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President's Prologue

Recently, I received an e-mail update from an alumna of 2003. Jessica currently works as a language survey specialist for Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Republic of Congo. Her well-written reports are broken down into three parts – Mind, Body, and Spirit. In the Mind section, she talks about her work; the Body section tells about going cloth shopping and visiting the tailor.

Here is the opening paragraph from the Spirit section: "One of the things I've meditated on lately is the idea of greatness. Often I find people so impressed by what I'm doing in the Congo. To be honest, I am not particularly impressed with myself, not out of humility but out of the sense that being in a certain place and having a certain job is not what defines greatness." She continues by quoting I Corinthians 13:1-3.

Her short exposition of this well-known passage asks hypothetically how one could have great faith, give all one possesses, or even give up one's body but not have love. Her answer to this hypothetical question is verses 4-8 from the same chapter in I Corinthians. She concludes, "I can work for a Bible translation organization without love. It's not the 'great' things that define love. Love happens on the ground level, person to person."

I share this with you for two reasons – it is a great story from a well-educated alumna, but it also has a message for me. As she puts it, "Having a certain job is not what defines greatness." Paul, in writing his first letter to the Corinthians, makes it clear that love trumps everything else and that love has nothing to do with one's position.

Everyone has access to greatness when greatness is properly defined. I am pleased by the greatness of the George Fox University community as demonstrated by the love shown by its people. This alumna had good examples as she went through this university. I suspect she learned some of what she writes about in this place.

Our alumni constitute an amazing group of individuals. Our mission, "to demonstrate the meaning of Jesus Christ," is powerful and leads to true greatness as our graduates leave the university to live and work in the world.

Jessica concludes her message with I Corinthians 4-7. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." My prayer is that I will continue to learn about true greatness – in this case from one of our graduates.



Survey Says ...

Results of the employee workplace survey, conducted by the Best Christian Workplaces Institute last fall, are now available on FoxFiles. The survey is broken down into three parts: a Word document that presents the results of all employees, an Excel file that compares George Fox's survey results with similar schools, and an Excel file that presents the results by university departments and by various categories of employees. Results are available at foxfiles.georgefox.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-128783_1-t_Xu29oc6R.

Top Volunteer

Norman Winters, a man who spends hours in service to the university every week, was honored as George Fox's Volunteer of the Year at a luncheon May 23. Winters, 72, clears weeds, vines, and brush from Hess Creek Canyon and plants flower baskets for the campus light poles. He also regularly refuels the campus vans and vehicles and notifies others of volunteer work opportunities on campus. Winters and his wife, Margaret, live in the Friendsview Retirement Community and co-chair the George Fox University Auxiliary membership committee. They are also members of the George Fox President's Council.

A Site to See

The university updated the website to provide visitors with a more user-friendly way to get admissions information. The undergraduate site has been updated to match other university marketing materials and appeal to a younger audience. Plans are to upgrade the graduate and degree-completion admission sites in the near future. Web Development also recently unveiled a new seminary site that provides a more comprehensive overview of the seminary and its programs. Check out the new admissions site at admissions.georgefox.edu/undergrad. The new seminary site is available at seminary.georgefox.edu.

Up to Par

George Fox's third annual golf tournament is set to tee off on Tuesday, July 18, at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha. Proceeds from the event go toward student scholarships. Last year's tournament raised about \$27,000, surpassing the first-year total of \$16,000,

and the goal this year is to match or exceed last year's amount. All 120 player spots are filled for the event, which begins at 1:30 p.m. and culminates with a dinner, awards ceremony, and prize drawing at 6:30 p.m.

Fiscal Responsibility

With the fiscal year nearing an end, Financial Services is instructing employees to turn in all financial paperwork by June 30. Check your in-basket for stray paperwork that needs to be processed, and do not hold George Fox checks payable to you. The claims for any goods and services not received by June 30 will be rolled forward to the 2006-07 fiscal year. All financial forms are available at georgefox.edu/offices/fin_affairs/FORMS.html.

Be Flexible

According to Human Resources, several employees still have small balances in their 2005-06 flexible spending account. Check your records or call Allegiance at 877-424-3570 to verify your balance in last year's account. Purchases such as over-the-counter medicine, bandages, eyeglasses, or chiropractic work can be applied to the plan. Employees have until Sept. 15, 2006, to submit receipts for reimbursement for 2005-06 flexible spending funds, and all purchases had to have been made by June 15 to apply to last year's plan. Contact **Lisa Burton** (Human Resources) if you have questions.

Count on Closure

The University Store on the Newberg campus will close to do inventory assessment the week of June 26-30. During that week, the store, textbook annex, and online store will be unavailable for any type of sale or request. The store will open again on Monday, July 3.

Independence Day

University offices will close on Tuesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



Jan Amerson is a new half-time accounting specialist in Financial Affairs. She worked as a bookkeeper for TLREW Holdings in Yamhill for the past year and a half and, before that, was an accounts payable clerk for Willamina Lumber through Express Personnel. From 2001 to 2004, she was a social services coordinator for the Oakwood Country Place long-term care facility in McMinnville. She earned a junior accounting degree from Northwest Business College in 1973. Jan lives near Carlton with husband Terry, and they have two grown sons. The family attends First Baptist Church of Carlton.



Gordon Aarness joined Plant Services as a painter last month. He comes to George Fox from Oswego Drywall Installers, where he was a paint representative for 10 years. Before that, he had his own drywall business for nine years. In all, he has 26 years of drywall and painting experience. He lives in Kaiser with his wife, Jenifer, and has five children who range in age from 3 to 24. The family's home church is Beaverton Foursquare.

Mandi Zollman (Admissions) left George Fox on June 9. She is getting married June 17 and moving to northeast Portland.

April Zlatnik (Graduate Admissions) will be leaving George Fox in July. She and her husband, Matthew, will be teaching English at Guizhou Normal University in Guiyang, China.

Carol Roos (Financial Affairs) left George Fox June 15. She plans to travel around the country with her husband and do service work for the religious convents and missions that are a part of her daughter's order.

Paul Emerson (Engineering) left the university on May 25.

Jan Tucker (Financial Affairs) is leaving the university at the end of the month and moving to Poulsbo, Wash., where her husband is a yacht broker.

Barb Mitchell (Student Financial Services) will be retiring from George Fox on June 30. She plans to enjoy hobbies, spend time with family, and travel.

MOVERS & QUAKERS

Tammy O'Doherty is now an administrative assistant in the psychology department after working as an administrative secretary in the writing/literature department. She replaces Kim Harmon.

Joyce Staats accepted the new Student Financial Services specialist II position and will be based primarily in the Portland office.

Tami Ankeny accepted the area coordinator position in the Office of Student Life, replacing **Meredith Dougherty** effective July 25. Meredith is now home with infant son Quinn.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Bill Buhrow (Student Life) attended the Oregon University Suicide Prevention Project conference in May at the University of Oregon. The day-and-a-half session addressed the best practices in suicide prevention and treatment. The conference was organized after a consortium of Oregon state universities received a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

Doug Campbell's (Visual Arts) monoprint, *Kills the Body but not the Soul*, was included in "Visual Work Related to Song, Prose or Poetry" in the Campbell Hall Gallery at Western Oregon State University in April. His ink drawing *Harvest Weave* will be on exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland through Sept. 17, as part of the "This Bountiful Place: Art About Agriculture: The Permanent Collection." An image of *Harvest Weave* is also included in the exhibition catalog with the same title, published jointly by Oregon State University and the Oregon Historical Society.

Ed Higgins (Writing/Literature) had seven poems – "a velvet night," "bouncing rain," "shamelessly red," "a lone gray whale," "ripening wheat," "hidden moon," and "unzipping summer" – published in the spring/summer 2006 edition of *Haiku Harvest*, an online literary periodical. Ed also had the poems "Kissing you" and "descent" published in the May/June issue of the online literary periodical *Apostrophe*.

Michael Tomlin (Management) presented a keynote speech, "21st Century Leadership," and an all-day training on the use of critical thinking and strategic communications in developing grassroots advocacy, for adult learning program administrators in Arizona. The event focused on teaching educators to work with the legislature to advocate for their respective programs and the under-advantaged adult populations they serve.

Kenn Willson (Performing Arts) performed as a Bösendorfer Educational Artist at the "Happy Birthday, Mozart" celebration in Vienna, Austria, in May. Kenn performed works by Tomas Svoboda and Ludwig van Beethoven. He played in front of an audience of 100 people, and the performance was reviewed by Professor Emeritus Alexander Jenner from the University of Music in Vienna.

Mindy Larson and **Donna Kalmbach Phillips** (MAT) presented "Research as Transitional Space" at the Second International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign May 4-6.

Sue O'Donnell (Psychology) participated in the recent College Board reading of the AP psychology exams in Daytona, Fla., where, over a period of eight days, the group collectively read a record number of exams this year – more than 103,000.

Russ DeVore (IT) attended the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities' technology group conference, "Tools of Engagement," at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio, from May 30 to June 2. Russ also joined **Jim Fleming** (IT) at the Northwest Academic Computing Council's annual conference, "Converging Campus Technologies: Evolution or Intelligent Re-Design?", held in Portland June 7-9.

The Electronic Arts video game company invited **Karen Straube** (Library) and seven other website administrators to participate in a community day at Microsoft in Redmond June 7-9. The event gave participants the chance to play the gold version of Battle for Middle Earth II for the Xbox 360. The new game is one of the first RTS (real-time strategy) games for a console and the first for the Xbox 360. Electronic Arts and Microsoft were seeking feedback from members of the gaming community and giving them a first look at the game.

IN THE NEWS

A recent issue of *GradPsych*, published by the American Psychological Association, features George Fox's psychology program in an article about advocacy in psychology. About 50,000 psychology graduate students receive the magazine. The article is available at gradpsych.apags.org/mar06/advocacy.html.

BIRTHDAYS

June 20	Janet Herron
June 21	Sarah Baldwin
June 22	Sarah Myhre Daniel Sweeney
June 24	Terri Crawford
June 25	Mike Rader Karen Wedeking
June 27	Sean McKay
June 28	Gale Roid Dan Schutter
June 29	Mary Peterson
June 30	Glenda Hays John Heitz
July 1	John Bowman
July 2	Kathy Grant
July 6	Doreen Blackburn Lisa Burton
July 7	Bob Buckler
July 9	Eloise Hockett Kenn Willson
July 10	Beth Molzahn Ron Mitchell
July 12	Janis Balda
July 15	Gayle Denham
July 16	Candy Schlott
July 17	Mike Goins
July 18	Margi Macy Scott Rueck Colleen Richmond
July 19	Patti Odenweller Kevin Carr
July 20	Brenda Burg
July 21	Gordon Aarness
July 22	Carl Anderson Sara Vulgan
July 23	Clyde Thomas

CALENDAR

Thursday-Friday, July 13-14
Transfer Genesis

Tuesday, July 18
Golf Tournament, 1:30 p.m.