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The facility will create new opportunities for competition, leadership training, character development and growth in the lives of our student-athletes and youth from around the region.

See news story about the new athletic complex on page 3.

To support this exciting phase of our growth, or to learn about other university projects, please call the Office of Development at 503-554-2112 or visit georgefox.edu/austin-complex.



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## Creation Care at George Fox



God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground – everything that has life." And that is what happened. Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! (Genesis 1:29-30)

Have you ever wondered what God thinks of the way we have treated his creation? No matter what political party you support, it is increasingly evident that we humans have had a nega-

tive impact on the trees, water and land where we live.

Awareness of our environmental impact has increased over the past few decades. This issue has historically not received much attention from our churches, but the concept of caring for creation is one that resonates with today's evangelical youth.

As Christians, we know that how we treat God's creation matters. We trace back our God-given responsibility to the beginning – to Genesis. Additionally, we at George Fox believe that being good stewards of the earth is part of obeying God's command to love our neighbor, especially the most vulnerable. Today's major environmental problems hurt the world's poor in a disproportionate way and are a toxic legacy for future generations.

This past spring, the university included stewardship of the earth as a significant goal of our long-term strategic plan. In this issue of *Journal*, you can read about our cam'We at George Fox believe that being good stewards of the earth is part of obeying God's command to love our neighbor, especially the most vulnerable'

pus efforts to be better stewards of our environment – through both educational and more tangible actions. We introduce you to a couple of our alumni whose work has the potential to reduce pollution and improve the lives of people around the world. Our faculty also have a few suggestions for how you can join us in caring for God's creation.

Join us as we take up the challenge that God gave the very first humans – to care and steward the world He created.

Robin Baker President **BRUIN NOTES** *campus happenings* 

## Donation may bring lacrosse, football

\$1.2 million pledge in June boosted prospects for completion of the Austin Sports Complex, a five-field venue to be built on a 24-acre plot of land donated by Ken and Joan Austin and located a half mile north of the

university's Newberg campus (see illustration on inside front cover).

Brad and Katharine Stoffer, parents of a current student, made the pledge along with support from the Boedecker Foundation, on which Brad serves as trustee. The combined gift allows George Fox to begin the first phase of construction on the \$6.5 million complex, and moves the university closer to adding NCAA Division III football and women's lacrosse

programs.

Michael Richeso

"Beyond simply adding two sports, this creates more venues for leadership training and character development," President Robin Baker said of the project. "It also demonstrates our desire to be connected to our community and invest in the lives of studentathletes and youth in our own backyard."

The university will share the complex with the Chehalem Park and Recreation District, Newberg High School, local club teams and the community. The Stoffer gift



will fund the Stoffer Family Stadium, which includes a multi-use synthetic turf field that could be used for soccer. football and lacrosse. The first phase also includes plans for a synthetic turf soccer field and a multi-use field

building.

The university will partner with the Chehalem Park and Recreation District to fund the second phase, which will include three grass fields.

The addition of football is contingent upon securing the required funding for the complex and the results of a feasibility study. The school has not fielded a football team since 1969. The earliest the sport would be added is 2012, according

to President Baker.

Ultimately, the complex is the first step toward improving athletic facilities campus-wide. The university also is launching a community campaign to improve the existing baseball and softball fields, which will be expanded once the existing soccer field

moves to the new complex.

Brad and Katharine Stoffer

To learn more about the Austin Sports Complex or to make a donation, visit georgefox.edu/austin-complex.

#### New academic programs

The university has expanded its undergraduate and graduate academic offerings this fall with the addition of six undergraduate and graduate programs.

New undergraduate programs include civil engineering, journalism, a bachelor of science in elementary education in the adult degree program, and a full-time MBA. George Fox is the first West Coast institution in the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities to offer civil engineering.

Graduate students can now earn a doctor of business administration from the School of Business, and the seminary now offers a global missional leadership track in the Doctor of Ministry program.



#### Record number served

On Sept. 9, the university closed its doors to allow volunteers to perform practical acts of service for the annual Serve Day event. Teams of students and employees visited a ranch for orphans and widows, schools in need of maintenance work, and charities and churches. All told, groups visited a record 72 sites and 50 individual homes.

Join the Serve Day 2009 conversation on the George Fox Facebook page: facebook.com/georgefoxuniversity



#### Klages Dining Room remodeled



A \$400,000 renovation of the university's dining facility, conducted between May and July, increased the serving area in the building's Klages Dining Room by 30 percent. Workers installed new carpet in the Bruin Den, improved lighting and updated the facility's aesthetics with new wall paint and ceiling work.

The extra dining room space allows food service provider Bon Appetit to increase its menu options with the addition of a woodstone pizza oven, a food-demonstration island and an expanded deli counter.

"It's a definite improvement, and I know a lot

of people who have commented on how much they like the new pizza oven," junior Lucas Tomlinson said. "They've also removed trays, which can make getting your food more challenging, but I'm totally on board with why they did it – to save money and not waste so much food."

The renovation project comes during the 10th anniversary of Bon Appetit's contract as the campus food supplier. Bon Appetit donated \$200,000 of the total, with the project's remaining balance coming from the university (\$150,000) and

the Associated Student Community (\$50,000), the student organization that administrates activities on campus.

Denny Lawrence, general manager of Bon Appetit on campus, approached the university's administration last fall with the idea of taking on the renovation. With undergraduate enrollment reaching all-time highs, students needed more room.

"Now, we've got more than 1,600 on campus. Ultimately, this will be key to helping the university with recruitment and retention," Lawrence said.

#### Human rights award

The Oregon Counseling Association recognized Rand and Phyllis Michaels last year with its Human Rights Award "for demonstrating an exemplary level of commitment in the areas of human rights and the advancement of human dignity."

Michael Richesor

Eric Mortinson

Through the organization they founded, TELOS international, inc., the Michaels and their teams of Christian mental health professionals have provided culturally sensitive, holistic mental health services and training in more than 25 countries.

Last year, the Michaels and their organization tutored family therapists in East Asia; equipped trauma responders in China following the devastating May 2008 earthquake; taught an intensive pastoral counseling course in the Balkans; and trained nurses in central India in effective listening skills.



#### ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Mark Terry's passion to inspire the artists of tomorrow got the attention of the Oregon Art Association, which named the assistant professor its 2010 Oregon Higher Education Art Educator of the Year.

Terry, beginning his 26th year as a full-

time teacher and l4th year at George Fox, earned the award both for his work at the university and for his efforts to facilitate art education at public schools throughout the region. George Fox's art major, launched just 12 years ago, has become one of the largest on campus with more than 100 students.

"We are missional about bringing light to the world through art and understand that seeds need to be planted and nurtured long before students reach the university if we are to be successful in preparing young artists for careers in the arts," he said.

The university regularly sends teachers and undergraduate students into elementary schools to conduct art programs, and alumni from the program have become teachers themselves in more than a dozen middle and high schools in the area. George Fox also hosts art shows on campus that feature the work of high school students and art teachers.

In addition to his teaching load, Terry oversees the university's connection with the Noble Hill Anagama kiln in Forest Grove, Ore., the focal point of the school's ceramics program since it was first fired in April of 2004. He was presented the honor at the state art association's fall conference in Redmond, Ore., in October.

Watch video at georgefox.edu/college-admissions/videos/html.



## National magazines give George Fox high marks

George Fox University is listed among the top 60 colleges in the United States in *Forbes*' August 2009 ranking of "America's best colleges."

George Fox ranks No. 58 overall and second among Oregon colleges, behind Reed College (No.

## **Forbes**

44), and received the highest ranking among institutions in the 111-member Council for

Christian Colleges & Universities. Forbes ranking criteria measured whether

students liked their courses (25 percent), achieved post-graduate vocational success (25 percent), graduated in four years (16 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> percent), and graduated without a lot of debt (20 percent). It also factored in faculty who competed for nationally competitive academic awards (13 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> percent).

For the sixth consecutive year, The Princeton Review has honored George Fox University as one of its "Best in the West" schools.

The rankings consider academics, quality of life, admissions selectivity, and financial aid. George Fox received a score of 88 out of 99 in

admissions selectivity, an 84 out of 99 in academics, and an 84 out of 99 in quality of campus life. An excerpt from the Review



states: "Students resoundingly agree that George Fox is a Christ-centered, academically challenging university where students are not a number. Accordingly, the 'devoted, amazing, accessible' professors 'teach not only about academics but incorporate life skills into their lectures/teachings.'"

According to data compiled by U.S. News & World Report magazine for its 2010 "America's Best Colleges" issue, George Fox ranks No. 22 out

> of approximately 1,400 accredited institutions in the nation in percentage of students studying outside the country.

> > Sixty-four percent of the university's traditional undergraduates study abroad before graduation. George Fox was among the top five Christian colleges in study abroad participation. Since 1987, the university's

Juniors Abroad program has sent thirdand fourth-year students on three-week overseas study trips led by professors. In May, students took Juniors Abroad trips to Asia, Africa, Western Europe, Central America, Egypt, New Guinea, New Zealand and Ecuador.

Students also may participate in one of several semester-long overseas programs, including the Australian Studies Program, the China Studies Program, the Middle East Studies Program, the



America's

top-ranked

Christian college

- Forbes

Russian Studies Program, the Semester in Senegal Program, the South American Studies Program and the Uganda Studies Program.

High school counselors who advise their students on college



choices say George Fox offers one of the best educations in the nation. Based on a national survey conducted by *U.S. News & World Report*, George Fox is ranked 73rd in the country, highest among the members and affiliates of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities included in the national university category.

The survey was sent to counselors at 1,600 public high schools that made the magazine's "America's Best High Schools" rankings. Full survey results and methodology is available on the premium online edition of the *U.S. News & World Report* 2010 edition of "Best American Colleges."

Washington Monthly ranked George Fox No. 2 among CCCU schools and No. 120 overall in the magazine's annual college rankings, released in September. In contrast to rankings that focus on what colleges can do for students, *Washington Monthly*'s assessment focused on which colleges are best serving the country based on three criteria – by improving social mobility, producing research and promoting public service.

#### **Ranking the rankings**

CBS MoneyWatch.com determined that the *Forbes* ranking was the best of all the ranking systems, saying *Forbes* came "closest to actually measuring the quality of the education at the nation's best schools."



## Professors in print

John, Jesus, and History; Vol. 2, Aspects of Historicity in the Fourth Gospel (Society of Biblical Literature Press, 2009) by Paul Anderson, professor of biblical and Quaker studies; and Felix M. Just and Tom Thatcher, editors. This is the second of a three-volume collection of essays by leading international biblical scholars on a controversial topic: challenging the standard practice of excluding the Gospel of John from the conversation of a historical Jesus.



Anderson also published the third printing of The Christology of the Fourth Gospel (Cascade Books, 2009), which features a new introduction, new outlines, new theories of John's composition and authorship, and new

contributions to the quest for the historical Jesus. Anderson also engages more than 40 reviews of his book in the epilogue.

The Sacred Rights of Conscience: Selected Readings on Religious Liberty and Church-State Relations in the American Founding (Liberty Fund Press, 2009), edited by Mark David Hall, Herbert Hoover distinguished

professor of political science, and Daniel L.

Dreisbach. This 712-page book provides students, scholars and general readers a rich collection of primary sources that illuminate discussions and debates about religious liberty in early America.



Buffoonery in Irish Drama: Staging Twentieth-Century Post-Colonial Stereotypes (Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., 2009) by Kathleen Heininge, assistant professor of English. Heininge's book looks at the way generations of Irish dra-

thical

lenges

matists, both the famous and the obscure, have attempted to fight the stereotyping of "Irishness" on stage.

Meeting the Ethical Challenges of Leadership: Casting Light or Shadow, 3rd ed. (Sage, 2009) by Craig Johnson, professor of leadership studies. Johnson takes an interdisciplinary approach to leadership ethics, identifying the unique

ethical demands of the leadership role while equipping readers to meet these challenges through research and theory, skill development and self-assessment.

Johnson also wrote *Leadership: A Communication Perspective*, 5th ed. (Waveland Press) with Michael Z. Hackman. It provides an introduction to leadership and followership from a communication vantage point, including sections on the fundamentals of leadership, leadership contexts and contemporary issues in leadership.



Make/Believing the World(s): Toward a Christian Ontological Pluralism (McGill-Queen's University Press, December 2009 release) by Mark McLeod-Harrison, professor of philosophy. McLeod-Harrison argues for a type of actual

pluralism with truths that conflict across conceptual schemes, all of which are consistent with traditional Christianity.

Making Room for Leadership: Power, Space, and Influence (InterVarsity Press, 2008) by MaryKate Morse, professor of leadership and spiritual formation. Using Jesus as a model, Morse unpacks the physical and social dynamics of power and influence.



The Heart of the Sea (SynergEbooks.com, 2009) by **Phil Smith**, professor of philosophy. Smith's fantasy novel follows a young prince who flees his kingdom to establish a new nation that grows in power and influence and becomes the world's best hope to stop a spreading evil. The author weaves together economics, politics, intrigue, spies, magic and even intelligent parrots.

## Top teachers

Each year, George Fox University presents faculty awards for undergraduate teaching, graduate teaching and research. **Melanie Springer Mock, Mary Peterson** and **Chris Koch** were winners for the respective honors.



Mock, a professor of writing/literature, not only teaches the craft she loves, but she also gets to know students on a truly personal level. "Being a writing teacher allows me to learn students' stories, to discover fascinating elements of their pasts, their families, their failures and successes," she said.



"Peterson is a great model for doctorallevel students in how to balance competing yet important roles of wife, mother, colleague, clinical practitioner and academe – and doing each admirably," Wayne Adams, chair of the Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology, said.

Koch said he was "appreciative and humbled" by the award. "Winning it led me to reminisce a bit about all the students I have had the privilege to get to know and work with over the years. They have made doing research at George Fox special."



## 'Beating the odds'

Gates Scholar and Act Six student Gustavo Moreno-Vela overcame poverty, the temptation of gangs and a difficult childhood to achieve his dream: attend college

By Sean Patterson

The fact that Gustavo Moreno-Vela is one of only three students in Oregon to secure a Beat the Odds Scholarship last year should come as no surprise to those who know him. After all, the determined Woodburn High School graduate has spent his entire life beating the odds. He grew up in a singleparent home where money was scarce. He moved three times as a child, at one point living with a dozen family members in a cramped apartment. Many of his classmates gave in to temptation, dabbling in drugs and alcohol – or dropping out of school. Friends joined gangs and tried to persuade him to do the same.

But Moreno-Vela, 18, always had a dream – to attend college – and nothing was going to derail it.

"I was determined not to be one of those kids who didn't make it to his high school graduation," he said. "My mother (Amalia) was a big inspiration to me. She worked hard as a teacher's aide and was always teaching me to

value what I have. I didn't want to let her down."

A trip to his mother's native Mexico at age 14 gave Moreno-Vela further motivation. "It opened my eyes to the fact we have so many opportunities here. It was a big wake-up call."

Now the biggest obstacle to overcome was finances. How could he afford college? Moreno-Vela applied for and received a Gates Scholarship, designated by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for low-income minority students seeking an education. He also secured a \$10,000 Beat the Odds scholarship, compliments of the nonprofit Stand for Children Leadership Center. Initially 110 Oregon students applied for the scholarship, of which only three were chosen.

Finally, he was selected for the university's Act Six program (actsix.georgefox.edu), which each year provides full-ride scholarships to about 10 emerging urban leaders.

"I didn't really know about George Fox," he admits. "But after I visited I felt at home. I also heard they had a great engineering program. I had no idea. I was thinking Stanford or Oregon State, but I liked the idea of going to a university where you had a smaller community and professors knew you by name."

Moreno-Vela arrives with an impressive resume. He graduat-

ed with a 3.9 grade point average and as class salutatorian. He also starred on Woodburn's varsity soccer team, serving as team captain and earning all-league honors.

At George Fox, he is studying civil engineering and playing soccer. Ultimately, he wants to return to Woodburn after graduation.

"It's not fully sketched out, but I know I want to do something service-oriented," he said. "And I really want to get involved in things that target youth — things that will encourage them to pursue their dreams."

His advice to youth?

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**PROFESSORS KNEW YOU BY NAME.'** 

"Don't believe the myths — that college is too expensive, that you can't get a career if you grew up in a bad situation," he said. "Stay focused on your goals and don't let your peers tell you what to do. I remember being faced with temptation all the time. I'm just glad I made the choice to succeed."

## AND IT WAS GOOD



## The biblical truth of God's love for all of creation is why one of the key values at George Fox is care of the Earth.

The university recently formed the Creation Care Committee, a 10-member group designed to look at how the institution can reduce waste, recycle more, lower its carbon footprint and create positive change on campus.

The committee is looking at everything from buying local fruits and vegetables to taking a closer look at what kind – and how much – of fertilizer is used to keep the lawns looking lush.

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Efforts to be more "green" on campus have begun in recent years. Le Shana Hall, the university's newest residence building, was awarded the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification. A study has also been completed that will show George Fox how to strategically reduce its carbon footprint.

The biggest impacts so far, however, come from two main sources: food and education.

### Buying local

Bon Appetit, the food service company at George Fox, places a large emphasis on sustainability, which in many ways boils down to a simple philosophy: buy local. Food in the United States typically travels 1,500 miles before reaching the dinner table. The amount of fossil fuels burned to

transport food can be astronomical.

Last year alone, of the \$1.1 million Bon Appetit spent on food and beverages to feed George Fox students, about \$300,000 went to farmers and ranchers within 100 miles of Newberg.

"We look at who we buy from, how it is grown and how far does it travel," said Denny Lawrence,

general manager for Bon Appetit on campus. "Are we buying mangos that come from South America, or can we get fruit that's grown 50 miles away? Sometimes it does cost a little more, but it's good for the local economy. And it's the right thing to do."

Farmers and ranchers have noticed that the university looks to buy local.

"They are now calling us and asking what we'd like them to grow," Lawrence said. "We write our menus on a weekly basis all year round so we can tailor our menus to growing seasons. We struck a deal the other day with a honey producer. It's a local party."

Is buying local common for most universities? "Heavens, no," Lawrence said. "It's much easier to get on the computer and place one order and have someone ship you everything. We've made a philosophical decision that's unique. We're willing to take a lesser profit in order to buy more sustainably."

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### Teaching by example

Education is the second side of the coin. In Corey Beals' classes, he has his students discuss theories and ethical examples that are affecting the environment.

"Teaching by example is one of the best things," Beals, associate professor of philosophy and religion, said. "The younger people are getting it. Students don't have as many entrenched ways of doing things. You can show them new ideas that they are receptive to. We could potentially be a real leader in this. Creation care is part of who we are as Christians, and as a Christcentered university, everything we do should be rightly related to creation."

Beals' interaction with college students became a focal point

when he went to Washington D.C. to lobby for Earth Justice, a nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to protecting the environment. One of his messages to top-level government officials: The death knell for single-issue politics is ringing louder every election.

"Yes, students care about abortion, but they also care about clean water and clean air," Beals said. "It's

an exciting time."

Daniel Brunner, professor of Christian history and formation at George Fox Evangelical Seminary, uses his classroom to engage students with the implications of creation care. He cites influential scholar Ian Barbour as a model for how evangelicals can move from an antagonistic stance on science to one of dialogue. He then couples that with evangelical theology.

"If the Earth continues in its present degradation, there aren't going to be people left to save," he said. "The more we keep creation alive, the more we'll have to bring into a relationship with Jesus Christ. It's become, for me, my justice issue. Leonardo Boff and other theologians make the tie of environmental degradation and the condition of the poor. What are you going to do for those that everyone else has forgotten? We, as followers of Christ, don't get to forget. In my humble opinion, this is the moral issue of our time."

If creation care is the moral issue of our time, the subject

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## The quest for the sustainable sunflower

Botanist David Van Tassel (G91) might have found the seeds of sustainable agriculture growing along the gravel roads of rural Kansas

**David Van Tassel** is on a quest to save the earth one sunflower seed at a time. He and his fellow researchers at The Land Institute in Salinas, Kan., are attempting to breed and grow new perennial varieties of sunflowers and other major crops that will require less water, energy and chemicals than today's annual commercial crops. Fast food this is not. They hope to share their seeds with the world sometime in the next 25 to 50 years. huge numbers of plants and pick out the weird ones," he said. He cross-pollinates these plants, raises their progeny, again selects the most promising plants with the most desirable traits, and repeats the cycle over and over. Each cycle can take two or three years.

The strategy of The Land Institute (landinstitute.org) begins with the native prairie species that grew throughout the Midwest

The son of Free Methodist missionaries, Van Tassel grew up in Hong Kong and graduated from George Fox in 1991 as a biology major. After earning a PhD in plant biology from the University of California at Davis, he sought a job in sustainable agriculture. He joined The Land Institute in 1997, a move that also allowed his wife Kristin (Potts) (G91) – now an English professor at nearby Bethany College – to return to her home state.

Van Tassel's plant-breeding work began with wheat and sorghum, but his focus now is on a



George Fox alumnus David Van Tassel is devoting a lifetime of research to create seeds that require less water, energy and chemicals than today's annual commercial crops.

protein-rich legume called Illinois bundle flower and sunflowers, which are used to make cooking oil – a vital part of nutrition for the world's poor.

He's attempting to cross commercial annual crops with their wild perennial relatives. "It's like crossing a lion and a tiger," he said. Only a small fraction of the tens of thousands of crosses are successful and produce seeds. He compares the process to dealing out a shuffled deck of cards. "Occasionally you get a good hand. If you grow enough, you get seeds."

Van Tassel also is attempting to domesticate the wild perennials by selecting the plants with the most desirable traits, such as big abundant seeds and easy harvesting. "Basically, you grow

long before the plow arrived. The perennial grasses, sunflowers and Illinois bundle flower grew deep roots that prevented erosion and allowed them to survive drought and harsh winters. Over time they recycled the soil nutrients and helped build the topsoil. In contrast, today's high-yielding annual crops can deplete the land of nutrients within a few years, a major problem in many parts of the world with marginal farmland. A part of the solution, according to The Land Institute, is to create

perennial crops that are as productive as today's annual crops but require far less fertilizer, irrigation and erosion-causing tilling. A crop of this type might require replanting just once every 10 to 15 years.

Patience and a strong work ethic are mandatory at The Land Institute. These are scientists who get dirt under their fingernails. He collected many of his original seeds from state parks, backyards and roadsides. His days are often spent battling weeds and marauding pests. "It's often more perspiration than inspiration," he said.

If his sweat pays off, the world will be closer to having a more sustainable source of food.





## Engineering students calculate our carbon footprint

The George Fox community generates approximately 7,500 metric tons of carbon dioxide a year, according to a study completed by university engineering students. That amounts to about 2.8 tons for every full-time student on campus, which is significantly less than the national average.

The university would like to reduce these greenhouse gas emissions, or the size of its "carbon footprint," by 10 percent by 2015. This goal is part of the Creation Care initiative included in the university's strategic plan.

Man-made green house gasses are considered a contributor to the Earth's rising temperature by most scientists, according to a 2007 report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The George Fox study, advised by Bob Harder, professor of mechanical engineering, provides a baseline to help track the effectiveness of proposals for reducing emissions that the Creation Care Committee will make this fall.

The students calculated carbon dioxide emissions from George Fox operations in an average year based on 2003-2007 data. They examined quantifiable elements such as building energy use, academic and staff travel and waste sent to landfill. By far, the largest share results from electricity from utility companies. Strategies to reduce electricity consumption will address both systemic changes via automatic controls, for example, and voluntary action.

Students used the Campus Carbon Calculator developed by Clean Air-Cool Planet, a widely used international accounting tool developed to quantify greenhouse gas emissions.

"Setting specific goals are important," Harder said. "We're more aware of our practices when they are measured and we see a tangible difference our choices make."

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has been met with some resistance. Ever since the fallout from the Scopes Trial in 1925, the scientific community and many American Christians have squared off as enemies more often than they have worked together, according to Eric Chivian, coleader of the "Scientist-Evangelical" project at Harvard.

"The almost universal reaction to evangelicals from the scientific community is that we don't care," Brunner said.

Scientists, and those labeled as environmentalists, have in large part clung to very public blunders to point out that the religious community just "doesn't get it" when it comes to environmental protection. In 1981, United States Interior Secretary, James G. Watt, once told Congress: "God gave us these things to use. After the last tree is felled, Christ will come back."

Even within the last few years, a handful of well-known Christian leaders have fought against embracing creation care issues. Family Research Council President Tony Perkins has stated that the environmentally conscious Christian risks becoming "blinded by the green light and losing your sense of direction." In other words, beware the environmental path because God may

'THE MORE WE KEEP CREATION ALIVE, THE MORE WE'LL HAVE TO BRING INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.' not be on it with you.

"This is an area, in broad, sweeping terms, that evangelicals have been weaker on," Brunner said. "Other parts of Christendom are way ahead."

A Barna Group poll in 2007 showed that 33 percent of evangelicals viewed global warming as a major challenge,

which made them the least concerned segment of more than 50 population groups. Sixty percent of Catholics and other faith groups said it was a major challenge; atheists and agnostics came in around 70 percent. Evangelicals have taken a more skeptical stance at what they perceive to be media hype surrounding environmental issues.

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THAN 50 POPULATION GROUPS.

The tepid response by evangelicals may have more to do with politics than science or biblical truth. The battle lines over the environment have been split down partisan lines. The issue, in general, has been championed by liberals and mocked by conservatives.

"I'm saddened that evangelicals are sometimes Republican or Democrat before they are biblical and evangelical," Brunner said.

## People or trees?

At the national level, the divide over creation care often comes down to creating a choice between people or trees.

"Should we care for the Earth, or should we care for humans?" Beals said. "Do we save babies or save whales? If you back up and approach it like Jesus did, he usually changed the question. We are now starting to change the question. How does the

way I treat whales affect the way I treat babies? All these things are connected."

Beals isn't the only one tying creation care to people care. Four years ago, the Rev. Jim Ball, executive director of the Evangelical Environmental Network, said that the way to get evangelicals interested in environmental issues is to show how global warming and mercury poisoning impact family health and the health of unborn children.

As scientific evidence grows about threats to the environment, and as the biblical message of creation care spreads, more Christians are convinced that "going green" is an important cause.

"It's becoming more and more of a central spirituality for me," Beals said. "How we relate to God, to others and to creation affects who we are as human beings. The third one gets cut off a lot."

### Biblical application

Beals, who has a love for getting his hands into soil, said that the theme of interacting with nature is scattered throughout the pages of the Bible.

"Gardening is one of the deepest metaphors," he said. "Abide in me. It's God's deepest metaphor for intimacy. Gardening teach-

> es you things that are very concrete. They are very humbling."

Brunner can quickly rattle off numerous passages in the Bible to show that although people are the pinnacle of God's creation, dominion shouldn't equate to destruction.

"Everything Jesus taught us about dominion is about servanthood," he said. "We've taken the Imago Dei as something that is a privilege, that the Earth and its resources are here to make us better, to serve us. Take Colossians 1:15-20. God has reconciled

the world through Christ. We almost always think of the reconciliation for the person, but there is a biblical understanding that says that redemption is not just for humankind. There is a way in which the whole of creation will participate."

The professors know that if large numbers of young evangelicals push for more environmentally friendly lifestyles, real change may be a possibility. Christians, no matter how marginalized they've become in the scientific realm, still make up large enough voting blocs for politicians to care about. Education about creation care in churches and classrooms may lead to a science-religion dialogue not seen since before the Scopes Trial.

"The environmental community knows that if faith communities are mobilized, change can happen," Brunner said. "There is a power there that transcends anything their meager organizations can do."



## Creation care often boils down to a question of "What should I do?" Here are four responses.



#### Lisa Graham McMinn Professor of Sociology, author of upcoming book *Walking Gently*

"Climate change is irrefutable now," McMinn said. "The scientific community is not divided on this. It will require some sacrifice, but Christians will be

more ahead of the curve because sacrifice is something we are familiar with. Some things are as simple as using efficient light bulbs or using less air conditioning."

Other steps may require more effort.

"We need to rethink our diet," she said. "People don't often make that connection. That pound of beef – how many acres of grain did it take to support that? Eat lower on the food chain. And we need to think about population. A new way to look at the Genesis passage "Be fruitful and multiply," is to bring Earth to its flourishing potential."



#### Denny Lawrence General manager of Bon Appetit at George Fox

"I've started to appreciate the need for [creation care] to become a cultural change rather

than doing it when it's convenient," Lawrence said. "Some people look at sustainability as token changes. It has got to turn into a way of life. Don't take such a long shower, recycle, turn the lights off. Every little bit you can do helps. It takes education and time."



#### **Dan Brunner**

Professor of Christian history and formation at George Fox Evangelical Seminary, GreenFaith Fellow

"More and more Christians are being called to a new aestheticism, a new simplicity of life," Brunner said. "The Earth

is in trouble, but the people who will suffer the most will be the poor. Christians need to be on the front edge of this. Look at Jesus. Do we imagine him accumulating like we do in this country? Do we imagine his life as individualistic? He cared for the least of these, and all of those things are marching orders for the Christian community today. Evangelicals should be living life more simply. It will require more community and interdependence. We have all the reasons biblically for doing that. We have no choice but to simplify ourselves."



#### Corey Beals Associate professor of philosophy and religion

"There is a lot of green guilt out there, but the flipside is green goodness," Beals said. "The better I relate to the rest of creation,

the more I enjoy life. Sticking your hands in soil has been chemically proven to make you less depressed. It releases endorphins in your brain. The best argument for growing organic food is to taste a tomato that's ripe off the vine. Actuality is the best proof of possibility. People say it's not possible to live [with a creation care mind-set]. I just say: 'Look at the people who are doing it. They are smiling. They're happy, and they're making it work.' It totally dispels arguments of it being impossible. There's no big solution to our big problems. It's easy to recognize the problems, and the temptation is to look for the silver bullet. Each of us needs to work on small solutions."

## Plug in and pedal: MBA student Wakefield Gregg opens Portland's first electric bicycle shop after inspirational China trip

By Michael Richeson

t feels like a normal bike shop. It looks like a normal bike shop. But Wakefield Gregg's new E-Bike Store is unlike any other bike shop in Portland.

Gregg, a George Fox MBA student, sells electric bicycles, and his is one of about 15 businesses across the country to do so. Although his store has the typical, laid-back feel of a friendly Portland bike hangout, it's with a twist. His customers at the store drink free lattes and speak in terms of watts, charge times, power curves, torque sensors and mileage.

"The bikes make total sense," Gregg said. "They reduce your gas bill, help people get exercise and are good for running errands. Forty percent of all car trips are two miles or less. The average commute is 5–12 miles. These bikes fit all that."

During a trip to China two years ago, Gregg watched as gas in the United States climbed to more than \$4 a gallon and noted that there were 90 million electric bikes on the road in China. He instantly wanted one for himself.

The bicycles, which cost between \$1,000 and \$3,000, come equipped with racks and fenders and can cruise down the road up to 20 mph – even uphill. They handle surprisingly well, and riders can zoom down the street while casually pedaling, thanks to powerful rechargeable batteries. Some of the bikes have twist throttles. Others have torque sensors that can tell how hard the rider is working. Depending on the setting, the bikes will kick up the electric assist when the going gets tougher.

"The people who are buying want to be part of the cycling

revolution, but they don't feel ready or in shape to buy a traditional bike and are nervous around cars," Gregg said.

Portland is well-known for its bikefriendly atmosphere, and while the response has been overwhelmingly positive, some of the cycling purists sniff at the thought of electricity helping push them up hills. But even the purists appreciate that electric bikes help get cars off the road.

"I believe in sustainability," Gregg said. "This business is an outgrowth of that value. I wanted to create a business that promotes sustainability and health inherently. This was a natural fit given my value set."

Everything in his northeast Portland store speaks to his commitment to sustainability. Some of the wood came from an old barn from the coast. The slat walls he got from another business that didn't survive. Energy-efficient lights are hung by brake cables.

When Gregg, a lifelong bike enthusiast, began his MBA at George Fox, he knew he wanted to start a business. The trip to China with his cohort gave him the idea he needed. At first, he thought he'd import his own line but quickly realized that he would go bankrupt doing that. Then he considered being a sales rep for an established line, but the response from traditional bike shops was tepid.

When Gregg started looking at a loan for his own bike shop, the banks said "sure" at first. But then the economy tanked.

"The only loan I could get was a \$10,000 [Small Business Administration] loan at 12 percent," Gregg said. "And there was a 58-page application."

Gregg took the lessons from his class on entrepreneurship to heart and got creative. He built a strong connection with Eric Sundeen, who runs a store in Seattle and is one of the electric bike pioneers in America. Gregg sold bikes owned by Sundeen so he wouldn't have to incur heavy inventory debt and looked for inexpensive ways to outfit his shop.

"It's incredible how inexpensively we've been able to do this," he said. "We've put less than \$30,000 into all this."

Gregg's passion for bicycles and sustainability has paid off well so far: The shop has turned a profit since the first month. Looks like there will be much more talk of watts, charge times and power curves in Portland.



E-Bike Store owner Wakefield Gregg, left, speaks with a cyclist in his north Portland shop.

## Education with a view

Text and photos by Michael Richeson

AS THEY CRESTED THE CRATER'S RIM, a cold, rushing wind whipped around them and tore at their clothes. After five hours of trudging up 4,000 vertical feet on a steep trail covered in volcanic rubble, the students were tired, but they found a hidden energy.

They hugged and gave high fives.

"We did it!"

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"That is so sweet."

"Feels so good," senior Preston Devine said as he scanned the volcano's crater. "So good."

Just two hours earlier, some of them had been wearily quoting Monty Python, calling "Bring out your dead!" between deep breaths and footsteps.

Devine, along with eight other students, were three days into a weeklong hiking trip, and every one of them passed the biggest physical challenge: get to the top of the mountain.

On Aug. 17, the Red Team woke

up at 4 a.m., packed their gear and set out to climb the South Sister, a 10,358-foot volcano and Oregon's third-highest peak. A little after 10 a.m., the whole team stood on the summit.

The students, many of whom had never climbed a mountain before, were left amazed at the view and the achievement.

"This trip changes your sense of scale," junior Seth Terpstra said. "Our sense of what we can accomplish in a day was really changed."



The view from the South Sister's summit reveals the striking peaks of the Middle and North Sisters. Mount Washington, Mount Hood and Mount St. Helen's were also visible that day.

Each year, all of George Fox University's resident assistants and student government leaders – accompanied by a guide and an area coordinator – spend a week hiking and camping in the Three Sisters Wilderness near Bend, Ore. This year, more than 80 students were broken into teams of 9-12

people and sent into the wild.

The annual event, known as Walkabout, brings students together to learn principles of leadership and service they will need as resident advisors. Each student has the opportunity to emerge from this process with a stronger and more personalized sense of values and commitments, a greater awareness and celebration of their own strengths, and the knowledge that their limitations need not keep them from succeeding.

Jaynie Post, a junior psychology major, said she was nervous when the hike started, but every step forward

made her more and more excited. Soon, the anxiety was gone. "Then it was just awe and wonder at things I've never seen," she said.

For more about Walkabout, including more photos from this year's Three Sisters Walkabout, visit Georgefox.edu/walkabout

The Red Team makes its way up the trail. The students left their campsite at Moraine Lake in the dark at 5 a.m. and set out for the long trek up the South Sister.

## Education with a view



The Red Team set up camp near the shores of Moraine Lake on Aug. 16. The next morning, they would tackle the steep, volcanic slopes of the South Sister, which rises in the background.



Far left: A Gray Jay, more commonly known as the "Camp Robber," peers down at the students while they unpack lunch.

Near left: A golden-mantled ground squirrel makes his home among the red, loose, volcanic pumice.



Top left: Ashley Parks, Preston Devine and Seth Terpstra refill bottles with filtered water from Moraine Lake. A few of the students went for a swim in the chilly lake the next day.

Top right: After reaching the South Sister's crater rim, Ashley Parks relaxes and soaks in the incredible view.

Bottom left: Perfectly clear skies above the campsite revealed countless numbers of stars. Bottom right: Success! The Red Team poses for a group photo at 10,358 feet.

> One of the key aspects of Walkabout is learning skills such as communication, unity, transparency, judgment, vision, confidence, modeling and encouragement. Here, students try to maneuver around each other while standing on a log. During the challenge, they couldn't see, and they couldn't speak





#### 1930-50

Margaret (Nothiger) Morse (n35) celebrated her 100th birthday Aug. 22, 2009, with a reception in her honor at Friendsview Retirement Community, Newberg, where she has resided since 1991. She and her husband, Curtis Morse (G33), were recognized by the university with the naming of the university's baseball and softball field complex in their honor after a gift in 1998. He passed away in 2002. She is a retired elementary school teacher. The Morse children are all George Fox graduates: Sam in 1957. Paul in 1959. Howard in 1961 and Barbara in 1962.

**Derrol Hockett** (G50) was named Kiwanian of the Year at the annual Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce banquet in April. The award is for "helping to change the world one child and one community at a time." A former Friends pastor, Hockett moved to Friendsview Retirement Community, Newberg, in 1997 and now is sexton for Newberg Friends Cemetery. Previously, he was emergency manager for Canyon County Idaho for 20 years and was the first city council president, then mayor, of Greenleaf, Idaho.

Wally Russell (G50) received Volunteer of the Year honors from Newberg's Faith in Action ministry. He has assisted the agency for more than six years, donating more than 640 hours in 12 months to receive the award in May. At 87, he's the oldest active volunteer, coaching the Strong for Life program, designed to improve strength, function and balance in older adults.

#### 1970-79

**Doug Flaming** (G74) is superintendent of Nezperce School District, Idaho. It has 161 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

#### 1980-89

Chris Nordquist (G80) is founder and owner of The Write Stuff, an editing business in

Dundee, Ore. The former George Fox writing and literature professor created the business five years ago. She describes herself as "a pen for hire," doing writing of any sort, serving as a ghost writer, helping people write their own personal stories, helping as a writing tutor, and as a consultant.

Ken Carter (n83), who gained nationwide attention when he was profiled in the 2005 Hollywood movie *Coach Carter*, is using some of the proceeds received from royalties and speaking tours to establish an unconventional boarding school, Coach Carter Impact Academy, in Marlin, Texas. A former middle school he purchased is being refurbished to accommodate the 150 boys in grades eight to 12, with 64 living on campus. It was scheduled to open this fall with a demanding academic and athletic program. He is applying to make



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the academy a state-funded charter school and hopes to receive accreditation. Carter says he will challenge troublemakers and underachievers who are ready to make a change. "This is my dream," he said. "I've always wanted a school."

Dennis Littlefield (G84, MBA95) has returned to George Fox as executive director of Tilikum Center for Retreats and Outdoor Ministries. He began in May. He was program director at Tilikum for 12 years before leaving in 1998 to become associate director of Twin Rocks Friends Camp in Rockaway Beach, Ore.

Lynette (Tycksen) Cortez (G85) is an education assistant for Silver Falls School District, Silverton, Ore., and currently is enrolled in George Fox University's Master of Arts in Teaching program, seeking a teaching license.

Jeff VandenHoek (G86) is now on George Fox's Newberg campus as director of the full-time MBA program. Previously he oversaw the MBA executive track.

Gregg Peters (SPS88, MBA04) is owner of Oil Can Henry's in Stayton, Ore., using his marketing and customer service skills honed in 12 years with Hewlett-Packard as marketing manager. With his business now servicing up to 650 vehicles a month, he is planning expansion to add another service bay, increasing capacity to 1,000 vehicles monthly.

Tim Hyatt (G89), a naturopathic physician, has expanded his practice to include Wilsonville, Ore., one day a week. His base practice is in Newberg with Northwest Integrative Health Center. He is a 2002 graduate of National College of Natural Medicine in Portland.

#### 1990-99

Jan Vondrachek (SPS92, MBA00) is executive director of Hazelden Springbrook, a residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation and treatment center in Newberg. She was appointed in 2006 after five years as director of marketing. In a profile feature in the Oregon Business Journal, she said her best business decision was to earn her business degree. "Earning my advanced degree helped me forge lifelong relationships with priceless friends and mentors in the local community and gain insights into other industries."

Fritz Liedtke (n93) spent four months traveling in 10 countries creating a documentary about the life of a young survivor of sex slavery in Cambodia. He also filmed the Olympic torch relay in London in association with a project written by **Rich Swingle** (G91), highlighted in the last issue of the George Fox Journal.

John Smith (G96), in his third year as George Fox track coach, was named 2009 NCAA Div. III West Region Women's Coach of the Year by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The award was presented at the D-III national championships in Marietta, Ohio. Smith was assistant coach for eight years before being named head coach.

**Glenn Woods** (MA96) this spring received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Western Seminary, Portland. His dissertation, "Praxis of Nurture in Small Churches," explores how the local church can better help parents become more intentional in nurturing their children in faith. He is a part-time children's pastor with Portland Open Bible Church and is ordained by Open Bible Standard Churches. He works full time as a warehouseman and truck driver in the floor covering industry.

**Kyle Chowning** (G97) is president and founder of Motiveight Marketing Group, Inc., in Nashville, Tenn. It provides branding and identity, design, editorial and copy writing, hosting, marketing services, promotional products and strategic consulting. Previously, he was sales and marketing director for four years until 2006 with Relevant Media Group, which he helped launch in Orlando, Fla.

Achsah Clark (MDiv97) is pastor of the Cottage Grove, Ore., United Methodist Church. Ordained originally as an American Baptist minister, she first accepted an interim parttime position with the Lincoln City, Ore., Baptist Church, serving for two years. Drawn

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## IT'S A SIGN: Nordyke named top volunteer

Visitors to George Fox can't miss **Quentin Nordyke**'s contribution to the institution. Nordyke (G58) spends two to three days year-round creating directional and identification signs on the 85-acre campus – work that earned him the university's 2009 Volunteer of the Year award.

"The amount of hours and money that Quentin saves the university is astronomical," said Clyde Thomas, director of George Fox's plant services department.

Nordyke's duties include fulfilling work requests for identifying buildings and creat-



to the Wesleyan tradition, she contacted the United Methodist Church, becoming pastor in Lyons, Ore., for four years, then splitting a fulltime position between churches in Harrisburg, Ore., and Eugene, before being appointed to the Cottage Grove position in June 2008.

Rachel (Barrong) Aazzerah (n99) is the nation's best early career biology teacher and will receive that designation formally from the National Association of Biology Teachers Nov. 11-14 in Denver. Aazzerah is going into her second year as science teacher at Monument School District in Grant County, Ore. The Outstanding New Biology Teacher Achievement Award is given to a biology/life science instructor (grades 7-12) who has developed an original and outstanding program or technique and made a contribution to the profession within his or her first three years of teaching. Monument School Superintendent Michael Reule says the award "brings welldeserved recognition to Eastern Oregon and education in small schools." Aazzerah, who previously taught in Clackamas County, also teaches personal finance and is a girls' volleyball coach. "I was thrilled to even be nominated, but when I found out that I had won the award,

ing interior signs, traffic signs, and parking and directional signage. The work is both technical and physical. He creates the signs using computerized software before installing them in their proper locations, complying with campus and city codes.

"It's work that needs to be done and work that I enjoy," he said. "If I wasn't doing it, it would fall to someone else, so I'm happy to relieve them from the job and free them up to do other things."

I was in total shock," she said. "Who would have thought a teacher from rural Eastern Oregon would win a national award?"

**Perry Gruber** (SPS99, MBA08) is in Portland, where he operates Perry Gruber Ltd., a venture that delivers keynotes, presentations and events on his approach to leadership and organizational development. "I advocate for humancentered workplaces and organizations," he said in a *Portland Business Journal* profile in February.

**Tyler Johnson** (G99) in May received a PhD from Purdue University. His dissertation in U.S. history examined immigrant volunteer soldiers in the U.S. Mexican War. He is seeking a university faculty position.

Josh Reid (G99), after seven years as youth pastor at Newberg Friends Church, has resigned to become one of three Bible teachers at Westside Christian High School, Lake Oswego, Ore. Founded in 1981, the school has 275 students in grades nine through 12.

### Haiti's 'hope-filled' future

The EcoCafé Haiti program Tom Durant (GFES06) launched five years ago just yielded its first harvest of cherry coffee. Its production into export-quality coffee will help the impoverished community of Ranquitte, Haiti, attain economic self-sufficiency by the end of the harvest season.

Durant set this goal while studying for a master of arts in theological studies at the seminary. Upon graduating, he resigned his chief operating officer position at an Oregon software com-



The EcoCafé Haiti program also helped restore 60 acres of deforested land for agricultural use – acreage now planted with food crops and Haitian Arabica coffee. The coffee will be processed locally and sold to export markets in the U.S. and Europe as a fair-trade, eco-friendly specialty coffee. Exportation of the coffee is expected to begin around January 2010. In an experts' blind taste test, its quality exceeded two of the finest coffees from around the world, one from Colombia and the other from Kona, Hawaii.

"Economic self-sufficiency in Ranquitte will provide a hope-filled future for more than 350 Haitians who would have remained destitute, hungry and dispirited," Durant said.



Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 80 percent of the population living in abject poverty amid little or no infrastructure. More than 95 percent of the land is deforested, and more than 80 percent of the watershed is barren.

EcoCafé Haiti is owned and managed entirely by the workers and landowners. Like other enterprises blending commerce with missions, earnings will be turned back into the community for reforestation, food cultivation, medical clinics, schools and other development projects. Each landowner has agreed to donate a portion of their food crop to the local church to benefit the "poorest of the poor" in the community.

Durant, who has an MBA and 35-plus years of experience in business development, said he had longed to work in missions for many years. He credits the seminary with giving him the boost he needed to get started.

"I don't know if I'd be doing what I'm doing if I hadn't gone to seminary," said Durant, who works as a volunteer missionary for Christian Flights International from Eugene, Ore. "I walked away with a far greater understanding of Christ in me that I hadn't anticipated, and that's been the key factor in our success for the missions program."

To learn more about EcoCafé Haiti and the seminary, see photos and video at georgefox.edu/seminary/durant-haiti.html.

#### 2000-09

Kelley (Carmichael) Casey (PsyD00) is the new executive director for SCRAP, a nonprofit organization in Portland founded in 1999 to "inspire creative reuse and environmentally sustainable behavior by providing educational programs and affordable materials to the community." One of the first organizations of its kind in the nation, the group diverts more than 65,000 pounds of reusable creative and craft supplies from landfills. Materials are sold at affordable prices for kids' crafts, school projects, artists' creations and household projects. Casey previously was director of development and operations and a volunteer coordinator, involved since 2005.

**Erin (Hatch) Macy (**G00) has returned to George Fox, beginning in July as assistant director of international recruitment. From 2005 to 2008, she was as assistant director of undergraduate admissions. Prior to that, she was a health professions admissions specialist at Portland Community College for two years.

**Carrie (Richmond) Martinet** (n00) is a librarian with York Elementary School in Vancouver, Wash.

**Rachel (Kremiller) Austin** (G01) is a full-time artist in Portland, showing her work across the country. Her work features oil, watercolor and paintings on maps.

**Elizabeth (Carlson) Comfort (**SPS01, MBA04) in May was named chief financial officer for Friendsview Retirement Community, Newberg, moving from her position as finance director for the city of Newberg.

**Nigel Hunter** (G0l) is a social studies teacher at Wenatchee (Wash.) High School.

**Ryan Dearinger** (G02) is assistant professor of history at Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, Ore.

Will Robertson (n02) is creator and author of the comic strip "Casey and Kyle," currently appearing in four newspapers as well as on the Web. It has grown to a readership of nearly 40,000 in its first year. His strip depicts adventures of 4-year-old Casey, his toddler brother Kyle, and their long-suffering mom – based in part on his own family. His original drawings were shown







and copies of his first printed collection were available at a First Friday Art Walk in Newberg in March.

**Suzanne Santos** (G03), a performer with the Pickle Family Circus, San Francisco, is a resident artist in San Francisco public schools and is a clown therapist, working with children with special needs. This summer she traveled to Haiti with Clowns Without Borders.

Sarah (Boehr) Davis (G04) and John Davis (G05) live in Vancouver, Wash., with both working in Portland. She graduated in 2008 with a 4.0 GPA from Oregon Health and Science University School of Nursing's accelerated nursing program and is a pediatric intensive care nurse with Doernbecher Children's Hospital. In May, he received a law degree from Willamette University College of Law, first in his class each year and maintaining a 4.0 GPA while serving as editor of Willamette Law Online's Ninth Circuit News Service (with 10,000 subscribers nationwide) and working as a law clerk for the University Counsel. After taking the Washington State bar exam in July, he now is an attorney with the law firm Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt. Both are senior leaders with Young Life and serve in several capacities at Rolling Hills Community Church.

**David Fears** (MEd04) has compiled the first fully annotated day-by-day chronology of the life of Samuel L. Clemens, better known by his pen name, Mark Twain. The first two of three planned volumes of *Mark Twain Day By Day* are now available, at 1,200 and 1,300 pages each. "Here at last is a detailed and indexed account, a monumental work taken from a wide range of published and unpublished sources, of his life, the first 50 years," said the publisher, Horizon Micro Publishing.

**Catrina (Miller) Higgins** (G04) received an MBA from Marylhurst University in March and is a legal investigator for the State of Montana, living in Cascade, Ore.

**Rebecca Kromer** (G04) received a DMD degree in 2008 from Oregon Health and Science University and is now a dentist with the U.S. Navy. She is one of four dentists assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, which is deployed throughout the South Pacific – most recently to the Arabian Gulf.

#### Harvard bound When Ron Davis (G02) walked

on the Harvard Law School campus Aug. 27 and sat down in a classroom, he became a first for George Fox University. He is believed to be the first Bruin ever admitted to the 192-year-old institution, according to **Ron Mock** (G77), associate professor of political sci-

ence and peace studies, who himself has a law degree.

When accepted to Harvard last fall, Davis e-mailed his former George Fox professor and within hours Mock had replied back: "Share in your joy? Absolutely. Although my joy is laced with a rather large dose of vindictive 'I told you so'... I have been waiting years for this."

Ron Davis

Harvard accepted Davis in its first round. It was just the first of several nationally known law institutions to select Davis, who was also accepted at Yale, Georgetown, Boston and New York University.

The chief deciding factor for Davis was the fact wife **Trina** (**Christensen**) **Davis** (G03) would attend medical school at nearby Boston University Medical School.

"I love my wife more than I love Harvard," he said. When she was accepted at Boston, that settled it. Boston's medical school has the most applications of any in the nation, with Trina chosen for one of 150 slots from 11,000 applications. "Funny enough, (Boston University Medical School) is twice as hard to get into" as Harvard, Ron said. "I'm pretty proud of her."

The pair enter their classrooms after a yearlong world adventure that took them to 16 countries in 362 days: Ireland, Norway, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Germany, Turkey, back to the U.S. for interviews, then Malaysia,

> Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and India. In India, they worked at Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying in Calcutta, before both became sick. Trina was hospitalized for an E. coli infection. They finished in Mexico, where they wrote the first draft of a book on their adventures, and are working on a "how to" book.

After graduating from George Fox with a degree in history and philosophy, Ron earned a master's degree in education leadership from the University of Oregon. He then went into the professional world, working for a title insurance com-

pany. Trina received her degree in business then worked for four years as marketing manager with Integrated Services Incorporated, in Portland, before leaving in 2007 to prepare for medical school by taking prerequisites at Portland State and spending a summer at the Oregon Health and Science University Heart Research Center.

"Absolutely thrilled" is how Davis reacts to attending Harvard. "There is something about the Harvard brand, which doesn't have to be explained."





**Gabriel Pinski** (MDiv04) is associate director of foundation and corporate relations with Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, headquartered in Washington, D.C. It works throughout the world to protect children from smoking, help smokers quit, and protect all from secondhand smoke.

Jaclyn (Yeo) Aschim (G05) graduated from the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine in June and has joined the staff at Newberg Veterinary Hospital. She specializes in equine medicine.

Heidi Janosek (n05) has opened her own chiropractic clinic in her hometown of Newberg, after practicing the last two years in Prineville, Ore. She received her professional degree from Western States Chiropractic College, Portland, in 2007.

**Dan Predoehl** (G05) is an enrollment counselor at George Fox University's Portland Center. For the last two years he was a resident director at Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison, after one year as student life coordinator at Occidental College in Los Angeles. He received a master's of education degree in college student affairs from Azusa Pacific University in 2007. **Zachery Smith** (G05) is national purchasing administrator with CorVel Corporation, a workers' compensation managed care organization in Portland that serves employers, insurance companies, third party administrators and government entities.

Linh Au (MBA06) has been named quality management trainer at Catholic Charities of Chemung County, New York. She will manage implementation, delivery and monitoring of training to support all agency-required training. She also will coordinate training for all departments and staff development.

Kelly (McKenzie) Fudge (MEd06), who usually works with students in low-income schools in Los Angeles, spent part of her summer following her passion for social justice and serving orphans, especially in Africa. She was a member of a team from the Mosaic Church, Los Angeles, that went to Zambia to train native Zambian teachers. The college-level courses were recognized by the Zambian government and will allow the more than 200 teachers to be credentialed and earn a salary from the government. The goal is to bring long-term sustainability to Zambia by training a new generation of teachers rather than relying upon foreign teachers.

#### Nunez named to Council on Civil Rights

**Celia Nunez** (G99, MBA05) was called "a perfect choice" as the State of Oregon named its new Council on Civil Rights. The Wilsonville, Ore., resident and Newberg businesswoman is



one of 25 appointed to the agency, which is charged with protecting Oregonian's civil rights in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian called Nunez to ask her to be involved. "It's a group that I see really making a difference across the state," she said. The council will fight unlawful discrimination and represent interests of minority communities in the state.

Nunez, who worked in the public sector for more than a decade, said, "It is nice to be involved with statewide issues again, and I

am honored to be a part of this group." Her experience includes being a policy advisor for a Portland city commissioner; serving as director of the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs in Salem; being an ombudsman for Portland Mayor Vera Katz; and coordinating caucus policy for the Senate Democratic Leadership Office in Salem. **Christy (Williams) Rimrodt** (G06), a portrait photographer, has opened Studio Christy in the Willamette neighborhood of West Linn, Ore. The new showroom follows three years of running her business on location and on the go, specializing in maternity, newborns and children.

**Rachel Borgman** (G07) in June received a Master of Science degree in educational leadership and policy from Portland State University. She is seeking a position as a student life administrator in higher education.

**Mylee (Hylton) Card (**MAT07) is a first-grade schoolteacher at Crooked River Elementary School, Prineville, Ore.

Laurel Emory (MBA07) is an administrator with Coram Specialty Infusion Services, a health care company with headquarters in downtown Denver. She also is a student in Regent University's PhD program in organizational leadership, with sessions in Virginia Beach, Va., and online.

**Robin Gill** (MA07) is in residential training at Great Vow Zen Monastery, a Buddhist center in Clatskanie, Ore.

Isaac Moffett (SPS07) is founder of Nampa Classical Academy, which opens this fall in Nampa, Idaho, with an expected 550 students in kindergarten through ninth grade. That would make it Idaho's third-largest public charter school. It will have portable classrooms on a I7-acre site for the first year. Although students will not receive religious instruction, the Bible will be taught for literary and historic qualities as part of a secular education program.

Marcus Karaffa (G08) and Elisabeth (Krochina) Karaffa (G09) are shepherding the young people at GodSong Community Church, Newberg, with Marcus named full-time youth pastor and Elisabeth helping part time. They began attending the church while in college and started helping with youth as volunteers.

Jenna Parisi (G08) is an enrollment specialist II in George Fox's registrar's office, beginning on a temporary basis in February and moving to a permanent basis in July.

## Boise bash While Herb Jennings was recovering from lymphoma last year, he mentioned

to former classmate **Kirstin Ahern** that it would be nice to see the rest of the students in their 1997 Boise cohort – George Fox University's first degree-completion class in Idaho.

"I didn't know how long I'd be in remission," he says, and added jokingly that a reunion would be better "while we're still alive." That sparked an idea, and the pair instigated the March 7, 2009, gathering on the Boise campus. Seven of the 12 Idaho residents attended, with five classmates spread out from Ohio to California.

Attendees toasted themselves and their classmates with sparkling apple cider and spent the afternoon reminiscing. "It was really great to get together," said Jennings, who is in full remission after a transplant of adult stem cells.

Back row, left to right: Ernie (Earnest) Harper '97, Mark Little '02, MA'04, Herb Jennings '97, David Moorhouse '97. Front row, left to right: Ken Stewart '97, Kirstin Ahern '97, Dee Iverson '97, MA'06



**Stephanie (DeGraff) Sticka** (G08) is a registered nurse with Willamette Valley Medical Center, McMinnville, Ore.

**Dustin Junkert**, a writing/literature major, was quick to be published. His story, "What My Faith in God Looks Like," was published in the Education Life section of the July 20, 2009, issue of the *New York Times*. His piece, which appeared in the Life's Big Questions category, was one of 29 selected from 800 contributions.

**Eric Mortinson** (G09), after majoring in cinema and media communication, is a video producer in George Fox's Office of Marketing Communications, with his videos primarily focused on student recruitment and fundraising.

**Vladimir Tkach** (G09) is staff accountant with Delap, an accounting firm in Lake Oswego, Ore., with 90 employees.

### JUST MARRIED

Fred Gregory (G66) and Viola Artikova, May 6, 2009, in Charlotte, N.C.

**Melinda Lathrop** (G98) and Juan Garcia, July 25, 2009, in Star, Idaho.

**Rachel Barrong** (n99) and Aaron Aazzerah, Dec. 20, 2008, in Oregon City, Ore.

**Carrie Richmond** (n00) and Patrik Martinet, Aug. 16, 2008, in Yakima, Wash.

**Sharia Hays** (G02) and Adam Brock, Nov. 8, 2008, in Tacoma, Wash.

**Brent Hiebert** (G02) and Katie Edwards, May 24, 2009, in Westlake Village, Calif.

**Randy Kluver** (G02) and Gina Coolen (G05), July 25, 2009, in Aumsville, Ore.

Shari Fransen (MAT04) and Brian Alvis, July 12, 2008, in Tacoma, Wash.

Lori Schlott (G04) and Alex Russell, June 29, 2008, in Portland.

**Stephanie Selid** (G04) and Andy Ostrom, Oct. 11, 2008, in Portland.

**Tobias McClaughry** (SPS05) and Carrie Gebhardt, March 7, 2009, in Bozeman, Mont.

**Amara Sheppard** (G05) and Albert Lai, May 2, 2009, in Fremont, Calif.

**Zachery Smith** (G05) and **Melissa Mathias** (n06), March 28, 2009, in Forest Grove, Ore. **Ryan Sprunger** (G05) and Holly Hicks, Sept. 6, 2008, in Yakima, Wash.

**Travis Lund** (G06) and **Eva-Lynn Johnson** (G07), July 20, 2008, in Colton, Ore.

**Rebekah Shelton** (G06, MEd08) and Steve Harris, July 26, 2008, in Pepperwood Forest, Roseburg, Ore.

**Jessica Sweeney** (G06) and Ryan Wuest, March 21, 2009, in Portland.

**Philip Heu-Weller** (G07) and **Whitney Kolb** (G08), July 18, 2009, in Dayton, Ore.

**Mylee Hylton** (MAT07) and Bruce Card, Sept. 13, 2008, in Florence, Ore.

**Evan Burt** (G08) and **Lacey Smith** (G09), Aug. 15, 2009, in Aurora, Ore.

**Luke Stillinger** (G08) and **Jordan Weiss** (G08), July 17, 2009, in Turner, Ore.

**Ben Burgess (**G09) and **Abby Courson (**G09), July 24, 2009, in Independence, Ore.

**David Burkhart** (G09) and **Emily Tschiegg** (G09), July 12, 2009, in Dallas, Ore.

**Michelle Gale** (G09) and Sam Bornfleth, May 24, 2009, in Portland.





→ Jaclyn Cascio – After graduating in 2009, Jaclyn enlisted in the Army to be a Combat Medic. She shares her thoughts and preparation for basic training.

#### Profound thoughts on the 60-day mark

"When deciding to enlist, I didn't think I would be giving up much. And compared to some with spouses and children and jobs, I'm not giving up much. But what I realized yesterday is that I am going to miss some relationships. The sacrifice I'm making by leaving is different than I first imagined. It's not necessarily greater... It's just different. And the sacrifice is not necessarily mine..." *jcarmyjournal.blogspot.com* 

- → Guy Chmieleski Experiencing the extraordinary of God in the ordinary act of life at This Day on the Journey. *quychmieleski blogspot.com*
- → Jenny Colvin Three years of baking adventures are listed on her blog, Jenny Bakes.

#### Kugelhopf and hedgehogs

"In one of the book clubs I am in (the only one that meets in person), we met to discuss 'The Elegance of the Hedgehog' by Muriel Barbery, translated from the French. It takes place in Paris, where a concierge named Renee tries to keep her intelligence hidden from the people living in her building. The baked good getting the most attention in the book is a *gloutof*, which is described as 'a rather voracious Alsatian cake.' Despite my doubts that a cake can indeed be voracious, it intrigued me. I had definitely never heard of it..."

jennybakes.blogspot.com

→ Ron and Trina Davis – Read about the Davises travels around the world and their continuing adventures at Harvard Law and Boston University Medical schools.

#### A contradiction in our criminal system

"We tend to think that moral blameworthiness is indelibly linked to intent. Evil intentions are, in a way, the ground of moral evil. And we think of the criminal system as having something to do with blameworthiness. And yet, in criminal law, we rate blameworthiness by outcome, not intent..." ronandtrina.blogspot.com

- → **Curt Holm** Tales of starting a youth ministry at a small church near Portland. *in-these-places.blogspot.com*
- → Rick Johnson Commentary and inspiration on better fathering and better families. authorrickjohnson.blogspot.com
- → Trinity Kay Trinity chronicles life on her blog "Road to Rome," where she writes about her work as a long-term missionary for ReachGlobal.

#### Excitement in the air

"Did you know that in Rome there is a desperate need for the Gospel? There is. Our director of ReachGlobal told us yesterday that, "Europe is less than l percent of the population that has a relationship with Jesus. My friends, that is why I am so excited to go to Italy, so ready to move forward on this Road to Rome..."

followtrinity.blogspot.com

- → Jared Meidal Jared works near Los Angeles for a camping ministry that serves urban youth and families. meidalfam.blogspot.com
- → Heather Weissbuch Read Heather's stories as she deals with Stage 4 Metastatic Melanoma. SFO

"We got out of the car and started to walk up the ramp to the restaurant when all of a sudden I realized that my left leg wasn't cooperating with me and seemed to have a mind of its own. I grabbed the handrail next to me and made the observation, 'That's weird...'' hedder16.wordpress.com

For more alumni blog listings, please visit facebook.com/GeorgeFoxAlumni and click on the Discussions tab.

#### **BABY BRUINS**

**Brian Gardner** (G89) and Christy Gardner, a boy, Daniel Paul, June 3, 2009, in Naperville, Ill.

**Paul Huizinga** (G9I) and Maureen Huizinga, a boy, Joshua Mason, Jan. 12, 2009, in Glen Allen, Va.

**Melissa (Bullock) Thomas (**G92) and Webb Thomas, a girl, Leigh Anderson, April 13, 2009, in Portland.

**Tory Johnson** (G95), and Dana Johnson, a girl, Alexandra Evanee, April 14, 2009, in Portland.

**Diane (Marr) Longmire (**G96) and Lance Longmire, a boy, Jonah Aaron, March 22, 2009, in Walla Walla, Wash.

**Kyle Chowning** (G97) and Kristy Chowning, a boy, Caleb Douglas, Jan. 9, 2009, in Nashville, Tenn.

Jennifer (Low) Edwards (G97) and John Edwards, a girl, Hannah Grace, April 17, 2009, in Clackamas, Ore.

**Kailea (Curtis) Hunt (**G97) and Edward Hunt IV, a girl, Olivia Serene, Jan. 9, 2009 in Fairfax, Va.

**Scott Wade** (G97) and **Jill (Meyers) Wade** (n99), a boy, Jackson Ray, Aug. 12, 2008, in Wellsville, N.Y.

**Shannon (Killeen) Lilienthal** (G98) and Chris Lilienthal, a boy, Finn Christopher, April. 13, 2009, in Camp Hill, Pa.

Hans Schneiter (G98) and Rebekah (Crover) Schneiter (G99), a boy, Aren Peter, Feb. 4, 2009, in Albany, Ore.

**Beth (Ehli) Smart (**G98, MAT02) and **Peter Smart** (G99), a girl, Amelia Joy, Jan. 25, 2009, in Waco, Texas.

**Holly (Goodin) Hesselgrave (**G99) and Brad Hesselgrave, a girl, Aurora Kathryn, Aug. 9, 2008, in Bellevue, Wash.

Jeffrey Wells (G99) and Jana (Swindler) Wells (G02), a boy, Brandt Richard, July 8, 2009, in Oregon City, Ore.

**Brennan Koch** (G00, MAT02) and **Jolene** (**Hurlbert**) **Koch** (G00, MAT01), a boy, Cooper Jerome, Oct. 16, 2008, in Missoula, Mont.



Jim Marr (G00) and Stephanie (Taylor) Marr (G00), a boy, Wyatt Paul, May 30, 2009, in Portland.

Jeffrey Swanborough (n00) and Tracy Swanborough, a boy, Lachlan Neil, Jan. 8, 2009, in Salem, Ore.

Jocelyn (Kennedy) Wallbaum (G00) and Nathan Wallbaum, a girl, Savannah Joy, March 24, 2009, in Oregon City, Ore.

Barbara (Brewer) Zuercher (G00, MAT02) and Kevin Zuercher (SPS08), a girl, Alexa Lee, May 2, 2009, in Portland.

Jon Austin (G01) and Rachel (Kremiller) Austin (G01), a girl, Adelaide Lily, Aug. 26, 2008, in Portland.

Katie (McCoy) Christensen (G01) and Alex Christensen, a boy, William Daniel, April 13, 2009, in Puyallup, Wash.

Jeremy Comstock (G01) and Emily (Fagenstrom) Comstock (G02), a girl, Lydia Grace, April 4, 2009, in Great Falls, Mont.

Lisa Fisher (G01) and Chris Fisher (PsyD06), a boy, Lincoln Christopher, Feb. 12, 2009, in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Nigel Hunter (G01) and Nicole Hunter, a boy, Daniel Jay, Oct. 9, 2008, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Ilse (Friberg) Kryemadhi (G01) and Abaz Kryemadhi, a girl, Rovena Charlotte, March 21, 2009, in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Adam Lapp (G01) and Melissa (Crawford) Lapp (G03), a girl, Aubrey Leigh, April 29, 2009, in Puyallup, Wash.

Karyn (Starr) Meier (G01) and Paul Meier, a boy, Philip Samuel, Aug. 18, 2008, in Portland.

Lisa (Roberts) Singleterry (G01) and Matthew, Singleterry, a girl, Tirzah Michelle, July 17, 2009, in Portland.

Heidi (Stuelpnagel) Amrine (G02) and Nick Amrine, a boy, Wyatt Michael, March 4, 2009, in Everett, Wash.

Kyle Pfeiffer (G02) and Rama Pfeiffer, a boy, Jaden Arman, Feb. 17, 2009, in Portland.

Jill (Kennington) Randol (G02) and Orin Randol, a girl, Nyah Noelle, born Oct. 16, 2008 in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, adopted March 27, 2009, in Troutdale, Ore.

Bethany (Cates) Tibbs (G03) and Matt Tibbs (G04), a boy, Lucas Matthew, July 16, 2009, in Portland.

Elizabeth (Patton) Waters (G03) and Christopher Waters (G04), a boy. Ethan Ashton, Feb. 24. 2009, in Pasadena, Calif.

Mandi (Zollman) Cannon (G04) and Brian Cannon, a boy, Zane Allan, July 27, 2009, in Portland.

Don Jenkins (G04) and Sarah (Schmidt) Jenkins (G04), a girl, Kenna Joy, Feb. 19, 2009, in Vancouver, Wash.

Gabriel Pinski (MDiv04) and Lisa Pinski, a boy, Micah Anthony, Aug. 5, 2008, in Alexandria, Va.

David Tussing (G04) and Carice (Fell) Tussing (G06), a girl, Bonnie Grace, April 16, 2009, in Tualatin, Ore.

Trevor Combs (G05) and Mandy Combs, a boy, Seth Trevor, March 10, 2009, in Portland.

Elizabeth (Rodman) Larson (G07) and Evan Larson, a boy, Liam Evan Ryker, May 11, 2009, in McMinnville.

Aaron Potratz (MA07) and Melissa Potratz, a boy, Emmanuel Michael, Dec. 29, 2008, in Portland.

Jessica (Sauer) Spencer (MA07) and Jason Spencer, a girl, Hannah Marie, April 14, 2008, in Newberg.

Joanna (Magee) Shepherd (MA08) and Matt Shepherd, a girl, Nora Marie, Oct. 17, 2008, in Milwaukie, Ore.

Vladimir Tkach (G09) and Violetta Tkach, a boy, Samuel Vladimir, March 9, 2009, in Vancouver, Wash.

Brook (Puckett) Payton (G03) and Adam Payton (G04), a girl, Michaela Faith, Aug. 8, 2009, in Tigard, Ore.

### IN MEMORY

Rosa (Aebischer) Hester (G29), July 12, 2009, in Newberg.

Lela (Jones) Morrill (n33), May 7, 2009, in Newberg.

Vera (Hicks) Cochell (G39), July 1, 2009, in Boise, Idaho.

Charles Smith (G41), Dec. 7, 2008, in Bonney Lake, Wash.

Nadine (Fodge) Mulkey (G50), May 7, 2009, in Silverton, Ore.

Erma Broyles (n57), Feb. 11, 2009, in Woodburn, Ore.

Ralph Hostetter (n60), May 3, 2009, in Silverton, Ore.

Esook (Chung) Synn (G62), Dec. 15, 2008, in Torrance, Calif.

James Holton (n65), April 5, 2009, in Pacific City, Ore.

Frank Carstens (G67), Nov. 12, 2008, in Portland.

Diana (Jackson) Hansen (G78). March 31, 2009. in Sherwood, Ore.

Jeffrey McCombs (SPS91), July 9, 2009, in Tigard, Ore.

Joan Virgin (SPS92), Nov. 26, 2008, in Newport, Ore.

William Bland (SPS97, MBA99), Feb. 2, 2009, in Vancouver, Wash.

Signe Brunner (MA02), April 10, 2009, in Beaverton, Ore.

Vern Brightup (G49), Aug. 4, 2009, in Salem, Ore.

Anna (Watson) Weitzel (n62), Aug. 8, 2009, in Eugene, Ore.

## TELL US MORE / contest



#### ← Tell us more ...

It was named one of the "50 greatest moments in Northwest sports history" by Portland sports-talk radio station KFXX AM 1080. With Scott Hyde's game-ending strikeout of an **Eastern Connecticut State** University batter in the final game of the Division III College World Series in Appleton, Wis., the George Fox baseball team captured the university's first NCAA title in any sport on June 1, 2004. What are your recollections of that season? How did you celebrate the team's championship? Share your memories with us by writing to journal@georgefox.edu or mailing them to Journal, George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St. #6069, Newberg, OR 97132. All responses will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the Bruin Bookstore.

Damian Mulinx / McMinnville News-Register

Rick Clarkson and Associates

Quaker memorabilia  $\rightarrow$  Throughout the years, American companies have attempted to cash in on the Quakers' reputation for integrity, honesty and fair price. It's no stretch to think of oatmeal as a pure, healthy product, but marketers sometimes have associated the Quaker title to less wholesome goods. **Ed Higgins**, professor of English, has made a hobby of noting the ways the Quaker name has been sold. Higgins, whose collection includes the Quaker Maid hairnets pictured in the last *Journal*, owns several sizes of Old Quaker whiskey bottles, William Penn cigar boxes, and a cloth bag for Quaker medium salt, among other Quaker memorabilia.

**Sam Farmer** (G56) wrote, "In the class of unusual Quaker stuff would be our bottles of Old Quaker Whiskey and William Penn cigar boxes. Also, I have a five-gallon can labeled, 'Quaker Pretzels."

**Harold Antrim** (G52) owns card advertisements of Quaker Maid stockings and Quaker Bread made from pure liquid malt. He also owns a vast Quaker stamp collection and numerous Quaker postcards.

Congratulations to Harold Antrim, whose response to the "Tell Us More" contest was selected. He will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the Bruin Bookstore.



#### Family Weekend November 6-8

Students will share the spirit of campus life with their families during a full weekend of events, including musical and theatrical



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performances, faculty lectures, a festive fall lunch, '50s- style bingo to raise funds for the Student Emergency Fund, and worship with the George Fox community Sunday morning.

For more information or to register, contact Amy Lorenz at 503-554-2134 or visit familyweekend.georgefox.edu.

#### Homecoming February 5–6, 2010

Wear your school colors proudly when you return to campus

Feb. 5–6 for Homecoming 2010: Designed to Serve! This is a great opportunity for all

alumni to visit George Fox and reconnect with old friends. To capture our theme, special affinity reunions will be held for May Serve and engineering alumni. Reunion events also are scheduled for the classes of 1950, 1970, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 2000. Regardless of when and what you studied, we hope you will come home to your alma mater and join in this year's exciting homecoming festivities!

For more information, contact Alumni Relations at 503-554-2131 or visit homecoming.georgefox.edu.

#### Kaleo February 20, 2010

When Kids Hurt With Chap Clark and Steve Sherwood

Chap and Steve will help us know how to respond to kids who have been abandoned

been abandoned by the church's program-driven culture and

provide practical solutions for dealing with

prolonged adolescence – a phenomenon that impacts youth and youth leaders.

Kaleo ("*called*") is for people who minister to youth – pastors, parents, teachers, mentors and friends – who are called to be challenged to think and live differently for the sake of Christ and the youth they love and lead. *kaleo.georgefox.edu*.

#### Changes to Alumni Course Audit Benefit

Starting in summer 2009, the tuition-free course-auditing benefit for alumni has undergone a few changes. The program continues to provide graduated George Fox alumni the opportunity to investigate courses of interest and to continue their lifelong learning at their alma mater. However, the program's administrative fee has increased to \$50 per credit, the first fee increase in 11 years. As part of this change, there is no longer a limit to the number of classes that can be audited in a given year. Questions? Write to alumni@georgefox. edu or call 503-554-2131.

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