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## President's Prologue

George Fox University has long understood that "values matter most." I was reminded of that recently while reading *New York Times* columnist David Brooks, who concluded, "Middle-class Americans feel social anxiety more acutely than economic anxiety because they understand values matter most." His column, headlined "American Prosperity: An overly negative view of U.S. reality," was published in *The Oregonian* Jan. 27.

Brooks' premise is that in recent elections, values have overpowered economics. "Especially in the information age, social values and cultural capital shape a person's economic destiny more than the other way around," he wrote. He concludes that some politicians have "adopted an overly negative view of [economic] reality" in the United States.

Brooks suggests that many in the United States "have turned culturally libertarian." He argues that conservatives have offered a "recipe for social renewal: churches that restrain male selfishness, decency standards that check hedonism, and social norms that discourage childbearing outside wedlock." Brooks goes on to say that voters have accepted much of this recipe rather than opting for cultural libertarianism.

The article also pushed my thinking in another direction. Where am I guilty of overly negative thinking? It is not uncommon to hear "hand wringing" over the moral and/or spiritual state of our country and our state. It is reported that Oregon is the least-churched state in the nation, and many believe that the new generation doesn't have the right value system.

My experience at George Fox is that the next generation has some important things to teach me about spiritual commitments, lives of service to others, and the centrality of a life of prayer. And, conversations with colleagues point easily to the Christ-centeredness of their lives, both at home and at work. I believe the church in Oregon is alive and well in many people and places.

So, why is it so easy for me to be negative about our spiritual health? Academia tends to be critical by nature, and it is usually easier to criticize than to provide a better way. Maybe the best way to combat negativism is to form meaningful community. Each month, when I meet with about 40 Portland-area Christian business people for breakfast, I realize through them the presence and power of the gospel in our area.

We need to nurture the George Fox community to encourage one another and to remind ourselves that God is here, present with us. I encourage us to look around, both to the "left" and to the "right" to see who's there that shares our values. It might reduce the level of negativity among us. And when we interact with our brothers and sisters, focus on what it is that really matters and then join forces for the furtherance of God's kingdom.



## Enrollment Update

The university's spring enrollment numbers compare favorably with those of last fall. Despite graduating approximately 250 students in December, George Fox's student population dropped just slightly, from 3,210 in the fall to 3,133. Of those, 1,762 were undergraduates and 1,371 were enrolled in graduate programs. The biggest hike in numbers came in the School of Education graduate programs, which went from 746 students in the fall to 794 this spring.

## Think Globally

Najia Hyder, a senior program officer with Mercy Corps, will speak on the Newberg campus for the university's Global Issues Forum on Monday, Feb. 13. Hyder will discuss the work of Mercy Corps in Caucasus and Central Asia during chapel at 10:40 a.m. in Bauman Auditorium. Specifically, she will address the process of conflict mitigation through economic development and youth activities. Hyder has 10 years of international development experience working with public and nonprofit sectors in South and Central Asia, the Balkans, Caucasus, and the Middle East.

In addition to Najia's presentation, there will be a showing of the movie *Sometimes in April*, a film about the genocide in Rwanda in 1994, at 7 p.m. that evening in the Lemmons Center's lecture hall. For more information on the Global Issues Forum, contact **Lon Fendall** (Global Studies) at ext. 2685.

## New Addition

The university has purchased the house on the corner of Fulton and Center streets, at 1000 Fulton St. It may be used for student housing in the fall, but there is a possibility it eventually will be removed. The President's Cabinet agreed to name it "Fulton Street House" since the current structure with that name will be removed this summer to create space for more parking.

## Top Scholars

More than 200 students and 125 guests are expected at George Fox's annual Scholarship Competition Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11. Students will audition or interview with faculty for departmental scholarships and take part in activities and tours. Scholarships are offered in science, theatre, forensics, music, and art. Students also will compete

for alumni scholarships and Miller Awards, given to those who exemplify strong service and leadership skills.

## Know the Password?

George Fox University will adopt the practice of changing GFU login passwords at regular intervals. All users with an active GFU login account need to change their password by Feb. 26. After that date, accounts with unchanged passwords will be locked, requiring the owner of the account to contact the IT Service Desk to unlock it.

To create a new password, login to [bruindata.georgefox.edu](http://bruindata.georgefox.edu) and click the "Change Password" button. This will automatically change your email, computer login, and FoxTALE password. The auditing firm Moss Adams, contracted by the university to provide risk exposure analysis, recommended the policy of changing domain passwords on at least a semi-annual basis.

## Business Lunch

A George Fox Auxiliary luncheon is scheduled for noon on Friday, Feb. 10, in the Cap and Gown Room. Guest speaker **Michele Johnson** (Management) will be joined by business and economics students. The cost is \$6.50, and reservations are required. To reserve a spot, contact Nancy Lamm at 503-537-2321 or Louise Clarkson at 503-537-2321.

## Budding Artists

The annual High School Art Northwest exhibit, featuring juried art works by high school students from all over the region, will be on display in the Lindgren Gallery Feb. 16 through March 10. Forty-one entries have been accepted from the 209 that were originally entered. The artists represent 16 high schools in the Northwest. The exhibit begins with an opening reception from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Staff Gathering

A lunch for staff members is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, in the Cap and Gown Room. Students who served on Serve Trips over Christmas break will share their experiences.

## MOVERS & QUAKERS

**Greg Allen** was promoted from adjunct professor to associate professor (half time), working in the School of Professional Studies at the Portland Center.

## COMINGS AND GOINGS



**Al Zimmerman** joined the Office of Development as a planned giving officer last month. Al comes to George Fox from the Oregon Health & Science University

Foundation, where he was vice president of planned giving since 1993. Before that, he was executive director for the Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital Foundation in Lincoln City, Ore., from 1989 to 1993. From 1986 to 1989, he was director of annual giving and special projects at Warner Pacific College in Portland. Al earned a bachelor's degree in Christian education from Seattle Pacific in 1969, a master of divinity degree from Western Seminary in Portland in 1972, and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Warner Pacific in 1990. He lives in Gladstone with his wife, Virginia, and they attend First Baptist Church in Milwaukie. The Zimmermans have two grown children – Mark, a graduate of George Fox, and Rebecca, who works on Sen. Gordon Smith's staff.



**Jennifer Overstreet** joined the Office of the Registrar in January as a records specialist. A 2002 graduate of George Fox, Jennifer returns to her alma mater after working as a broker's assistant for the Re/Max Equity Group in Portland in 2005. Before that, she was a sales associate for The Shipping House in Lake Oswego from 2002 to 2005. Jennifer was a four-year varsity soccer player with the Bruins before graduating with a bachelor's degree in fine arts with a concentration in graphic design. Since 2003, she has served as the junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant of the Sherwood High School girls' soccer program. She lives in Beaverton and attends Beaverton Foursquare Church.

**Diane Weirich** (Registrar's Office) left George Fox for a position with a private legal firm out of the area. Diane served the professional studies program, first in the assessment office and then in the registrar's office, for more than eight years.

**John Shaw** (Plant Services) left the university on Jan. 31 and is now working for a heating company in Newberg.

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Dave Brandt** (President) and his wife, **Melva**, joined **Tom Head** (Economics and International Studies) and 13 students at the World Affairs Council of Oregon's International Speaker Series event at the Keller Auditorium in Portland on Jan. 23. Dan Rather, former CBS news anchor, was the guest speaker, presenting a program entitled "From Hanoi to Baghdad: Off the Record with Dan Rather." Rather shared insights on trans-Pacific geopolitical issues and media coverage in the United States.

**Ludmila Praslova** (Psychology) had an article, "Culture as Unfolding Process: Integrating Perspectives in Building a Theory," accepted for publication in the edited volume published by the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, *Perspectives and Progress in Contemporary Cross-Cultural Psychology*.

**Kerry Irish's** (History) article, "Dwight Eisenhower and the 1930 Industrial Mobilization Plan," was published last month in the *Journal of Military History*. The article argues that Dwight Eisenhower was the key figure in the writing of the Army's first detailed plan for mobilizing industry in the event of war.

**Doug Campbell** (Visual Arts) is the featured artist at the Blue Trout Gallery in Newberg in February. Eight screen prints, completed as part of a faculty development grant, are included in the exhibit. His painting "Ian and Joshua" was included in "All Our Children," a juried exhibit at the Bella Pearla Gallery in Portland, in January. Also, his poem "Drawing Lesson" was included in the 2006 edition of *Windhover: A Journal of Christian Literature*.

**Karen Buchanan** (Education) presented on a symposium at the national conference for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in San Diego Jan. 30. The symposium was entitled "Beyond a Good Idea: The Continuing Evolution of Teacher Work Sample Methodology." Her section was entitled "Contextualizing the Teacher Work Sample: An Evolving Early Childhood Perspective."

**Ed Higgins** (Writing/Literature) had two FlashFiction pieces, "My First Horror Show" and "My Father Teaches Me to Drink Straight Shots," published in the Winter 2005-2006 issue of the literary journal *The Duck & Herring Co.'s Pocket Field Guide*. Ed also has three poems – "Too Close," "Recalled," and "For M. E. Returned" – in the current issue of *Word Riot* (wordriot.org), an online literary periodical. Also, his three haiku poems, "over the barn," "on the path," and "splitting wood," are in the current issue of the online periodical *Roadrunner Haiku Journal*.

**Bruce Arnold** (Portland Center IT) donated his 100th unit of whole blood on Jan. 27, reaching the halfway point of his lifetime donation goal.

**Diane Wood** (Family and Consumer Sciences and Education) presented at the 26th annual conference of Oregon Women in Higher Education at The Governor Hotel in Portland on Jan. 27. Her presentation was titled "Women Leaders in Faith-based Institutions." The organization is the statewide network linked to The American Council on Education's office. Diane has a leadership role for the state organization as a member of the team that plans and executes the annual conference.

## IN THE NEWS

George Fox student Crystal Farnsworth, a writing and literature major, earned first place in Steve Duin's annual reading contest. Duin, a columnist for *The Oregonian*, wrote in his Jan. 22 column that Farnsworth "read 555 books and 181,486 pages, more than enough to capture top honors in 2005."

## BIRTHDAYS

**Feb. 6** David Kerr  
**Feb. 8** Naomi Mandsager  
Sarah Tripp  
**Feb. 9** Irv Brendlinger  
**Feb. 10** Debbie Cash  
**Feb. 11** Alex Rolfe  
Lynn Scott  
Chris Young  
**Feb. 15** Rob Clarke  
**Feb. 18** Jim Hoekema  
**Feb. 19** Jere Witherspoon  
Susan Corbett-Furgical  
Michelle Welton

## CALENDAR

### Monday, Feb. 6

Newberg Chapel, 10:40 a.m.  
Matt Connor, Outstanding Recent Alumnus

### Tuesday, Feb. 7

Faculty Lunch, Noon

### Wednesday, Feb. 8

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

### Friday, Feb. 10

Auxiliary Luncheon  
Cap and Gown Room, Noon

Scholarship Competition

Women's Basketball vs. Lewis & Clark  
Wheeler Sports Center, 6 p.m.

Players Presents  
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Lewis & Clark  
Wheeler Sports Center, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 11

Scholarship Competition, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Players Presents  
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### Monday, Feb. 13

Newberg Chapel, 10:40 a.m.  
Global Issues Forum  
Najia Hyder, Senior Officer, Mercy Corps

Staff Lunch, Noon

Global Issues Forum  
*Sometimes in April* (film), Lemmons Center, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Feb. 14

Faculty Lunch, Noon

### Wednesday, Feb. 15

Newberg Chapel, 10:40 a.m.  
Kevin Bennie, Student Chaplain

### Thursday, Feb. 16

Band Concert  
Bauman Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Opening Reception  
High School Art Northwest  
Lindgren Gallery, 4-5:30 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 17

Faculty Research Forum  
Gary Railsback, Hoover 104, 10:40 a.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Whitworth  
GFU Tennis Courts, 2:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 18

Men's Tennis vs. Whitman  
GFU Tennis Courts, 2 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Willamette  
Wheeler Sports Center, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Willamette  
Wheeler Sports Center, 8 p.m.

### Sunday, Feb. 19

Men's Tennis vs. Whitman  
GFU Tennis Courts, 2 p.m.