

President's Prologue

February. I've been pondering this rather odd month of the year and have some observations.

- Sometimes life feels like February. You know, those times when we learn to depend on God in ways that shape our lives for the future. February is that time when we remember that spring is coming – and there is much to learn before it gets here. I think it's an important part of education to help our students and ourselves deal with this sometimes awkward month.

- What is it about February? It's not the start of the semester anymore. But it's still a long time until spring break. It's not raining quite as much as it did in January, but it's far too cold to yet be spring. I'm glad we call it "spring semester." At least the name gives some hope.

- February includes Valentine's Day, a commercial holiday at best, but also a time to remember the loved ones in our lives. I often don't take Valentine's Day seriously, but it provides an opportunity for me to tell Melva how much I love her – and to send candy to our grandchildren far away. But why should it take a holiday to trigger this?

- Along with two of our more famous U.S. presidents, about 8 percent of us have birthdays in February and they are fun to celebrate (for me, especially, when a son turns 40).

- February is the climax of the collegiate basketball season – what could be better than that? ESPN makes the most of this opportunity when many of us tune in to watch games we really don't care about. After all, we want to be ready for what's ahead: the Final Four in March.

So, along with some rain and cold weather, mid-winter provides times of joy, celebrations, and accomplishments. These are my musings, from a mind that is a bit wandering, but one that is anticipating fresh ideas that will come as surely as spring – and if I concentrate, spend time in prayer, and look forward with hope to the future.



Breaking the Chains

The story of how one man helped bring about the end of slavery will be the topic of this year's Spring Faculty Lecture, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, in Hoover 104. **Irv Brendlinger** (Religious Studies) will share stories about key players in the struggle against slavery, and particularly the efforts of one individual, to be named at the lecture. The presentation's title is "To Be Silent Would Be Criminal ... How One Person's Voice Broke the Chains of Slavery."

Bösendorfer Bash

Music aficionados will get the opportunity to hear and play arguably the finest piano made today – the Bösendorfer Imperial Grand – when the university hosts a "Bösendorfer Bash" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26, in Bauman Auditorium. The concert is free and will feature classical, neo-romantic, and jazz performances by seven artists, among them **Kenn Wilson** (Performing Arts). Audience members will sit on stage with the performers. After the concert, they will be invited to play the massive nine-and-half-foot Imperial with its unusual nine extra sub-bass notes.

The Imperial is one of seven new pianos George Fox purchased this winter to replace and upgrade an aging set of 30-year-old pianos used by students and performers. Five are made by the Germany-based Schimmel company and two by Bösendorfer.

Staley Lecture Series

Gary Habermas of Liberty University will visit the Newberg campus for the university's Staley Lecture Series Feb. 27–29. Habermas, chair of Liberty's Department of Philosophy and Theology, will speak in Monday and Wednesday chapel services at 10:40 a.m. in Bauman Auditorium. He also will host a talk-back session Monday at noon in the Cap and Gown Room, and speak Monday and Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in Hoover 104.

The titles of his addresses are "The Resurrection Research that Changed Critical Scholarship" (Monday chapel), "Who Do You Say that I Am?" (Monday night), "Jesus and Social Responsibility" (Tuesday night), and "Life-Changing Implications of Jesus' Resurrection" (Wednesday chapel).

Tuition Benefit

Those who plan to use their tuition remission benefit in the next academic year (2006-07) need to complete and submit a Tuition Remission Request Form to Human Resources by March 1. The form applies to graduate and undergraduate courses. A separate form is required for each person (employee, spouse or dependent child) who will be taking classes. To access the form, go to georgefox.edu/offices/hr and click on the link to employee benefits. Refer to the Employee Handbook (Section 4.8, beginning on page 40) for more information about the tuition remission policy. The handbook is also available at the above Web address.

To Your Health

George Fox will host a Health and Benefits Fair for employees from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, March 3, in the Cap and Gown Room on the Newberg campus. Benefits representatives from Kaiser, Pioneer, TIAA-CREF, AFLAC, and Allegiance will be available to answer questions. The event also will include 25 vendors representing health and nutrition, natural medicine, sports and fitness, and lifestyle wellness. The theme of the fair is "Spring into Wellness." To find out more, contact **Lisa Burton** (Human Resources) at ext. 2183.

Open Season

The annual open enrollment period runs through March 15, giving George Fox employees the opportunity to make changes to their benefit plans without a "change in status" reason that would be required any other time of year. Those with questions for benefits representatives can attend the upcoming Health and Benefits Fair on March 3 (see accompanying story) or visit the Portland Center for an open enrollment event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24.

Scholarly Questions

Faculty and staff are asked to encourage academically high-performing students to attend a scholarship information meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, in Lemmons 8 (Calder Lecture Hall). The meeting will provide basic information on how to apply for nationally prestigious scholarships. More importantly, it will provide advice on how students can prepare early for competitive applications later.

Seminary Seminar

This year's Ministry in Contemporary Culture Seminar Series, hosted by George Fox Evangelical Seminary, will provide pastors and lay clergy with instruction on personal communication. The event, entitled "Communication That Connects," is set from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, at the Portland Center. Presenters are Scott Lee, a psychologist from Seattle; Jim Endicott, president of Distinction Communication in Portland; and Fred Barnes, director of training for Distinction Communication. Online registration is available until Feb. 27. To register or get more information, visit georgefox.edu/church.

Artistic Expression

The artwork of Catharine Gellings, a senior studio arts student, is on display in the Murdock Learning Resource Center through Feb. 28. Her show, "Life Drawings," features a combination of five- to 20-minute gesture sketches she did as an international student in Sydney, Australia.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



The seminary has hired **Deanne (Dee) Small** to replace Christelle Jones as an administrative assistant. She joins George Fox after working as a customer service manager for Riddle Press in Beaverton for the past year. Prior to that, she held five positions in 12 years at IdentiGraphics, a printing and packaging firm in Portland. Dee attended Portland State University to study English literature. She lives in Tigard with her husband of 28 years, Richard. They have four grown boys and attend Harvest View Christian Church in Sherwood.



Melissa Gilbert joined the financial affairs office as an accounting specialist, replacing Melody Velez. Previously, she spent 11 years in an accounts payable position with Fireside Distributors of Oregon, a fireplace products outlet based in Tualatin. She also gained receptionist experience with the city of King City from 1991 to 1994. Melissa attended Trend Business College in Medford, earning an executive secretary degree in 1988. She is married to Richard and they have two girls, Jessica and Kayla. The family lives in Lafayette.



Plant Services welcomed **Luke Ankeny** as a custodial supervisor this month. He comes to George Fox from Medford, Ore., where he was a youth pastor at the Medford Friends Church from 2002 to 2005. Before that, he was a youth pastor at Vancouver First Friends Church in Vancouver, Wash., for a year and a half. He attended George Fox from 1995 to 1998 before transferring to Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., where he earned a bachelor's degree in ministry in 2000. He lives in Newberg with his wife, Heidi, a 1998 George Fox graduate. The couple has three children – Samuel, Jacob, and Braden.

Josh Cadd (Plant Services) left the university on Feb. 10. He has taken a position with Wycliffe Associates in Kenya.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Terri Crawford (Student Financial Services) received the Unsung Hero Award from the Oregon Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators at the OASFAA's annual conference in Gleneden Beach Jan. 29-31. The award goes to OASFAA voting and affiliate members who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to Oregon students and the organization by working without reward or recognition.

A documentary on which **Matt Meyer** (Cinema and Media Communication) served as mixer was screened at the Portland International Film Festival this month. The film, *Cowboy del Amor*, is a documentary/comedy about a cowboy-turned-matchmaker who has problems managing his own love life. For more information on the movie, visit cowboydelamor.com.

Melanie Hulbert (Sociology) presented at the "Faith, Hope, and Work" seminar at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego on Feb. 9-11. Her topic was "Work-Family Policies." Melanie explored the meaning of work-family balance and the response of employers to act on the need for flexibility and work-life boundaries.

Clark Campbell (Psychology) was elected to a three-year term on the Committee on Rural Health of the American Psychological Association. This nine-member committee is charged with promoting information, policies, research, and legislation that enhances mental health services in rural areas.

Becky Ankeny (Academic Affairs) has an article entitled "Poem as Sign in *Lord of the Rings*" published in *Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts* (Vol. 16, Issue 2), the publication of the International Association of the Fantastic in the Arts.

Mike "Biggs" Wirta (Custodial Services) volunteered at his 1,000th men's basketball game last Saturday as George Fox played Willamette.

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 20 Scot Headley
Nikki Martin
Feb. 22 Mark Hall
Feb. 23 Mark Weinert
Feb. 24 Corey Beals
Feb. 25 Brian McLaughlin
Feb. 28 Andrea Crenshaw
Feb. 29 Bedford Holmes
March 2 Gary Kilburg
March 3 Rhett Luedtke
March 5 Patsy Engle

CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 20
Newberg Chapel
"It's Your Life," 10:40 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 21
Faculty Lunch, Noon

Wednesday, Feb. 22
Newberg Chapel
"It's Your Life," 10:40 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23
Baseball vs. Corban
Morse Field, 2 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24
Faculty Business Meeting
Hoover 104, 10:40 a.m.

Baseball vs. British Columbia
Morse Field, 2 p.m.

Softball vs. Corban
Morse Field, 2 p.m.

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

Saturday, Feb. 25
Softball vs. Eastern Oregon
Morse Field, 9 a.m.

Baseball vs. Pacific Lutheran
Morse Field, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26
Softball vs. Oregon Tech
Morse Field, 8 a.m.

Baseball vs. Concordia-Portland
Morse Field, 2 p.m.

Softball vs. Concordia-Portland
Morse Field, 2 p.m.

Bösendorfer Bash
Bauman Auditorium, 3 p.m.

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Newberg Chapel, 10:40 a.m.
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Seminary Workshop
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Portland Center, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday, March 3
Faculty Sharing
Hoover 104, 10:40 a.m.

Saturday, March 4
Women's Tennis vs. Lewis & Clark
George Fox Tennis Courts, 10 a.m.

Baseball vs. Linfield (2)
Morse Field, Noon

Softball vs. Puget Sound (2)
Morse Field, 1 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 5
Softball vs. Pacific Lutheran (2)
Morse Field, Noon

Baseball vs. Linfield
Morse Field, 1 p.m.