and graduate enrollment has increased 10 percent. Donations to the university are averaging \$4.3 million annually.

Campus culture As the university has grown larger, Brandt has backed programs to maintain the university's Christ-centered mission. One significant effort is a faculty orientation program, in which new professors take classes in Christian theology, Friends distinctives, and how the Christian faith relates to different academic disciplines. At the end of the program, they write a paper explaining how they integrate faith into their teaching. "This new program has had a profound impact on who we are," Brandt says.

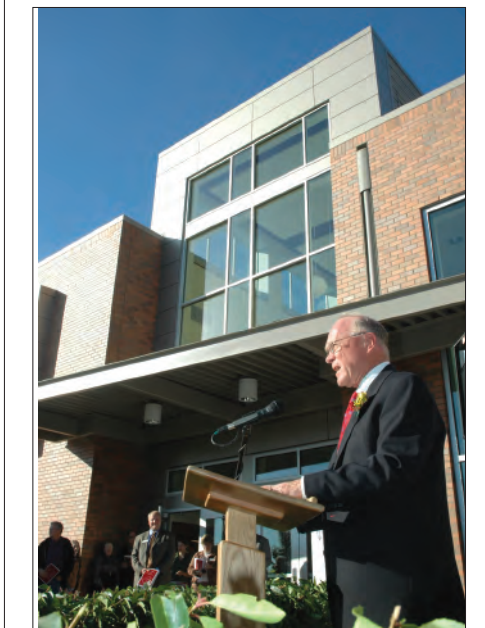
Campus expansion

Brandt leaves behind a Newberg campus poised for additional growth. The campus will soon reach 109 acres — more than a third larger than it was in 1998. The pledged donation of 23.8 acres north of campus by board member Ken Austin and his wife, Joan, will allow the university to construct a new athletics complex with a track oval and fields for soccer, baseball, and softball. Work on infrastructure will begin this summer.



Brandt helped create a blueprint for future development on the Newberg campus. After consultation with the university administration, the award-winning architectural firm Zimmer Gunsul Frasca created a campus master plan that gives a 40-year vision for construction on campus. Several elements of the plan — including the construction of Le Shana Residence Hall and the Hoover Academic Building renovation — have already been completed.

Campus construction The Newberg campus looks significantly different than it did when Brandt arrived in 1998. He's overseen the 2001 construction of the Stevens Center (1, left), the 2004 renovation of historic Wood-Mar Hall (2), the 2006 renovation of Hoover Academic Building (3), and the 2006 construction of Le Shana Residence Hall (4). Brandt's passion for esthetics helped guide the design process. "We've set a standard for new buildings," he says. The university also moved into new buildings at its Portland, Salem, Redmond, and Boise centers.



Brandt speaks at the Hoover Academic Building dedication ceremony

Hospital purchase After two years of negotiation, Brandt completed a \$3 million deal to purchase the eight-acre Providence Newberg Hospital property adjacent to campus (5). The 2006 acquisition will shift the center of the Newberg campus and provide space for the future development of a second academic quad for graduate programs. The hospital, named Villa Academic Complex, is being renovated to provide much-needed classroom space.



Looking back

Brandt's perspective on four decades in Christian higher education



Wheaton College

1963–66

Instructor in physics

"I started out on the Wheaton faculty. I was a young kid . . . 25 probably. I went back to teach at my alma mater, and my heroes became my colleagues. It taught me how to be a colleague, something I was able to use later when I welcomed back young alumni. Wheaton established a certain part of my network that determined much of my future."



GORDON COLLEGE

1969–77

Professor of physics, department chair, division chair

"At Gordon, I was able to be a part-time engineer in private industry (Raytheon Co., and International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.). I thoroughly enjoyed the Boston environment, the technology, and history. There was a wonderful (speaker) series on history and philosophy of science. I heard the biggest names in the world at those lectures. It helped me humanize my teaching. I became a much broader person at Gordon than before."



1977–88

Dean and vice president for academic affairs

"This was my first full-time administrative post. I was able to be part of a very vibrant growing institution. We more than doubled in size, from 1,000 traditional undergraduates to 2,200. It was an exciting time. I learned who I was as an administrator and what Christian higher education was all about in a big-picture way. That's where my deep interest in globalization started. I had the opportunity to develop a brand new university (Daystar University) in East Africa. That was a huge part of my learning process."

BETHEL UNIVERSITY

1988–95

Vice president and provost

"Bethel gave me a shot at being a provost. The faculty was wonderful. I'm clearly an academic person. (My position as provost) helped me appreciate and understand the contribution of student life. It taught me a lot about multiculturalism, and it gave me a broader picture of Christian higher education. It was very hard work. It also put me into another kind of network, because of who the president was (George Brushaber, then editor of Christianity Today).



1995–98

President

"Tabor was my first presidency. It was the first time I did a capital campaign. It was successful. We were oversubscribed before the deadline. We worked like the dickens. It helped us appreciate the quality of education that students receive in a very small church-related college in the Midwest. There was community-wide cooperation unlike anything I'd seen before. One spring, the students came to us and said 'Will you buy the paint if we paint trim on the residence hall?' About 75 or 80 people volunteered and we finished the project. I remember thinking, 'You don't see this anywhere else.' It gave me the idea for Serve Day. That was special at Tabor."



1998–2007

President

"It's been a great, great time. The values and ethos of George Fox agree with us. The goals of this place matched my goals. This has always been a cause worth working hard for."



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Preparing Leaders With Values and Vision

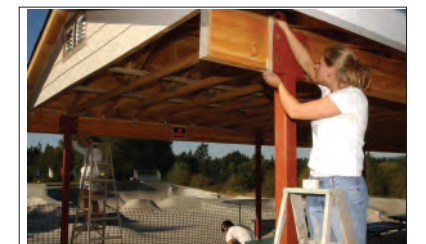
In the wake of former President Ed Stevens' battle with cancer, the board of trustees delayed the public start of the university's \$17 million Legacy fund-raising campaign. When Brandt arrived, the trustees increased the goal to \$22 million. Three years later, Brandt and the advancement team surpassed the goal, raising \$23.5 million and providing funds for the construction of Stevens Center, the Wood-Mar Hall remodel, campus technology, the Annual Fund, special projects, and the endowment.

In Brandt's second year, the university sponsored its first Serve Day. Every fall since,

Serve Day

George Fox has sent more than 1,300 George Fox students and employees into the community to volunteer on about 60 service projects.

Typical projects include painting, yard work, and assisting seniors. According to Campus Compact, a national coalition that promotes community service in higher education, the 1999 Serve Day was the first instance of an entire university shutting down for a day of volunteer service.



University structure Although George Fox College changed its name to George Fox University in 1996, its academic structure had not changed significantly. After creating the position of provost to manage university internal affairs, Brandt approved a reorganization that created six schools, each governed by a dean. Robin Baker, who Brandt hired as provost, has been selected to serve as the next president (see page 4).

George Fox University school structure:

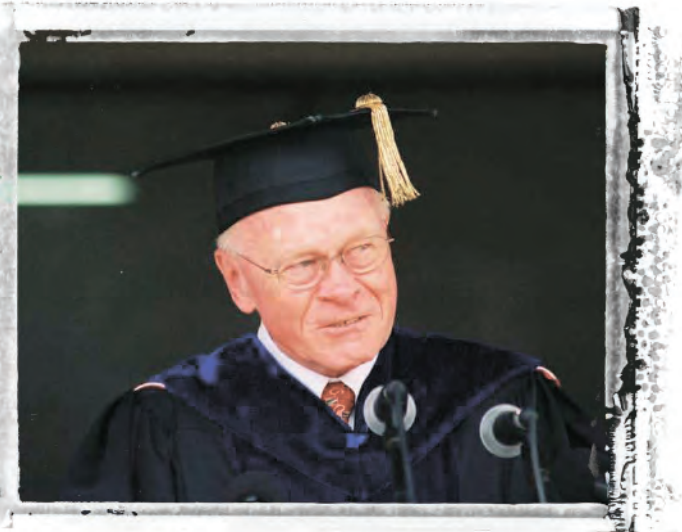
- George Fox Evangelical Seminary
- School of Arts and Sciences
- School of Behavioral and Health Sciences
- School of Education
- School of Management
- School of Professional Studies

Looking forward

Two significant initiatives begun during Brandt's watch will launch this fall

The **Act Six leadership and scholarship program** annually will provide 40 multicultural student leaders (10 per year) from the Portland area with four-year all-expense scholarships. Through a partnership with Portland Central Young Life, Act Six is designed to equip participating students to be leaders on campus and in their home communities.

The university's **China initiative** is expected to annually bring several dozen Chinese students to campus. In April, Brandt signed a sister-school agreement with Hunan Institute of Science and Technology in Guangdong, China. Several other partnerships with Chinese universities are being explored. George Fox administrators are also considering creating a China Studies Center on the Newberg campus and locating a teaching site in China.



Nairobi, Kenya ... In 2005, more than 3,000 heard David Brandt give the commencement address at Daystar University, an institution he helped start.

Into Africa *Brandt's influence on Christian higher education stretches from Newberg to Nairobi*

In 1981 — while serving as dean at Messiah College — Dave Brandt was asked by Ray Hostetter, the college president, if he had interest in helping establish a Christian liberal arts college in Africa. At the time, Messiah was funding the education of about a dozen African students on its Pennsylvania campus. Many chose not to return home to Africa, but stayed in the United States after graduating.

The idea of offering Christian higher education in Africa excited Brandt. "It would be an education in the context of their culture and not in ours."

Hostetter identified a small Nairobi-based ministry called Daystar Communications, which offered classes to Christian communication ministries. Brandt and his wife, Melva, flew to visit the fledgling institution. The school had just transferred leadership from Don

Smith, an Oregon missionary with a background in cultural anthropology, to Stephen Talitwala, a Kenyan who had worked at the state-operated Nairobi University. Brandt spent three weeks working with Talitwala and the chief academic officer to establish a college governing structure.

Back in the United States, Brandt labored to secure accreditation — and thus international credibility — for the Kenyan college. "There were lots of across-the-ocean phone calls," he says. He arranged for Messiah and other American colleges to annually loan faculty and established an American-based fund-raising board.

In 1987, the Daystar graduates received Messiah diplomas. In 1994 — after Kenya began offering charters to private institutions — the government grant-

ed university status and accreditation to Daystar. It was the first Christian liberal arts college in the region, and perhaps on the continent.

Today, Daystar enrolls about 2,500 students on two campuses in Nairobi. Giraffe and zebra wander the campus perimeter of the Athi River campus, where students can look out over Nairobi to the Ngong Hills where *Out of Africa* was filmed.

"Money is always the issue," says Brandt. "The people are poor." Tuition and housing costs about \$5,000 a year and most students can attend only with significant external financial aid. Brandt continues to serve on the U.S. fund-raising board and has returned to Daystar 21 times.

"I have a lot of my heart at Daystar," he says. "It has become a university of significance in east Africa."

In his words *David Brandt reflects on his tenure and offers counsel to his successor*

Best day "There have been some great, great days here. There is a lot of celebrating that happens around a university president. Every opening of school and every commencement ... it's a huge privilege to be at the center of those days."

"The day of the baseball championship Dana (Miller, vice president of advancement) phoned me and called the last out. That was really cool. The opening of school with the governor at the chapel celebration was special."

"Other highlights were the dedications of Stevens Center and Hoover Academic Building, engineering accreditation, the board meeting when they approved the nursing program ... dinners with Mark and Antoinette Hatfield. There have been lots and lots of good days."

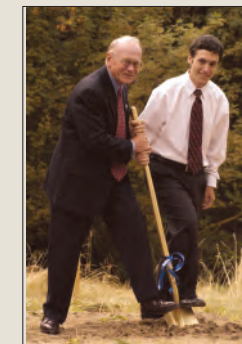
Worst day "There was a cluster of days when I realized how bad the operating deficit was and had to begin formulating a plan to eliminate it. That was tough."

Won't miss "Creating the annual budget. I'd like to give higher salaries, more equipment, and whatever people need to perform at the highest levels. Those are hard decisions. It is a lot easier than it was five years ago."

President's wife "Melva and I accepted my positions jointly. She feels called to her role. She sees her role as facilitating mine."

"Melva serves as one of my advisors. She has good instincts, which at various times have allowed me to avoid bad decisions. She listens well. I check with her to see what she heard."

"She's always willingly opened our



"Lots and lots of good days . . ." (clockwise from top left) Brandt tests his skills at a ceremony introducing the women's golf program, Oregon governor Ted Kulongoski and former Newberg mayor Bob Stewart help celebrate the 2004 baseball championship, Brandt with 2005-06 student body president Travis Shafer breaking ground for the amphitheater, David and Melva with longtime benefactor Esther Klages kick off the annual Christmastime Ceremony of Lights.

home for events and dinners. She enjoys that.

"Clearly, when dealing with more mature donors it's almost essential that the spouse is part of a visit. She really is a part of the presidency. We see this as our job and not mine."

Opportunities for the next president

"I think this is an opportunity to take a fine institution and lead it to greatness.

We have established a set of programs that need to mature and become what they can be. The other opportunities are to implement the big pieces of the master plan."

Advice to the next president

"Within our commitment to being Christ-centered, the strategic issues of highest importance for the next decade will continue to be globalization, technology, and racial and ethnic diver-

sity. Pay close attention and treat them as the highest priorities."

Challenges and opportunities

"The challenge is to maintain our historic orthodox Christian position, and the opportunity is to create a distinct institution that will stand out from the rest. Beyond that, there is one huge challenge — to raise capital funds. The master plan will require a lot of money. In an age where universities are raising huge sums of money, we have to join that pack."

Best part of retirement "Being able to control my schedule again and being closer to my grandchildren."

What's next "A trip to Italy."



It's a green, green, Green, green World

University construction heeds principles
of environmental stewardship

Students in the new Le Shana Residence Hall live in an earth-friendly home. Completed last summer, the three-story apartment building was designed and built green — from drywall made of recycled materials, to low-flow plumbing fixtures, to a north-south orientation that uses prevailing wind patterns to enhance natural ventilation.

Each of the university's two newest buildings was designed with earth-friendly building practices in mind and earned green certifications. The practice of green or sustainable building involves creating

healthier and more resource-efficient models of construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance. The new field is gaining momentum as the environmental impact of buildings becomes more apparent.

Le Shana Hall, completed last summer, qualified for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The Stevens Center, which houses student services and classrooms, qualified for Earth Smart Green designa-

tion from Portland General Electric. The Stevens Center also was one of 10 buildings in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia showcased in the "Ten Shades of Green" 2001 exhibition.

The recent Hoover Academic Building remodeling project incorporated high-efficiency heating, ventilation, and lighting equipment. The building is expected to qualify for an energy efficiency incentive grant from Oregon Energy Trust and a Business Energy Tax Credit.

"We have strong advocacy for green construction throughout the university."

by Lynn Otto and Molly Bieg

◀ Le Shana Residence Hall, the university's new green building

Brian Zaro

It's a **green, green, Green, greenWorld**

says President David Brandt. "We are stewards of God's creation, so it seems obvious we would want to sustain God's work."

Brandt would like to see Christians do a better job of addressing environmental concerns from a Christian perspective, discussing or developing "a theology of green."

To that end, the seminary this summer launched a three-credit course, "Christianity and Earthkeeping," that explores the relationship between evangelical Christianity and creation care. The class grapples with how Christians

should balance evangelism with their call to steward God's creation, how they should understand humankind's "dominion" over creation, why they should care for an earth many believe will be destroyed by fire, and related issues.

Building green involves a complex mix of tradeoffs when making purchasing or building choices, says associate director of plant services Dan Schutter. For example, the university lost points toward a LEED gold classification because it used locally produced Styrofoam roof insulation in Le Shana instead of shipping the only available "certified green" product from a South Carolina manufacturer. "It didn't

make any sense to burn a lot of diesel fuel to truck Styrofoam cross country," he says.

Building green sometimes costs more than merely building to code, though not always, Schutter says. Recycling construction debris, buying high-efficiency equipment, and purchasing green power and healthy cleaning products do add costs. However, cost savings are gained through lower operations and maintenance costs from reduced energy, water, and waste.

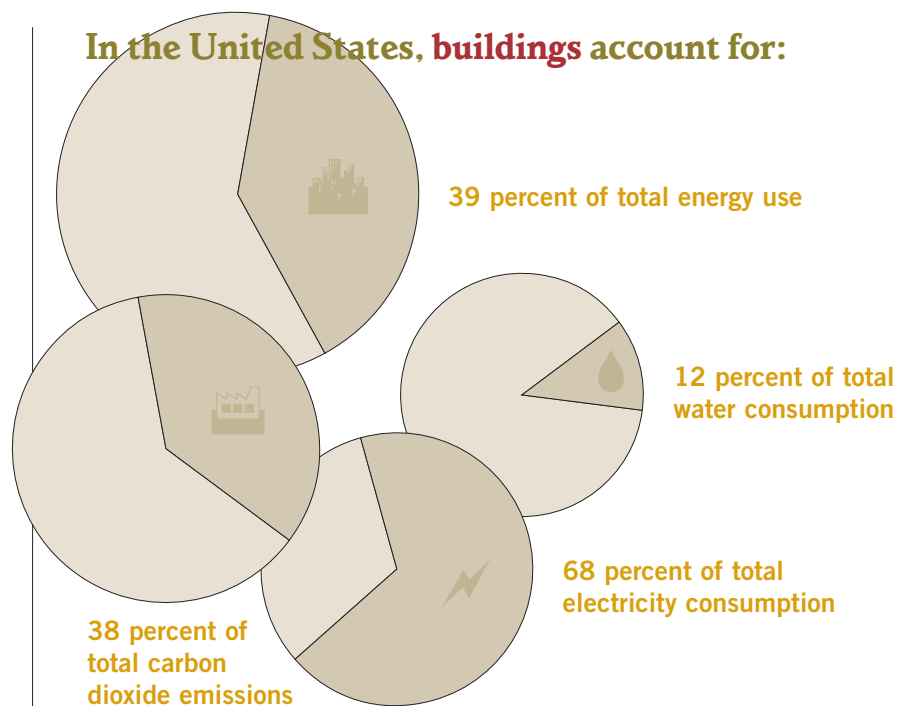
Some financial benefits are hard to quantify in the short term, Schutter says. "But by using healthier materials and reducing the amount of waste material dumped in landfills, we reduce the cost of providing a better quality of life for future generations," he says.

Elements of green building include:

- Increased energy efficiency and use of renewable energy
- Water stewardship
- Environmentally preferable building materials and specifications
- Waste reduction
- Decreased toxics
- Improved indoor environments
- Smart growth and sustainable development

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

In the United States, buildings account for:



Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Greasemobile

Vegetable oil powers George Fox administrator's Jetta

While most drivers dread rising gas prices, Brian McLaughlin can rest easy: He is fueling his 2003 diesel Volkswagen Jetta with free vegetable oil. McLaughlin, an administrator in the university's Institutional Technology department, has traveled more than 56,000 miles on used

chicken strips, and onion rings is run through a homemade filtration system in his garage. He runs his car on diesel only when he first starts the engine and before he turns it off to purge the lines of oil.

"I had several people tell me I was crazy when I decided to do this," he says. His sons (11 and 15 at the time) were embarrassed when they became the guys whose dad runs his car on stinky french-fry grease, but it turned out their friends thought it was cool.

The conversion kit he purchased through a company called Greasecar.com cost about \$1,000. He estimated it would take about two years for the kit to pay for itself, but near the end of 2004, fuel prices rose, and the kit paid for itself in less than one year.

Saving money was not his only motivation, however. He appreciates helping reduce the country's dependence on foreign fossil fuels and the fact that the vegetable oil burns cleaner than diesel. "I have a sense of satis-



For Brian McLaughlin, free fuel is finger-lickin' good

grease from cooking fryers since he converted the vehicle nearly two and a half years ago. He collects oil every few weeks from local sources, including the university's food service provider, Bon Appétit, and spends a few hours each month filtering it.

Oil used to cook greasy french fries,

faction that I'm helping the environment," he says. "And there is also a certain quirkiness to it that appeals to me as well."

He remembers running the car the first time after the conversion. He popped the hood to check the fuel lines and saw a dark fluid, the color of used cooking oil. Then he caught the smell and smiled — the odor was a cross between stale french fries and burnt popcorn. "I find that smell to be almost pleasant now," he says.

Climate change: an evangelical call to action

George Fox President David Brandt is one of 86 evangelical leaders who signed a statement entitled "Climate Change: An Evangelical Call to Action." The group is calling on the government to act urgently by, among other things, passing a federal law to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The statement says scientific evidence for the dangers of climate change is clear.

It also encourages evangelical Christians and all Americans to make life changes necessary to help solve the global warming crisis and to advance legislation that will limit emissions while respecting economic and business concerns.

Other signatories include Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Community Church and author of *The*

Purpose Driven Life; Duane Litfin, president of Wheaton College; David Neff, editor of *Christianity Today*; and Todd Bassett, national commander of the Salvation Army.

Call to Action gained significant media attention. The Associated Press referred to the initiative as "a historic tipping point" (*Los Angeles Times*, Feb. 10) in evangelical response to climate change.



Le Shana Hall green features

1. Radiant floor heating

All regularly occupied rooms in Le Shana Hall have radiant floor heating. Water, a more efficient carrier of heat than air, flows through tubes, which saves fan energy.

2. Wallboard

The wallboard used in Le Shana Hall was constructed with recycled materials. The materials were produced locally, reducing the amount of transportation fuel used to ship the finished product.

3. Window Glazing

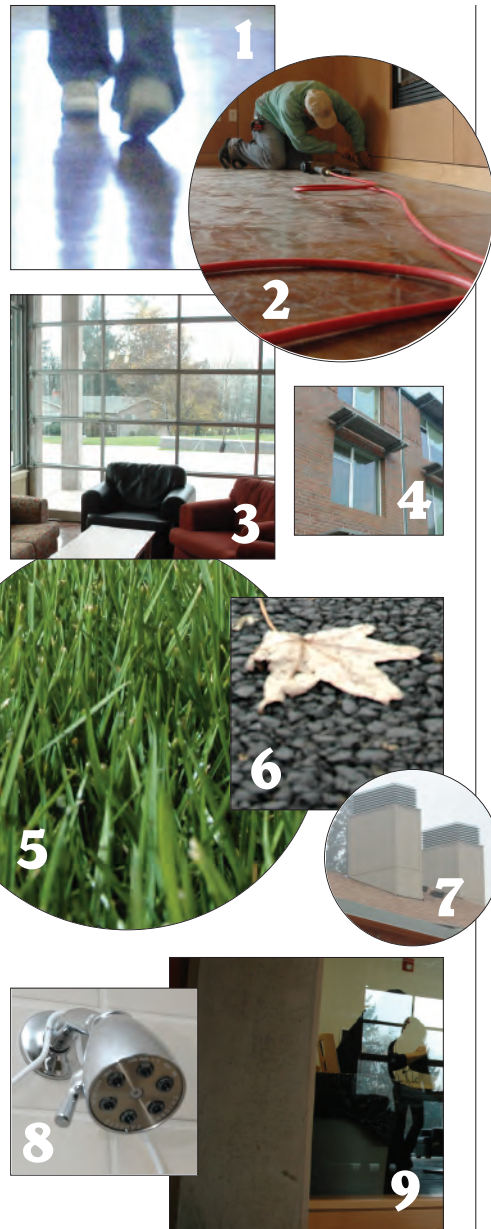
The windows have glass with improved insulating properties to help provide a well-insulated building and efficient heating.

4. "Eyebrows" architecture

Aesthetic metal eyebrows above the building's south-facing windows allow wintertime sun to permeate the residence hall rooms while blocking the sun during warm summer days.

5. Drought resistant grass

The tall fescue-blend grass has deep root systems that require less water and fertilizer. The drip irrigation system and the drought-resistant lawn require half the water of traditional landscape designs.



6. Permeable asphalt

Rainwater percolates through the asphalt. This process filters impurities before it reaches the storm-water system.

7. Roof stacks

Wood-clad stacks on the residence hall's roof provide ventilation to cool the building without electrically powered fans. An automatic-control system opens the vertical shafts when the building needs to be cooled, and the warm air is carried out by natural convection.

8. Water efficiency

Water use inside the building is reduced by 30 percent over a typical building of its size through the use of low-flow fixtures. As a result, each apartment is expected to save hundreds of gallons of water annually.

9. Concrete

Much of Le Shana Residence Hall is constructed with concrete that provides "thermal mass" and improved heating and cooling efficiency.

10. Building orientation

Orienting the building on a north-south axis takes advantage of the sun's path and allows for diffuse day lighting. Prevailing winds enable natural ventilation using high and low pressure zones to create a flow of fresh air through the building.

from Farm to fork

Concern for a healthier planet turns attention to seeking food from local sources

On Eat Local Challenge Day, mass-market food at lunchtime is passé. Bon Appétit, the university's food service provider, serves a lunch prepared entirely with locally grown ingredients.

For Earth Day in spring, students ate coho salmon, grain lentil stew, and romaine salad with apples and hazelnuts, grown within 150 miles of the Newberg campus.

Students experienced a ripe opportunity to think about where the food they eat comes from — while enjoying carrots harvested at neighboring farms instead of tomatoes picked green and shipped from Mexico by air-freight.

Eating a meal strictly of local origin may not sound novel, but it bucks agricultural-industry norms. Food in the United States customarily travels 1,500 miles or more before reaching dinner tables, according to Worldwatch Institute, an environmental research organization. The environmental, economic, and health impacts are a growing concern.

Denny Lawrence, general manager of Bon Appétit at George Fox, buys as much food as he can from local farmers and ranchers. Buying locally is more environmentally sound because far less fossil fuel is used to transport the food, he says.

In the last academic year, Lawrence purchased food from more than 30 local farmers and ranchers within a 150-mile radius of Newberg. Several varieties of lettuce, cauliflower, tomatoes, sweet corn, and broccoli come from Mustard Seed Farms in St. Paul, eight miles from cam-



▲ "The closer we get to the source of our food, the easier it is to make sure it's nutritious and tastes wonderful," says Bon Appétit general manager Denny Lawrence.

pus. The organic farm operated by Dave (G65) and Nancy Brown (G65), has existed for more than 20 years. "They have an incredible selection of autumn squashes," says David Sherrill, executive chef for Bon Appétit. "They win awards for their giant pumpkins." Asparagus, strawberries, and herbs come from Viridian Farms, a three-generation farm located on Grand Island 16 miles southwest of campus.

All the beef comes from Oregon Country Beef, a rancher-owned cooperative that raises free-range cows without the use of antibiotics, hormones, or meat by-products in the feed. The pork served at the university, also without artificial

coloring, hormones, or preservatives, comes from Carlton Farms, a family-owned business located 12 miles west in the foothills of the Oregon Coast Range.

Lawrence and Sherrill are passionate about the quality of locally grown food. The produce is fresher, which means it's tastier. "If you're going to have great flavor, you need great products, and you're not going to get flavor if you're shipping tomatoes from Mexico," Lawrence says.

The price difference in locally grown versus mass-market foods is usually not significant, Sherrill says. Because local food is bought in season, the abundant supply brings

the price down. Sometimes local food does cost more, but it's worth the price because it's more flavorful and lasts longer. "We're getting produce just picked that morning instead of food that has been sitting around for a long time in a van or airplane," Sherrill says.

Food grown and harvested nearby is usually healthier too, he says. Fewer preservatives are needed since the items don't require an unnaturally long shelf life. Apples transported from a neighboring orchard don't need to last as long as those shipped from Chile. "Local food is better quality, looks better ... there are no negatives, really," he says.

Left: Gary Allen; Right: Brian Zaro

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Corps values



Ron Tschetter, head of the U.S. Peace Corps, shares his thoughts on Christians and service before speaking at the university's spring commencement

Ronald Tschetter, national director of the U.S. Peace Corps, came to the university in spring to address this year's graduates and to honor his longtime friend David Brandt for his retirement. The two served many years together on the board of Daystar U.S., a nonprofit support organization for Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya.

Improving the lives of others has been Tschetter's lifelong passion. He has received many awards for his leadership and community service, and last September he left behind a 30-year career in the financial securities industry to lead the Peace Corps, a federal government agency dedicated to promoting world peace and friendship. In its 46 years, the Peace Corps has sent more than 187,000 volunteers to 139 developing countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation.

Tschetter and his wife, Nancy, were Peace Corps volunteers from 1966 to 1968 in India, where they served as community health workers. He has continued

his volunteer work, serving as chairman of the board of trustees of Bethel College and Seminary, chairman of the National Peace Corps Association, and chairman of the board of Daystar U.S.

Before addressing the 560 students preparing to graduate and some 5,000 visitors at commencement, Tschetter shared his insights with *George Fox Journal* about meeting needs and serving God.

George Fox Journal | What fuels your passion for working to improve the lives of others?

Tschetter | That passion began when I was a child back in the tough farmland of South Dakota. I observed how my father and mother treated others. We were not a family with a lot of money at all; we were



Around the world: Ron Tschetter and his wife, Nancy, served as Peace Corps volunteers in India after college (above). Since he became director last September, they have traveled to (clockwise from top right) Jordan, Mongolia, and the Republic of Malawi.

comfortable. But I remember when neighbors who had disasters — one was a fire, and one was a tornado — my father didn't care what we had. He took cupboards full of food to them, and did anything he could to help. So that's where it all started. Also, through my training at a Christian high school and at Bethel College, I learned that was the way Christ would do it.



Courtesy U.S. Peace Corps



Corps values

One of the first things my wife and I did together was join the Peace Corps. We thought it was a more unique way to serve than joining a mission organization. There's nothing that precludes Christians from serving in that way, and nothing precludes you from sharing your faith when the opportunities present themselves. You're not a missionary, so you don't go out on the street doing that. But we had many opportunities to talk with young school children and coworkers when they would ask us. That's the way Christ lived. So servant leadership should be an integral part of who we are.

GFJ | You didn't believe in separating the sacred and the secular.

Tschetter | Right. I still don't believe in that. I think more than ever that in secular organizations, whether governmental or non-governmental, more Christians need to be serving in this way. I just feel very strongly about that, and I've consulted with a number of really well-known academics who confirmed my thinking in that realm. And I'll tell you, in the Peace Corps, for example, there are a lot of Christians, a lot of them in headquarters and many of them in the field. And they come from places like George Fox, Bethel, and Seattle Pacific.

GFJ | Is that a better way for Christians to serve than through mission agencies?

Tschetter | I'm not saying it's better at all. I believe missionaries need to do their



"I hope you will consider that giving, volunteering, and helping others can be your greatest reward in life," said Peace Corp Director Ronald Tschetter in his address to the graduating class of 2007.

work. I'll be honest with you and tell you that having traveled the world in this job back when we were volunteers in India, we saw mission situations that were appalling, quite frankly. Now we also saw some that were phenomenal. I think it's wonderful, and they make a difference.

I think what Christ would have us do is, first of all, meet the needs of the people. That's what he did. Then that opens doors to have further discussions and talk to them about being a Christian and what that means.

Going through the Bible, that's what I see — the needs are met first, and then the ministry came with that. That's what I think the Peace Corps does so well, because it's really all about meeting needs. One of the most common questions a Peace Corps volunteer is asked is, "Why do you do this?" They wonder why you come from comfort, luxury, television, and all the things they think

are so wonderful in Third World countries, and live in deprivation and work with their people. The door is open almost every day if you want to share.

GFJ | Is the American Christian church balanced in what we seem to be focusing on and how we define ourselves?

Tschetter | No. I think first of all denominationalism takes far too much dominance in what we consider important in American Christianity. If I had my choice, I'd eliminate denominationalism. I'd eliminate a lot of authoritarianism,

as well, and look at what Christ would do. I go back to that all the time. We get all hung up with interpretive issues of the Bible, and to me that's not what Christianity is all about.

GFJ | Your perspective is an encouragement to Christians who are conflicted about that present focus.

Tschetter | Well, I feel ever so strongly about it. I can't tell you how many times I've asked God, "Why me? Why am I the director of the U.S. Peace Corps at this time, at this stage in America's dilemmas, at this stage in the world scene?" We're a small agency, but it's pretty big out there, and there's a reason there's a Christian here now. There's a reason there are so many Christians in the agency.

GFJ | It sounds like you would like to see more Christians consider the Peace Corp as a means to meeting people's needs.



Corps values

Tschetter | My pastor and I talked about this. He said, "I've had people come to our church and ask for \$40,000 to go abroad to do Christian work." I'm going to tell them (to join) the Peace Corps, because they can do the same thing there.

GFJ | Their financial needs will be taken care of?

Tschetter | Their full needs — travel, living allowance, housing, and insurance. And we have medical teams in every country that we're in.

GFJ | Do you have advice for the individual who has a heart for making the world a better place, but isn't prepared to live in a foreign land?

Tschetter | Find a way to serve right here. There are plenty of opportunities right here in the United States to be a servant leader, to be salt and light. There are governmental opportunities, such as AmeriCorps, and there are church-related opportunities. They are around every corner. You just have to look for them. But be a servant leader — that's the message.

Bruins in the Corps



Kris (G00) and Haunnah (Klug G02) Sorensen El Salvador

Kris Sorensen and his wife, Haunnah, (Klug) Sorensen have lived in one of the most violent countries in the world the last two years: El Salvador, coping with growing gang activity in wake of civil war in the 1990s.

Kris is a municipal development volunteer. He helped plan construction of a rural school and coordinated efforts to secure computers for 11 schools and provide a water system for 400 people.

Haunnah is a youth development volunteer, teaching children everything from rabbit husbandry to cooking. She also organizes recreational activities. "Youth are hungry for activities and stimulation, and these activities fill a big need as youth often attend half days of school and are left with little else to do," she says.

She also taught a group of women how to paint Salvadoran beaches and volcano scenes on greeting cards to sell.



Sara Black (G00) • Tanzania

Sara Black serves as a health education volunteer in a small village, Morogoro, where she teaches HIV and AIDS awareness to primary and secondary school students. She also teaches biology, assists a health club, and serves as an instructor at a local health clinic.

Her two-year commitment ends in August, but Black already knows the experience is one she won't soon forget. "The people of Tanzania will forever be etched on my heart," she says. "My time here has really opened my heart for the people of the world. It has allowed me to put my faith into action by the simple act of loving others."



Courtney Phelps (G05) • Cape Verde

Courtney Phelps is putting her psychology degree to use as a Peace Corps volunteer in Cape Verde, where she works at a center for abused, orphaned girls between the ages of 6 and 17.

Phelps does behavioral evaluations of the girls and gives them positive reinforcement for completing chores at the center, located in the town of Assomada. She also organizes hikes, field trips, and parties for the kids.

In addition, Phelps works at another youth center, where she coordinates educational and community service activities with local youth volunteers. She oversees an income-generating project of making styled hats with locally imported material and marketing them in surrounding communities.

She also teaches English and photography and accompanies girls on family visits to assess conditions, evaluate cases, and possibly facilitate a child's reintegration into her family or substitute family.

— Sean Patterson

Psychology professor Bob Buckler didn't want to see the historic

Old Laurelhurst Church

torn down. So he bought the 84-year-old building and moved in his family.

Sanctuary

Looking back, the stained glass made them do it. Sixteen years ago, psychology professor Bob Buckler and his wife, Debbie, sold their new home in Tigard and moved their family into the Old Laurelhurst Church, a decaying Spanish Colonial Revival-style church in Portland. After hearing the 84-year-old building was going to be replaced with condominiums, Buckler dodged the local transients sleeping on the property to look over the building. It was then he saw the church's 11 ornate stained glass windows.

"He came home and told me he couldn't believe the windows were going to be taken out and split up for an auction," says Debbie. Soon, she felt the same way.

"I just wanted it to stay a church," she says.

They made an offer and life changed.

After long days of teaching and seeing patients, Bob returned to his new 24,000-square-foot home to be handyman and janitor. With more than 30 rooms, there was plenty of work to do.

"We had no idea what we'd gotten into. I tell everyone we were psychotically optimistic. For the first 10 years, it was just like a second job," says Bob.

Before they installed a kitchen in their living quarters, Debbie often would find herself counting the 44 steps from the basement, where the old church kitchen was, to the third floor, where the family lived. Their three children weren't in favor of the move, but took full advantage to avoid parental discipline.

"We used to run into the sanctuary and hide under the pews," says Sara, the youngest and a current student at George Fox.

"It would take forever to find them," says Bob.

"The first couple of years were hard," says Debbie. "There was

a lot of crying, but also a lot of praying." She would retreat to the sanctuary. "I'd tell him, 'Lord this is your place. We're just stewards, and if things are going to happen, we need help.'"

The Lord brought the weddings, Debbie says.

During their first year at the church, two couples knocked on the door to inquire about using the church to exchange vows.

The number increased each year.

"It got to be too much; I had to quit teaching to handle the weddings,"

Debbie says.

Debbie now handles about 75 weddings a year, some with receptions. She's become something of an authority on the matrimony ceremony. Ballerinas and hairdressers are the toughest brides.

"They're just too worried about how everything looks, they can't see the big picture," says Debbie.

The family also rents the church for meetings and seminars. A couple of congregations have used the facility as a temporary home. Until they outgrew the space last Thanksgiving, the Imago Dei Community conducted three services every Sunday. Sharing a building with a church of 1,500 required flexibility. Singing drifted through the wall into their living area. Youth groups, Sunday school, and prayer meetings spilled into the upstairs bedrooms of children away at college.

Since the Bucklers took their leap of faith to save the church, thousands have entered the restored building. Many marvel at the stained glass.

"I think the Lord wanted us to do this," says Bob. "But if there's another church that needs renovating somewhere, we're hoping that someone else is called."

by Eric Howald



Edis Jurys

At the Buckler residence, announcing dinnertime can require a cell phone call to locate a family member far away in the 24,000-square-foot church





Alumni Connections

1960-69

Dale Campbell (G60) finished first in his age group in the Tri-Cities Marathon in Richland, Wash., Oct. 27, 2006. His counseling ministry, Amazing Grace Counseling Service, is now in Newberg, Salem, Seaside, and a new office in Tualatin, Ore., where he lives with his wife, **Sharon (Tata) Campbell** (G98).

1970-79

Marian (Derlet) Tyson (G73) teaches writing and language classes at Clatsop Community College, Astoria, Ore. She has studied in Spain, Venezuela, Brazil, and Mexico and worked in Ecuador. She uses that background as a speaker on the topic of diversity in the workplace, specifically "The Dilemma of Diversity: Cultures vs. Classifications."

John Helbling (G76) directed a 40-voice choir on Good Friday at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ontario, Calif., where he lives.

Art Carranza (G77) is the new lead pastor at Phoenix (Ariz.) Friends Church. He most recently served at the Talent (Ore.) Friends Church.

Delynn (Field) Walz (G79) and her husband will be serving a two-year term in a mission school with International Christian Schools in Germany. She is a CPA, and since 1980 has been with PacifiCorp, Portland. She will use her background in school administration and he will be teaching a computer class.

1980-89

Jeff VandenHoek (G86) is the new director of George Fox's master of business administration executive track program. He also serves as assistant professor, teaching and administering the community consulting and service-

Top 40

Robert Harding (MBA05) admits that going back to school was a tough decision — but it's a choice that he says "changed the direction of my life."

Harding, senior vice president of Pacific Continental Bank, in March was named one of Portland's most influential business professionals by the *Portland Business Journal*. The publication annually produces a special section, "Forty Under Forty," that recognizes the top young professionals in the area. The 40 recipients were chosen from 250 nominees based on professional accomplishments, community involvement, and professional recognition.

The 38-year-old from Corvallis returned to



school after earning a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University in 1992. He has worked for Pacific Continental Bank since 2000 as vice president, senior vice president, and regional sales and service manager. He manages sales and service operations for Portland-area offices, a growing client base, loans, and deposit growth.

learning portion of the MBA's executive and professional tracks. Previously, since 1998, he was program director of the university's Tilikum Center for Retreats and Outdoor Ministries.

Jerry Gilliam (SPS88) in May was named city manager of Lakeport, Calif. He moves from a position as assistant city manager in Prineville, Ore., where he served one year. Previously, he was city manager in Baker City, Scappoose, Madras, and Nyssa, Ore.

Tami Kihs (G88) has been named by Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire to the Washington Commission on National and Community Service. It implements the federal National and Community Trust Act of 1993, which created Americorps and encourages service by citizens, working with local volunteer organizations, civic and community groups. She is emergency management coordinator for the city of Vancouver, Wash.

1990-99

Scott Brown (G92, MEd98) is the new head track and cross country coach at Redmond (Ore.) High School, where he also teaches math. He is in his 15th year of coaching track (10 as an assistant at George Fox), and this is his first head coaching position.

Ron Wolfe (G92) has joined the Bank of the Cascades in downtown Salem (Ore.) as commercial loan officer. He has completed his first year of study at Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington.

Heide (Keller) Nichol (G93) and her husband, Dustin, were named Junior First Citizens at the 63rd annual Sweet Home (Ore.) Chamber of Commerce awards banquet in March. Each summer she hosts a volleyball camp and coaches a club volleyball team. She also teaches Sunday school, works with home groups through the community chapel, and has

coached Boys and Girls Club sports and served on the advisory committee. He also has coached and been a referee at the Boys and Girls Club and has served on the advisory committee. They were cited for "helping hundreds of young people learn self-respect and life skills they will carry with them forever."

Joshua Pierce (G94) is a Korea/Taiwan economic affairs officer with the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., where he has lived since 2001. During the last year, he served as a representative in the recently concluded U.S./Korea Free Trade Agreement negotiations.

Paul Carlson (G95) in February was named to fill a seat on the Canby (Ore.) City Council. He is a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments of Canby, where he lives with his wife, **Stephani Carlson** (G03). He has served on the boards for the Canby Adult Center and Canby Area Chamber of Commerce.

Holly (Hyde) Dhynes (G95) and **Allyn (Dines) Dhynes** (G97) are living in Jerusalem, where he is advocacy, peace building and communications manager for World Vision Jerusalem.

Trey Doty (G95/MDiv00) is executive director of Innovative Ministries Foundation, Portland, assisting those creating innovative ministries by providing start-up funding and collaborative partnerships. In pastoral ministry for 12 years, he is a recorded minister with Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church.

KEY

GTraditional graduate
nTraditional nongraduate
MAMaster of arts
MSMaster of science
MATMaster of arts in teaching
MBAMaster of business administration
GFESGeorge Fox Evangelical Seminary
MDivMaster of divinity
MEdMaster of education
EdDDoctor of education
PsyDDoctor of psychology
SPSSchool of Professional Studies



Alumni Connections

clerking its board of leadership development. He and his wife, **Stephanie (Sabin)** (n97), live in Portland.

Jim Domen (G96) is singles pastor at Rose Drive Friends Church in Yorba Linda, Calif., working in men's ministry since 2004. In December, he received a master of divinity degree from the Haggard Graduate School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University.

Erika (Crispen) Norton (G96) is a labor and delivery registered nurse at Willamette Valley Medical Center, McMinnville, Ore.

Chris Rullman (MBA96) has been promoted from senior director to vice president of human resources for Comcast of Oregon and Southwest Washington. He has been with the firm since 2000, when he first directed the staffing and recruiting function. He was then promoted to area director of human resources in 2002 and in 2005 to senior director.

Ben Spotts (G96) is in Hyderabad, India, where he is a research and communication consultant for a faith-based organization, unnamed for security reasons. His major client deals with human rights issues. This spring he completed a master's degree in intercultural studies at Western Seminary, Portland.

Christy (Ortman) Walbuck (G96) has been appointed president of the Idaho Guardian and Fiduciary Association, Boise, Idaho.

Cari (Hogan) Arias (G98) is a Christian education specialist with the Salvation Army, living in Lakewood, Colo. She oversees spiritual formation youth programs for 13 Western states and researches, writes, and translates (Spanish) youth curriculum, with special emphasis on retaining young adults. Previously, she served in the Dominican Republic for 18 months, then supervised Salvation Army youth programs in Oregon and Idaho.

Anette (Nelson) Collins (G98) is a senior technical support engineer at Corillian Corporation, an online banking company in Hillsboro, Ore.

Galena (Bowie) Smith (G98) is a licensed independent clinical social worker in Washington, where she works for Youth Eastside Services, a private, nonprofit mental health clinic in Seattle. She coordinates programs dealing

Policy scholar

Blakely Spillar (G06) will be in select company this fall: She was one of only 12 new students chosen to attend the John Jay Institute for Faith, Society and Law in Colorado Springs, Colo. Spillar will attend from September through mid-December. The institute



prepares Christians for positions of civic leadership and limits enrollment to a dozen students each spring and fall term. Students take classes in Christianity, culture, politics, and jurisprudence for a semester, after which they are offered a three-month practicum placement in a public affairs-related internship at an international political center or U.S. location.

Spillar, a communications major at George Fox, prepared for the assignment by attending Calvary Chapel College in Jerusalem this spring. She plans to pursue a career in lobbying, public relations, or motivational speaking.

This summer, the McMinnville, Ore., native interned at Concerned Women for America, an organization striving to bring biblical principles into all levels of public policy.

with teen dating violence and sex abuse.

Stephanie (Jones) Tehan (G98) is country director for PLAN for the Children, a Christian adoption agency based in Liberia, West Africa. It was started by PLAN Loving Adoptions, headquartered in McMinnville, Ore.

Susan Bliss (MBA99) is the author of *We Will Be Healed*, a new 160-page book offering spiritual renewal for healthcare professionals. She is a registered pharmacist who writes nationally on issues related to healthcare and spirituality and on pharmacy ethics issues. She has practiced pharmacy for more than 15 years in long-term care and community settings. She

and her husband live in Hillsboro, Ore.

Jennifer (Schultens) Dewey (G99) is Internet sales manager for Ray Schultens Motors in The Dalles, Ore.

Tommy Kolodge (G99) in May received a medical degree from University of Nebraska Medical Center. He and **Sarah (Bowder) Kolodge** (n99) live in Omaha, Neb., where he is completing a year of general surgery and is a resident in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Celia Nunez (G99, MBA05) in January was named to the Wilsonville, Ore., City Council. She is State Farm's agent recruiter for the Pacific Northwest region.

2000-07

Brian Herling (G00, MAT05) is the junior and senior high math and science teacher at Upper Valley Christian School in Leavenworth, Wash.

Erin (Shank) Kingsley (G01) in December received a master's degree in literary studies from the University of Colorado at Denver. She plans to begin a doctorate program at the University of Colorado at Boulder in August.

Youqing Ma (SPS01) has been named China trade specialist with Ater Wynne LLP, a law

firm based in Portland with offices in Seattle and Menlo Park, Calif. Fluent in Mandarin Chinese and English, she helps evaluate changes in international trade and provides Chinese business and cross-cultural expertise in support of international transactions. Previously, she was China trade manager for the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.

Sean (Annala) Daugherty (SPS02) and his wife, Rachelle (he took her last name), are owners of Iron Mutt Coffee, a pet-friendly coffee shop in Beaverton, Ore., which celebrated its first anniversary in March with a "Fill the Bowl Challenge" pet food drive for local animal shelters and as a fundraiser for area pets involved in the recent national pet food recall. With goals of 1,000 in each category, the successful drive brought in 1,855 pounds of pet food and \$1,436 in cash, donated to local animal care agencies. They plan to make the drive an annual event.

Ryan Dearing (G02) teaches in the Department of History at the University of Utah while conducting PhD dissertation research. He recently received the Charles Redd Center Award for Western Studies from Brigham Young University for his conference paper, "Building Railroads, Constructing Manhood, and Defining Progress: Utah and the Transcontinental Railroad."

Sean McGeeney (G02, MAT05) has been hired to begin teaching third grade this fall in the Sherwood, Ore., School District.

David Niyonzima (MA02) is pastor of the Kamenge Friends Church in Burundi and heads the Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services work, which has received land and funding for a new center. In September he represented Burundi churches at the prayer summit organized by the Toward Jerusalem Council II in Jerusalem.

Matt Gerber (G03) was one of five Oregon finalists for the fifth annual Volvo for Life Awards in a national contest. It recognizes outstanding contributions and achievements by individuals in their communities. All candidates are profiled on the sponsor's website, volvoforlifeawards.com. Two years ago,

Volunteer of the Year: Pat Landis

Those who grow roses can empathize with Pat Landis; they can also give the former George Fox University education professor their congratulations.

Landis received the 2007 Volunteer of the Year recognition for volunteering as caregiver for 224 bushes of 43 varieties in the Virginia Millage Memorial Rose Garden in the campus quad. For the past three years, she has spent about four hours a week pruning, weeding, fertilizing, and edging. Often, when sick or diseased roses need propagating, she spends nearly 60 hours a year in perpetuating a line, such as the no-longer-available Quaker Star rose. She also helps with the planting of the hanging baskets that brighten the campus quad.

The award also comes for her involvement in the Yamhill County Court Appointed Special Advocates program, which helps children who are victims of violence, neglect, or abandonment, as they process through the courts and social services. Landis also

has been active with Newberg Public Library, C.S. Lewis Community School, Newberg Civic Club, and Newberg Public Schools.



Born in the Philippines to missionary parents, Landis was a prisoner of war with her family during World War II as the Japanese took over the country. They were rescued in 1945 by American GIs.

Landis, now a resident of Friendsview Retirement Community adjacent to the campus, retired in 1999 with professor emeritus status after 15 years in the education division, all but two as director of teacher education.

Principal makes honor roll

Sara Johnson has a simple goal that motivates her as a principal. "The bottom line is we will push toward student success — no matter what it takes," she says.

If that requires securing some extra money to fund a project or recruiting a parent to volunteer, Johnson will make sure it happens.

The philosophy is working. Johnson, enrolled in George Fox's doctor of education program and principal at Grandhaven Elementary School in McMinnville, Ore., was named Oregon's Elementary Principal of the Year for 2007-08.

The award, sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals, honored Johnson for her "commitment to the programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of all students," her "active role in the commu-



nity," and her "strong educational leadership," according to NAESP criteria.

"I was overwhelmed and humbled," she says of winning the honor, which will culminate with a two-day visit to Washington, D.C., for an awards ceremony in the fall. "To be named as the person from Oregon to represent all of the ele-

mentary principals in the state ... that was a very significant honor to me."

Grandhaven has earned three consecutive "exceptional" ratings by the Oregon Report Card, the statewide annual report released by the Oregon Department of Education. Johnson, principal since 2003, says Grandhaven's success is a team effort. "I have wonderful people around me who share the same vision I have," she says.

She also has high praise for her George Fox experience. "There are remarkable professors at George Fox, and the people at this fine university have created a terrific place for educators to grow and learn," she says.

Ultimately, Johnson believes education begins with forming relationships: "If you can connect to what children have inside them, they are inspired," she says.



A century of memories

Rosa Hester recalls the days when the mailman delivered letters in a horse and cart. Radio was new, TV was still decades away, and her family used a covered wagon to make a trip to the Oregon Coast.

Born Rosa Aebischer in 1907, the fifth of eight children, Rosa grew up on a Chehalem Mountain farmstead before attending high school at Friends Pacific Academy, the forerunner of Pacific College, and later Pacific College — which became George Fox University.

The university's oldest-living alum turned 100 on March 25. "I've seen so many changes that it's hard to believe," she told the *Newberg Graphic*. "When I lived on the farm, even radio was a discovery — I hadn't heard it 'til I moved to Newberg."

After graduating from Pacific with a teaching degree in 1929, she married Ralph Hester. The couple lived in several locations in the Northwest, including Bandon, Pendleton, and Portland, Ore., and Seattle and Olympia, Wash., before returning to Newberg in 1983. Unfortunately, her husband died a few months after the move. Rosa now lives in the Friendsview Retirement Community.

Jillian Renner (n07) has joined Golden Rule Remodeling & Architecture in Salem, Ore., as an interior designer specializing in kitchen and bath design and remodeling.

JUST MARRIED

Wendy Adams (G77) and **Craig McIndoo** (G78) April 14, 2007, in Newberg.

Tami Ingraham (G97) and **Ron Thompson**, Feb. 17, 2007, in Lynnwood, Wash.

Brooke Barton (G98) and **John Knoester**, June 17, 2006, in Salem, Ore.

Annette Nelson (G98) and **David Collins**, Jan. 6, 2007, in Portland.

Chad Pohlman (G99, MAT01) and **Lacey Langmade** (G03), Feb. 17, 2007, in Chehalis, Wash.

Jonathan Fordice (n02) and **Brita Halverson**, Sept. 22, 2006, in Seattle.

Sara Nott (G02) and **Guesly Dessieux**, April 14, 2007, in Eugene, Ore.

Tennille Wright (G02) and **Mike Feldbush**, March 3, 2007, in Boise, Idaho.

Amy Treherne (G04) and **Benjamin Pearl**, Oct. 7, 2006, in Sacramento, Calif.

Diana Wight (G05) and **Ryan Sprague** (G06), Nov. 11, 2006, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Regina Burg (G06) and **Nathanael Ankeny**, June 24, 2006, in Portland.

BABY BRUINS

Darin Sturdevant (G88) and **Cathie Jo (Lebold) Sturdevant** (G89), a girl, Everly Pegs, Aug. 15, 2006, in Newberg.

Becky (Holman) Friesen (G89) and **Eon Friesen**, a boy, Ethan Samuel, March 16, 2007, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Vanni Tilzey (G92) and **Laurel Tilzey**, a boy, Cameron Michael, July 26, 2006, in Nampa, Idaho.

Christopher Davis (G93) and **Angela (Broussard) Davis** (n93), a boy, Micah Raymond, born Sept. 17, 2001, in Magadan, Russia, adopted Dec. 11, 2006, in Anchorage, Alaska.

Adam Ayers (G94) and **Kristin (Williams) Ayers** (G94), a girl, Jocelyn Lily, Feb. 12, 2007, in Tualatin, Ore.

Randal James (G94) and **Amy (Kierulff) James** (G97, MAT99), a girl, Katey Paige, March 26, 2007, in Bend, Ore.

Elizabeth (McDonough) Woolsey (G94) and **Gregory Woolsey** (G94), twin boys, Cai Mathew and Cael Aren, Oct. 15, 2006, in Portland.

Amye (Jansen) Brunelle (G95) and **Dan Brunelle**, a boy, Cooper Joseph, May 28, 2006, in Portland.

Stephanie (Smith) Collazo-Serrano (G95) and **Nelson Collazo-Serrano**, a boy, Caleb Jackson, Feb. 23, 2007, in Vancouver, Wash.

Holly (Hyde) Dhynes (G95) and **Allyn (Dines) Dhynes** (G97), a girl, Carys Shannon, June 1, 2006, in Jerusalem, Israel.

Chad Madron (G95) and **Tonia (Werner) Madron** (G97), a boy, Ryder Denault, Dec. 1, 2006, in Portland.

Elizabeth (Monlezun) Smith (G95) and **Trevor Smith** (G95), a girl, June Marie, July 7, 2006, in Eugene, Ore.

James Corner (n96) and **Danyiel Corner**, a boy, James Nolan Calvin, Sept. 25, 2006, in West Valley City, Utah.

Jennifer (Jorgenson) McConnell (G96) and **Matt McConnell**, a boy, Gavin Joseph, Dec. 2, 2006, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Erika (Crispen) Norton (G96) and **Corey Norton**, a girl, Emily Anne, June 22, 2006, in McMinnville, Ore.

Mitchell Ratzlaff (G96) and **Kelleigh (Mardock) Ratzlaff** (G98), a boy, Cole Robert, June 14, 2006, in Dallas, Ore.

Ben Spotts (G96) and **Libby Spotts**, a boy, Shane Daniel, Feb. 8, 2007, in Hyderabad, India.

Jason Ogden (G97) and **Pam Ogden** (G97, MA02), a boy, Ivan Lane, Feb. 2, 2007, in Albany, Ore.

Cristie (Taylor) Ross (G97) and **Matthew Ross** (G98, MA02), a boy, Jacob Kent, July 19, 2006, in Newberg.

Brian Stuck (G97, MAT98) and **Megan Stuck**, a boy, Isaiah Allen, March 18, 2006, in Salem, Ore.

Cari (Hogan) Arias (G98) and **Aneudy Arias**, a girl, Molly Rose, March 15, 2007, in Denver.

Jacob Harris (G98, MBA05) and **Amanda Sue (Conner) Harris** (G01), a girl, Audrey Mae, Sept. 26, 2006, in Newberg.

Christine (Conklin) Samuels (n98) and **Mike Samuels**, a girl, Angela Jewell, Oct. 5, 2006, in Kalispell, Mont.

Stephanie (Jones) Teahn (G98) and **Munty Teahn**, a boy, Jason Jeffrey, Jan. 16, 2007, in Monrovia, Liberia.

Michelle (Harper) Little (G99) and **Josh Little**, a girl, Maddison Irene, Jan. 10, 2007, in Longmont, Colo.

Derek MacDicken (G99) and **Kirsten (Lindsay) MacDicken** (G99, MAT00), a girl, Avery Joy, Feb. 23, 2007, in Portland.

Tanya (Sweetland) Elkins (SPS00) and **Derrick Elkins**, a girl, Samantha Marie, May 25, 2006, in Portland.

Brian Herling (G00, MAT05) and **Krista-Lynn (Bibby) Herling** (G03, MAT05), a boy, Cory Elias, March 28, 2007, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Jamie Johnson (G00) and **Erin (Oates) Johnson** (G01), a boy, Ethan Robert, Oct. 5, 2006, in Beverly, Mass.

Elise (Barrera) Mathews (G00) and **Brian Mathews** (SPS05), a boy, Samuel Benjamin, Dec. 14, 2006, in Tualatin, Ore.

Tauni (Clark) Records (G00, MAT03) and **Jason Records**, a girl, Elizabeth Anne, Oct. 10, 2006, in Newberg.

Jenny (Bonnell) Riddle (G00) and **Chad Riddle**, a boy, Gavin Andrew, Feb. 1, 2007, in Newberg.

Kimberly (Reimer) Hale (G01) and **David Hale**, a boy, Liam Robert, April 24, 2006, in Salem, Ore.

Adam Lapp (G01) and **Melissa (Crawford) Lapp** (G03), a girl, Madeline Dawn, Feb. 9, 2007, in Newberg.

Lisa (Roberts) Singleterry (G01) and **Matthew Singleterry**, a girl, Melody Joy, March 15, 2007, in Portland.

Monika (Mizsei) Thompson (G01) and **Christopher Thompson**, a boy, Jacob Corvinus, Feb. 4, 2007, in Tualatin, Ore.

Matthew Holt (G02) and **Laura (Weishan) Holt** (G03), a girl, Madeline Grace, April 15, 2007, in Portland.

Catherine (Strickland) Pearson (G02) and **James Pearson**, four children by adoption April 22, 2007, in Eagle Point Ore.: Perry Joe Coder, born April 21, 1994, Yreka, Calif.; Deborah Cora Pearson, born Dec. 15, 1999, Medford, Ore.; Logan James Pearson, born Feb. 24, 2002, Klamath Falls, Ore.; and Cloey Grace Pearson, born Feb. 19, 2004, Medford, Ore.

Phronsie (Orozco) Howell (n08) and **Jason Howell**, a boy, Xavier James, March 1, 2007, in Newberg.



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IN MEMORY

J. Edward Baker (n31), May 2, 2007, in Newberg.

James Haworth (n36), Sept. 8, 2006, in Eugene, Ore.

George Thomas (G41) April 23, 2007, in Newberg.

Shirley (Helm) Carter (n44), April 15, 2007, in Newberg.

Robert Armstrong (G50), March 1, 2007, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Darlene (Lilly) Eve (n50), Feb. 21, 2007, in Portland.

Maizie (Oberst) Lawrence (n53), Jan. 31, 2007, in Toledo, Ore.

Harold Weesner (G53), Feb. 8, 2007, in Newberg.

Vernon Kraft (MA54, MDiv55), April 28, 2007, in Lodi, Calif.

Leon Jeffery (n58), April 20, 2007, in Grangeville, Idaho.

Howard Crow (G61), May 13, 2007, in Tualatin, Ore.

David Hockett (G64), Nov. 1, 2006, in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Mark Lynch (MEd02), Feb. 21, 2007, in Portland.

Jessica (Jones) Coppini (G06), Feb. 6, 2007, in Little Rock, Ark.

Reading what we should?

by Melanie Springer Mock

I try to avoid eye contact on airplanes, in coffee shops, in places where I might have to talk with someone I do not know; as an introvert, I don't often relish banter with strangers. If I do begin a conversation, however, invariably someone will discover I am an English professor, and will say one of two things: 1) "I better watch my grammar when I talk to you, then, so you can't correct me" and 2) "What kind of books should I be reading?"

I never really offer a good reply, at least to the first remark. To be honest, I sometimes fix people's spoken grammar, but only in my head. My mama taught me to be nice, and offering uninvited correction is impolite. My response to the second question is also problematic. My initial answer is that people should read whatever they want. There are too many good books in this world (and too little time in our lives) to feel we must have a reading agenda dictated by others. My second, seemingly contradictory, answer is this: read what you want, but also use books to open your world in a different way.

Directing inquisitors to the many "great books" lists floating in the ether might be an easier approach to this well-meaning question. I imagine people expect an English professor might hand out such lists, advocating that everyone, everywhere, should read only the literary canon. But I have problems with a reading diet heavy on books deemed notable by others. Most lists of great literature focus too narrowly on works written by the privileged classes — by westerners, by Caucasians, by men — because the



"Should Christians read only literature with happy endings?"

lists themselves were constructed primarily by the privileged classes (westerners, Caucasians, men). Those who intend to read only books considered "classic" will miss too many other great works by women and minorities.

Christians may feel more challenged by the consideration of what we should be reading. After all, Paul reminds us we are to fill our minds with that which is noble, pure, right, and lovely (Philippians 4:8). Does this mean we should only read literature with happy endings? Or books devoid of things unlovely, like murder, deception, adultery, debauchery?

As an English professor at a Christian university, I often contend with these questions. Some believe we should study only books written by Christian authors, describing Christian situations, and are at times disappointed when we read in our classes works by authors of many faiths, exploring issues of deep moral complexity. At first blush, many works taught in George Fox literature classes do not seem to fill minds with what is pure, right, or holy. But through

deeper consideration and intelligent discussion we find good works of literature often uncover a greater truth. God's truth: what is pure, right, and holy.

And so, the books we read should lead us to a greater understanding of God and grace, incarnation and our need for redemption. This understanding cannot happen if we read only works offering a sanitized or Christianized view of life. Nor can we get a real sense of how to love our neighbors without knowing our neighbors: something

reading often facilitates. Recently, for example, I discovered a great deal about love for my Indian neighbors from a novel about poverty and AIDS set in Mumbai, written by a female Hindu writer; I also learned about God's mercy and grace, more than I ever might from a Christian romance describing two young Evangelicals falling in love.

What should you be reading? Whatever you want. If you want to read the classics, feel free. If you want to read Christian romances, be my guest. But if you are seeking fare different than the normal diet you consume, if you want your mind opened to new understanding of God and the world around you, I suggest reading something not found on a list of great books or in a Christian bookstore.

And, if you want to know what I have been reading lately, catch my eye (if you can) and feel free to ask. Just don't expect me to tell you that my list should be yours too.

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Left: Gary Allen

San Diego Padres July 6



Alumni, parents and friends of the university are invited to watch the San Diego Padres take on the Atlanta Braves at Petco Park in San Diego. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the "Park at the Park," and the game begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$40, which includes admission, a stadium blanket, and \$15 in coupons for dinner. Ticket reservations must be made by June 25. alumni.georgefox.edu or 503-554-2121

Golf Tournament July 10

The fourth annual George Fox University Golf Tournament tees off on the South Course of The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Ore. The tournament, which supports student scholarships, includes great food, gift packages, contests, and raffle prizes at a cost of \$200 per player. golf.georgefox.edu or 503-554-2116

Seattle Mariners July 28



Watch the Mariners take on the Oakland Athletics in Seattle with the George Fox family. Lunch at Safeco Field begins at 11:30 a.m., and the game starts at 1 p.m. Cost is \$40 for the game and lunch. Ticket reservations must be made by July 20. alumni.georgefox.edu or 503-554-2121

Motorcycle Rally August 11



Alumni, parents, and friends of the university are invited to cruise with fellow riders from the George Fox community at the annual Motorcycle Rally. This year's event will include three rides and a biker's barbecue dinner on the Newberg campus. If you are interested in helping plan this event or would like more information, contact alumni relations. alumni@georgefox.edu or 503-554-2131

Bruin Athletic Association Golf Classic September 10

The Bruin Athletic Association invites all university alumni, parents, and boosters to its inaugural golf classic at Chehalem Glenn Golf Course in Newberg. Funds raised will go to the BAA, which provides funding for athletic programs that is above and beyond the university's budgeted resources. golfclassic.georgefox.edu or 503-554-2910



Selah September 29

"Uncovering Joy" is the theme for Selah 2007, the university's fourth annual women's conference. The event will focus on the journey to

SELAH A seminar for women

wholeness and encourage women to recognize themselves as the beloved of Jesus Christ, even when faced with circumstances that threaten to steal joy. The conference features speakers Pam Vredevelt, MaryKate Morse, and Sarah Baldwin. Bonnie Knopf will lead worship, and Georgene Rice returns as the emcee. Lunch is included in the \$40 registration fee. Registrations must be received by Sept. 28. Those who register prior to Sept. 1 will receive a \$5 discount. Discounted rates are available for groups of 10 or more. selah.georgefox.edu



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Suit and tie-dye

Yes, that is President David Brandt in a tie-dye shirt. And the reason for his vibrant attire — as several of you told us — is the university's annual Serve Day. Brandt wore the shirt, a gift from a Eugene alumni group, one day each fall while working alongside students and university employees in volunteer projects all over the Portland area. Ben Weinert (G03) saw our spring issue 2007 "Tell Us More" photo and recognized Brandt immediately. "At first glance I didn't think anything of the picture except that the house sure did look familiar," he wrote. "Then I realized ... 'Hey, I think that's me in the background.' Sure enough, I remember when they took that picture and couldn't believe I was looking at myself. (Brandt) always made me feel like he was just a normal, down-to-earth guy, who truly cared about each student he interacted with. The university will never be the same without him there."

Congratulations to Irene Rose (G92), who received a \$50 gift certificate to the George Fox University Store for her response.



◀ Tell us more ...

Can you identify the festive occasion that had these two students dressed in costumes of yore? During the '80s and '90s, hundreds of students sang and danced in the annual dinner theater under the direction of music professor John Bowman, who retires this summer after 27 years at George Fox. We invite you to send us thy olde memories of medieval mischief and merriment. All responses will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate from the University Store. Submit entries to journal@georgefox.edu or mail them to Journal, George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St. #6069, Newberg, OR 97132.



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