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President's Prologue

Christian higher education has become an industry in its own right. And, in my reflective moments, I sometimes wonder about this industry – such as, “Is this bigness and visibility good for the sake of God’s kingdom?”

I write this just before leaving for the International Forum on Christian Higher Education, sponsored by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. The conference is being held in a large hotel near the Dallas/Fort Worth airport. My point in sharing this is to illustrate the size the CCCU has become. It now has around 120 member institutions and is a recognized agency in Washington, D.C. The council does surveys, provides study-abroad programs, and sponsors workshops for faculty and administrators. Other Washington agencies acknowledge the validity and strength of the CCCU.

But the council did not start this way. In my early years of administration in Christian higher education (late 1970s), we thought it was a big deal when the Christian College Consortium enlarged to some 30 members to form what was then the Coalition for Christian Colleges – now the CCCU. A large national conference such as this week’s in Texas was never thought of or anticipated.

I’ve been part of this Christian higher education industry for most of my adult life – as a student, a faculty member, and an administrator at six CCCU institutions. I’ve learned much through these involvements, and I’ve seen a lot of changes. I am an unabashed advocate for the education offered by these institutions, and I especially like what happens to students at George Fox University.

Frequently, I hear alumni remember the “good old days” when things were different. I agree with them that things have changed and are different now, but are they better? Is the kingdom better served by us today than back then? Change is difficult and maybe that’s why some think our institutions should revert to what they used to be. But I’m convinced that the George Fox University of today has better facilities, better-prepared students, and more capable faculty members than ever. And, our Christ-centeredness continues as clear as ever. For the future, I see more change, with our task being to evaluate it to make sure we don’t mix up cultural change with what is genuinely Christ-centered.

So, I am pleased that the CCCU is visible and an entity that is being heard in the public square – even in our nation’s capital. I’m pleased the CCCU sponsors a “big” event like the Dallas forum. It encourages us that we are God’s servants in the education of today’s students, and it confirms our industry is continuing to serve Christ in a needy world.



Ushers Needed

Employees are needed to serve as ushers at both the undergraduate and graduate/School of Professional Studies commencement ceremonies on Saturday, April 29. Those who serve will take tickets, hand out programs, and direct graduates’ family and friends to their seats. Ushers will be paid \$25 per ceremony. There are three opportunities for involvement: at the undergraduate ceremony in Wheeler Gymnasium from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; at the undergraduate live-broadcast ceremony in Bauman Auditorium from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; and at the graduate/Professional Studies ceremony in Wheeler Gymnasium from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call **Andrea Byerley** (Academic Affairs) at ext. 2140 for more information.

Blood Drive

George Fox employees may donate blood at a university American Red Cross blood drive from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10, in the Wheeler Sports Center. Call Health and Counseling Services at ext. 2340 to make an appointment.

Checking It Out

About 150 students – most of them high school juniors – will be on the Newberg campus for Bruin Preview on April 6-7. The visitors will visit classes, meet faculty members, and attend campus activities.

Good Friday

George Fox University offices will close on Friday, April 14, to observe Good Friday.

Something Wicked ...

Tickets are still available for George Fox Theatre’s spring production of William Shakespeare’s *Macbeth* April 4-8. The play will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and conclude with two performances on Saturday, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., in Wood-Mar Auditorium. It features an all-female cast. Employees may receive one free ticket by visiting the University Store or calling ext. 3844. Additional tickets are available at theatre.georgefox.edu and cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for alumni and seniors, and \$6 for children under 12.

Senior Exhibit

An opening reception for a senior thesis art exhibit is scheduled from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, in the Lindgren Gallery. The pieces will be on display through the end of the month. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In Concert

The Chehalem Symphony Orchestra will perform a 7:30 p.m. concert on Tuesday, April 11, in Bauman Auditorium. Conducted by William Hunt, the orchestra will present pieces by Dmitri Shostakovich (*Festival Overture, Op. 96*), Jean Sibelius (*King Christian II Suite*), and Johann Strauss (*Emperor Waltz, Op. 437*). Admission is free.

European Concert Preview

Kenn Willson (Performing Arts) will perform a free piano recital at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17, in Bauman Auditorium. Kenn, a Bösendorfer Artist, will play the university’s newly acquired Bösendorfer Imperial grand piano. The recital will be the same program he performs at the Bösendorfer Mozart Celebration in Vienna, Austria, in May.

Lunch Music

Two violin students, Valerie Schull and Jamie Klanderud, will perform at the staff lunch scheduled for noon on Monday, April 10, in the Cap and Gown Room. For more information on staff events and news, visit the Staff Development Committee’s webpage at georgefox.edu/resources_for/staff.

Summer Science

Registrations are being accepted for George Fox’s Summer Science Camp for 9- to 12-year-olds. Camps will meet June 19-23 and July 10-14 and include hands-on activities in chemistry, biology, and physics. The final two days of each camp will be spent exploring marine life on the Oregon Coast. For registration information, call 503-554-2727.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Wayne Adams (Psychology) was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Research Fellowship for the coming fall semester. The award will support a portion of his sabbatical year during which he will work with colleagues at Wuhan University, China’s oldest institution of higher

learning. His project will assist the development of Chinese adaptations of two psychological tests he co-authored that are currently used in the United States. The project is set to begin in September, following several orientation meetings in June in Washington, D.C.

Sylvette Norré (Communication Arts) was elected co-chair of the Oregon Association of Teachers of French. The organization is the state branch of the American Association of Teachers of French and plans educational and social events for its members.

Pat Bailey (Health and Human Performance) was the speaker for the Northwest Star Baseball Academy's Portland Metro Coaches Clinic on March 22. He also spoke recently at a Newberg youth league clinic, at a Northside Community Church youth group gathering, and at a Newberg High School baseball fundraiser and auction. In January, he spoke at the Washington-Oregon-Idaho Northwest Baseball Coaches Clinic.

Rodger Bufford (Psychology) attended the annual convention of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies in Cincinnati March 16-18. A member of the organization's board of directors, he made two presentations at the event. One was a paper entitled "Philosophical Foundations for Clinical Supervision within a Christian Worldview." It was part of a symposium on Christian approaches to supervision. The other was a paper, "Singles Need Not Apply: Church Responses Reveal an Underlying Attitude Toward Single Adults," co-presented with psychology graduate student Michael Harmon and colleagues **Clark Campbell** and **Robert Buckler** (Psychology).

Lori DeKruyf and **Mary Massey** (Counseling) co-presented a three-hour workshop, "Narrative Counseling: Helping Students Toward a Positive Tomorrow," at the Washington School Counselor Association's spring conference in Seattle March 17-18.

Several faculty members presented papers at the Western Region Conference on Christianity and Literature at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., March 10-11. **Colleen Richmond** (Writing/Literature) presented "Listening to International Women's Voices: Zoe Wicomb, Duong Thu Huong, and Arundhati Roy." **Kendra Weddle Irons** (Religious Studies) presented "The Alien Among Us: Woman as Prophet." **Kathy Heining** (Writing/Literature) read "Poetic Representations of Christianity in 'The Children of Lir.'" **Ed Higgins** (Writing/Literature) read a selection of his poetry. **Polly Peterson** (Writing/Literature) discussed teaching writing in "One Belief in Three Scenes." And **Melanie Springer Mock** (Writing/Literature) presented "The Alien Wears Diapers: Operating Instructions for an Antagonistic Culture." The theme of the conference was "The Word in the World: Christianity's Encounter with Other Cultures."

Sue Newell (Social Work) presented at the national conference for the Family Friends program in Anaheim, Calif., March 13-15. Sue's topic was "Child Spiritual Development

with Focus on Special Needs Children." Family Friends is an international volunteer program that matches seniors with families who have children with disabilities and chronic illnesses. On March 20, under Sue's leadership, the social work program hosted 40 representatives from social service agencies at the 10th annual Field Fair and Conference on the Newberg campus. Guest Lisa Race spoke on professional resilience in social work, and President **David Brandt** congratulated the George Fox program for recently gaining accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education.

Ed Higgins (Writing/Literature) had a poem, "California/July," published in the Spring 2006 issue of *Falling Star Magazine*, a print literary journal in the Los Angeles area.

Patrick Stone (Psychology) wrote an article, "Post-Traumatic Faith: Understanding the Plight of Christians Who Have Killed in Combat," that is scheduled to appear in the May 2006 issue of *Christianity Today* magazine. In it, he shares his experience as a soldier in Vietnam in 1970.

IN THE FAMILY

Dr. Miles Edwards, the great-grandson of George Fox University and Newberg founder Jesse Edwards, died March 23. Miles was a member of the George Fox Board of Trustees from 1996 until 2005, when he was named an honorary trustee. He was a regular guest lecturer on ethics in the science department and at George Fox Evangelical Seminary. Together with his mother, he made numerous significant financial gifts to the university. He also worked as a lung doctor at Oregon Health & Science University for 40 years and spent another decade as a semi-retired ethicist. Miles, 76, had been battling pancreatic cancer for two and a half years. A memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in the OHSU Auditorium.

BIRTHDAYS

- April 3** Dale Journey
Steve Delamarter
- April 5** John Newberry
Vicki Tschan
Christina Linder
- April 6** Jean Borgman
- April 7** Janis Tyhurst
- April 8** Jim Worthington
- April 9** Carrie McNeal
- April 10** Cheri Hampton
- April 11** Janelle Freitag
Sandi Gregory
- April 12** Sheleen Quisquirin
Vickie McBride
- April 13** Susan Newell
- April 14** Margaret Fuller
- April 15** Terrie Boehr
Mike Campadore
- April 16** Nancy Almquist

CALENDAR

Monday, April 3

Newberg Chapel
Shane Claiborne, The Simple Way (thesimpleway.org), 10:40 a.m.

Shane Claiborne
Hoover 104, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4

Faculty Lunch, Noon

Spring Theatre Production
Macbeth, Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

Newberg Chapel
Mark Strong, Pastor at LifeChange Christian Center, 10:40 a.m.

Spring Theatre Production
Macbeth, Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 6

Bruin Preview

Spring Theatre Production
Macbeth, Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Bruin Preview

Faculty Business Meeting
Hoover 104, 10:40 a.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Pacific
George Fox Tennis Courts, 2:30 p.m.

Spring Theatre Production
Macbeth, Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Henry Mills Luncheon
Klages Dining Room, Noon

Men's Tennis vs. Lewis & Clark
George Fox Tennis Courts, 10 a.m.

Softball vs. Willamette (2)
Morse Field, Noon

Spring Theatre Production
Macbeth, Wood-Mar Auditorium
2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 10

Newberg Chapel
Senior Chapel, 10:40 a.m.

Blood Drive
Wheeler Sports Center, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Staff Lunch, Noon

Alumni Board Meeting
Portland Center, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

Faculty Lunch, Noon

Chehalem Symphony Orchestra Concert
Bauman Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12

Newberg Chapel
Sarah Baldwin, 10:40 a.m.

Thursday, April 13

Opening Reception:
Senior Thesis Exhibit
Lindgren Gallery, 4-5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14

Good Friday Holiday

Baseball vs. Pacific Lutheran (2)
Morse Field, Noon

Women's Tennis vs. Linfield
George Fox Tennis Courts, 3:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Linfield
George Fox Tennis Courts, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

Women's Tennis vs. Pacific Lutheran
George Fox Tennis Courts, 10 a.m.

Baseball vs. Pacific Lutheran
Morse Field, Noon

Softball vs. Linfield (2)
Morse Field, Noon