

## President's Prologue

Last fall many of you responded to the Best Christian Work Places Survey. The results were sent to Gale Roid (Director of Assessment) for processing and analyzing, and several weeks ago he presented his findings to the President's Cabinet for discussion. I am expecting you to attend one of three meetings in which I will share the results of the survey and discuss with you how these results will be used to benefit the university.

The largest group of employees will meet in **Bauman Auditorium, Tuesday, March 21, at 3:30 p.m.** There will be similar meetings for employees at the **Portland Center, Wednesday, March 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m.**, and at the **Boise Center, Tuesday, April 4, from noon to 2 p.m.** I encourage all employees to be present at one of these meetings. The content at each meeting is intended to be the same.

My purpose for these meetings is :

- To share the results of the survey (Gale Roid will be with me to make the presentations.)
- To begin to address one of the findings of the survey to improve communication between administration and employees
- To discuss with you priorities of implementing your suggestions

After these all-employee meetings, the survey results will be taken to other groups, such as the committee for university benefits, for discussion and response. My hope is to improve our university communications and address the issues you would like to see changed – and celebrate those things we do well.

It is unlikely these large meetings will be the most comfortable place for you to discuss your opinions of George Fox. My hope is that this will be the beginning of many conversations that will result in improving our work environment.

Just a few minutes before I sat down to write this Prologue, a prospective faculty member asked me what I liked best about George Fox University. I like many things about GFU, but what I find most satisfying is our ability to employ people, all of whom agree to our Statement of Faith and who come from a fairly wide spectrum of denominations and churches, to fulfill the George Fox mission. I intend to listen carefully to you as we seek to “unpack” this satisfaction survey to further improve our outstanding university. I intend for this strength of employee backgrounds to be of help as we discuss how to move forward in the development of George Fox University.



## Symphony Returns

The Oregon Symphony will make its 19th annual campus visit at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in Bauman Auditorium. The symphony, conducted by Carlos Kalmar, will perform Richard Strauss' *Don Quixote, Opus 35*, Henri Dutilleux's *Métaboles*, and Benjamin Britten's *Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Purcell*. The same concert is booked at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in Portland April 2-3, when admission will cost between \$20 and \$85 per ticket.

George Fox employees (halftime and over) are allotted two complimentary tickets apiece to the performance in Bauman. They may be picked up at the Information Center on the first floor of the Stevens Center beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 23. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Employees at the Portland and Salem centers may reserve tickets by e-mailing **Barry Hubbell** (Communications) after 9 a.m. on March 23.

## Faculty Promotions

The board of trustees granted tenure to **Ginny Birky** (Education), **Daniel Brunner** (Seminary), **David Hansen** (Computer and Information Science), **Melanie Springer Mock** (Writing/Literature), **MaryKate Morse** (Seminary), and **Tim Timmerman** (Visual Arts) at the university's March 11 board meeting. In addition, the following individuals were promoted from assistant to associate professor: **George Byrtek** (Professional Studies), **Roger Newell** (Religious Studies), **Colleen Richmond** (Writing/Literature), **Nicole Rigelman** (Education), and **Laura Simmons** (Seminary).

The board also promoted five individuals from associate to full professor: **Caitlin Corning** (History), **Gary Kilburg** (Education), **Alan Kluge** (School of Management), **Paul Otto** (History), and **Daniel Sweeney** (Counseling). Other promotions went to **Scott Rueck** (Health and Human Performance), named senior coach; **Charles Kamilos** (Library/Seminary), promoted to associate librarian; and **Merrill Johnson** (Library) and **Louise Newswanger** (Library), granted senior librarian status.

## The Play's the Thing

George Fox Theatre's spring production of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* is scheduled for six performances April 4-8 in Wood-Mar Auditorium. 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. An all-female cast will recount the story of a war hero and his wife who struggle with fate and their own ambitions as they ascend to the throne. Employees receive one free ticket. Additional tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for alumni and seniors, and \$6 for children under 12. Visit [theatre.georgefox.edu](http://theatre.georgefox.edu) to order tickets.

## Holiday Schedule

George Fox employees will receive 12 paid holidays for the 2006-07 academic year. For 2006, the days off are: Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day (for Portland, Salem, Boise, and Redmond employees), Sept. 4; Mid-Semester Holiday (for Newberg employees), Oct. 13; Thanksgiving, Nov. 23-24; and Christmas, Dec. 25-28.

In 2007, the holidays are: New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Jan. 15; Good Friday, April 6; and Memorial Day, May 28. The additional holiday at Christmas is in lieu of a spring break holiday. Friday, Dec. 29, is not a paid holiday.

## Time for Tee

George Fox has added women's golf to its intercollegiate sports offerings. MaryJo McCloskey, head coach of the women's golf program at Lewis & Clark College the past eight years, was introduced as the Bruins' head coach at a kickoff event in **David Brandt's** office on March 10. That same day, Wilsonville's Brian Henninger, a professional on the Pro Golfers' Association Tour, made a \$4,000 donation to the program through his Brian Henninger Foundation.

The women's golf team will compete as a member of the NCAA Division III and the Northwest Conference. The Bruins' home course will be the new Chehalem Glenn Golf Course in Newberg, which opened in the summer of 2005. The collegiate golf season is played in both the fall and spring semesters. The university plans to start a men's golf program in the future.

## Busy Over Break

George Fox's spring break is scheduled March 27-31. During this time, students will embark on several serve trips. Two student groups will travel to the Gulf region to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina, and other teams will visit a Nez Perce reservation in Lapwai, Idaho; the Flying H Ranch in Naches, Wash.; the Hollywood Prayer Network in Los Angeles; the LA Dream Center in Los Angeles; and Salt Lake City.

## On the Run

Tilikum Center for Retreats and Outdoor Ministries is hosting its fourth annual 10K run and 5K walk/run at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Champoege State Park. Proceeds go to a scholarship fund that helps needy children attend summer camp. Participants raise donations per kilometer they run or walk. Runners are required to raise a minimum donation of \$32 (\$15 minimum for children 12 and under), and awards will be given to the first-, second-, and third-place finishers in each race. Also, all participants' names will be entered into a raffle for prizes. Call 503-538-2763 or e-mail [tilikum@georgefox.edu](mailto:tilikum@georgefox.edu) to register or get more information.

## Spring Draws Near

An art show featuring the work of students in **Gary Buhler** and **Karen Bowdoin's** (Visual Arts) classes will be on display April 6-28 in the Murdock Learning Resource Center. The title of the exhibit is "Drawing Spring: The Best of Drawing I & II."

## Poetry in Portland

The poetry of Sarah Katreen Hoggatt, a student at George Fox Evangelical Seminary, is on display at the Portland Center Library through April. Sarah's poems are taken from her two books, *Flying Lessons* and *In His Eyes*. She has been a creative writer for more than 15 years. For more information about her work, visit [spiritwaterpublications.com](http://spiritwaterpublications.com).

## COMINGS AND GOINGS



**John Nelson** was hired as a Mail Services specialist this month. He comes to George Fox from the Valence Corp. of Hillsboro, where he was a machine operator for the past seven months. Before that, he gained mail services experience as a mail clerk and driver for Multnomah County for six years. John attended the Computer Career Institute of Portland, earning a certificate in computer processing in 1990. He is the father of two teenagers and lives in Hillsboro, where he attends Hillsboro Christian Faith Center.

**Jan Thompson's** (Mail Services) final day at George Fox was March 15. She plans to travel with her husband, Mark, and work on the family business. She is also pursuing the completion of an interdisciplinary major in graphic design, music, and Christian ministries.

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Gennie Harris** (Education) had a paper published in *ittcejournal.org*, an online journal for Christian teacher educators ([icctejournal.org/ICCTEJournal/vol1issue2](http://icctejournal.org/ICCTEJournal/vol1issue2)). She will present it at the seventh Biennial Coalition of Christian Teacher Educators International Conference at Regent University in May.

**Laura Simmons** (Seminary) spoke three times on Dorothy L. Sayers the first weekend of Lent in Shreveport, La., at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral.

**Michael Tomlin** (Boise Center) presented a workshop, "Leadership and Accountability in Public Schools," at a recent gathering of principals in Pocatello, Idaho. His presentation focused on applying proven business strategies to improve the performance of classroom teachers.

**Lori DeKruyf** and **Naomi Mandsager** (Counseling) led a roundtable titled "Career Development in the Schools: Integration and Specialization" at the Oregon Career Development Association's Spring Professional Development Institute in Eugene on March 3.

**Tom Head** (Economics and International Studies) traveled to Guatemala last week to participate in the Friends World Committee for Consultation's annual meeting, where he reported on the work of Quakers at the United Nations. The event was a hemispheric gathering of Quakers from North, Central, and South America, hosted by the Friends churches in Chiquimula, Guatemala.

**Paul Anderson's** (Religious Studies) review of *Life in Abundance: Studies in John's Gospel in Tribute to Raymond E. Brown* (edited by John R. Donahue) was published in the January issue of the *Review of Biblical Literature*. Paul also had an essay, "Religion and Language – Language in the Context of Particular Religions: Quakerism," published in *The Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, 2nd ed.* (December 2005). His essay on Quakerism also was published recently in *The Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*.

## IN THE NEWS

**Rodger Bufford** (Psychology) was quoted in an article about gluttony and the seven deadly sins in the March 11 edition of the *Deseret Morning News*. In the article, Bufford says, "I think it (gluttony) affects our relationship with God." Whatever we focus on obsessively, "in a sense is a false god for us. At some level or other, we're saying, 'This is the most important thing in the world to me.'"

## BIRTHDAYS

<b>March 21</b>	Larry Mennenga
<b>March 23</b>	Beth Appert Karen Hostetter Dianna McIntyre Trent Smith
<b>March 24</b>	Loren Kerns
<b>March 25</b>	Dave Kelley
<b>March 27</b>	Mark Emerson Kathleen Sims
<b>March 28</b>	Charlie Kamilos
<b>March 29</b>	Kathi Newton
<b>March 30</b>	Debora Herb-Sepich
<b>April 1</b>	Amy Karjala
<b>April 2</b>	Belinda Pilcher Dixie Fendall

## CALENDAR

### Monday, March 20

Newberg Chapel  
ASC Elections, 10:40 a.m.

### Tuesday, March 21

All-Employee Lunch, Noon  
All-Employee Meeting  
Newberg Campus  
Bauman Auditorium, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 22

Newberg Chapel  
Sarah Baldwin, 10:40 a.m.  
All-Employee Meeting  
Portland Center  
Room 155, Noon to 1:30 p.m.

### Friday, March 31

Women's Tennis vs. Willamette  
George Fox Tennis Courts, 11 a.m.  
Men's Tennis vs. Pacific Lutheran  
George Fox Tennis Courts, 3:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 1

Women's Tennis vs. Albertson  
George Fox Tennis Courts, 10 a.m.  
Baseball vs. Lewis & Clark (2)  
Morse Field, Noon  
Women's Tennis vs. Puget Sound  
George Fox Tennis Courts, Noon  
Men's Tennis vs. Puget Sound  
George Fox Tennis Courts, Noon  
Softball vs. Whitworth (2)  
Morse Field, Noon  
Oregon Symphony Concert  
Bauman Auditorium, 8 p.m.

### Sunday, April 2

Softball vs. Whitworth (2)  
Morse Field, Noon  
Baseball vs. Lewis & Clark  
Morse Field, 2 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 4

All-Employee Meeting  
Boise Center  
Conference Room, Noon to 2 p.m.