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President's Prologue

Cycles are significant parts of our lives. I'm not thinking of the two-wheeled variety, but those involving passages of time. We make sense of parts of our lives through them. Routine dates provide an opportunity to look both forward and backward – an opportunity to remember and to project. We could do that any time, but it seems more legitimate when we tie it to an annual date, for example, the end of the school year. We tend to greet this benchmark by commenting on how rapidly the year has passed – and that it won't be long until the next cycle, students arriving in August.

At George Fox, each academic year includes both routine activities and one-time events. We have just completed another year of teaching, of cleaning the grounds and buildings, of mowing the lawns, and of concerts, athletic events, and commencement this last weekend. What makes a university exciting is that even the repeating events are not exactly the same as they were the year before. I've really come to realize how "un-routine" real education is. Our students' stories and outcomes are different, even when the students have attended the same classes and lived in the same residence halls.

This year's academic cycle has included many one-time events, such as construction of Le Shana Residence Hall and the expansion and renovation of the Hoover Academic Building. For the first time, this year we taught a course carrying a nursing prefix. And, we began preparation for the Act Six program to be implemented a year from now. We also had visits from more accrediting agencies than any one year deserves – but they all brought the good news of positive evaluations.

Another thing about annual cycles is how they are distinct, yet can almost become blurred. As soon as one cycle is complete, it's already time to start the next one. This may be nowhere more evident than in the various admissions offices. The traditional undergraduate admissions office has not yet completed the cycle for next fall's students, yet the staff already is starting the cycle for the students in the fall of 2007. The various School of Professional Studies and graduate programs admit one cohort and are looking immediately for the next. For some, even the timing of cycles is different. In the School of Education, for example, the end of the traditional academic year actually is the start of the busy season. Summer is the time when school teachers are able to attend some of our graduate offerings.

However cycles work in our lives, it is important all of us include some times of restoration and rejuvenation in between. Please include some time for restoration in your life (Melva and I will be taking some time away from the university, including time with our family in Pennsylvania). Take time to think, to relax, to read, to fish, and to pray and talk with God. Have a great summer.



Faculty Achievement

Michael Magill (Engineering) earned the George Fox Faculty Achievement Award for Undergraduate Teaching, and **MaryKate Morse** (Seminary) was named recipient of the George Fox Faculty Achievement Award for Graduate Teaching. **Steve Delamarter** (Seminary) earned the George Fox Faculty Research Award.

Let's Luau

A Hawaiian luau buffet will be the theme for this year's employee appreciation dinner, scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 5, in the Klages Dining Room. The event will include live entertainment and employee recognition and service awards. Employees are welcome to bring a spouse or guest. Dress is casual and costumes are optional. Reservations are requested by May 3 and may be completed by e-mailing **Danya Ochsner** (University Relations) at dochsner@georgefox.edu.

In the Beginning ...

Genesis will draw more than 80 incoming freshmen to the Newberg campus on May 18-19. Among other activities, the visitors will register for classes and receive their student ID cards. They are the first two of six Genesis dates planned this summer. Future events for freshmen will be June 23-24 and July 14. On July 13, transfer students will visit. More information is available at genesis.georgefox.edu.

Happening Place

More than 23,000 visitors are expected on the George Fox University campus this summer for conferences, camps, retreats, banquets, graduations, and other activities. Among the major events coming are the Oregon School Activities Association's state choir competition (May 5-6); a Portland Symphonic Choir concert (June 10); a Suzuki Institute music camp (June 25 to July 1); Northwest Basketball Camps (July 2-6, July 7-9, July 9-13, July 16-20); and the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends (Quaker) churches gathering (July 21-28).

Ice Cream Break

The Staff Development Committee hosts its annual ice cream social for all employees and student workers in the Cap and Gown Room at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10. Organizers expect to dish out about 225 bowls of ice cream that afternoon.

Hail Volunteers

George Fox will honor those who volunteer their services to the university at its annual volunteer luncheon at noon on Tuesday, May 23, in the Camp and Gown Room. The event culminates with the announcement of the university's volunteer of the year. It is open to the George Fox community, and there is no cost to attend. To R.S.V.P., contact **Danya Ochsner** (University Relations) by May 19 at ext. 2121 or dochsner@georgefox.edu.

Champs Again

George Fox's baseball team clinched its fifth consecutive Northwest Conference title – and eighth such crown in 11 seasons under coach **Pat Bailey** (Health and Human Performance) – with a 10-9 come-from-behind victory over Pacific on April 23. The victory boosted the Bruins to 25-9 overall and 18-6 in the conference with six games to play in the regular season – including three against sixth-ranked Chapman at home May 5-7. George Fox embarks on the postseason with a trip to the NCAA Division III regional tournament May 18-21 at a site to be determined. The winner of that event gets an automatic berth in the national championship tournament May 26-30 in Appleton, Wis.

Fitness Center Hours

Newberg campus Fitness Center summer hours will be Monday through Friday, 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 5-8 p.m. It will not be open on weekends.

Honored Art

Several Visual Arts students have won recent design contests. Among them was senior Priscilla Dutton, who won a logo design competition hosted by the North American Christian Foreign Language Association. Her submission was one of more than 50 entries that came from several states. Fellow seniors Chris Stebbins (Newberg Art Walk ID; Rock Wall Cellars, Wash.), Jessica Lavarias (Twin Creeks Ranch, British Columbia; Newberg Public Library), Megan Webber (Rock Wall Cellars ID), and Aaron Alexander (Rock Wall Cellars) also have created winning designs for commercial clients.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



Sandee Robinson joined the School of Management to work as an administrative assistant. She comes to George Fox from the McMinnville School District, where she taught in the district's after-school program in 2004-05. She also has volunteered at Wascher Elementary School in Lafayette, Ore., the last six years, serving as a classroom volunteer and working one-on-one with at-risk children. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from California State University at Fullerton in 1992 and also studied English literature and elementary education at the University of Southern California. She lives in Lafayette with husband Dave and children Bethany and Zechariah. The family attends Calvary Chapel in McMinnville.



Paul Jenness is the new heating, ventilating, and air conditioning technician in Plant Services. He most recently worked as a service technician for Deluxe Fuel Inc. of Portland. Paul attended both Mt. Hood Community College and Portland Community College. He lives in Gresham with his wife, Tammy, and has three grown children – Nicholas, Allison, and Andy. The family attends East Hill Church in Gresham.

Mark Martin (Building Repair) has left the university to go into "semi-retirement."

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Mark Hall (Political Science) and two colleagues – Daniel Dreisbach of American University and Jeffrey Morrison of Regent University – were awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities to conduct a conference and publish a volume on the relationship between religion and politics in the country's founding era. The conference is planned for spring of 2007 on the Newberg campus. Scholars will present papers on some lesser-known founders and their views of the proper relationship between religion and politics. The papers delivered at the conference, as well as two previously published essays and a few additional papers, will be edited by the three applicants and published as a book.

Five members of the MAT department (**Ginny Birky, Kevin Carr, Gary Kilburg, Mindy Larson, and Donna Phillips**) presented papers on action research, literacy, and mentoring at the annual conference of the American Education Research Association in San Francisco April 7-11.

Career Services (**Bonnie Jerke, Darren Noble, and Christee Wise**) took a group of students to its 17th annual job and graduate school fair at the University of Portland's Chiles Center on April 6. The event, sponsored by Career Services and the Oregon Liberal Arts Placement Consortium, drew nearly 150 employers and recruiters for presentations and on-site interviews. For more on the fair, visit georgefox.edu/offices/career_services/olapc06.html.

Paul Anderson (Religious Studies) was invited by the National Council of the Churches of Christ's Faith and Order Commission to present a response to the Moravian-Lutheran dialogues. He presented "Re-Incorporation – The Ecumenical Challenge of Restoring the Body of Christ as Experienced Among the Lutherans and the Moravians" at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Germantown, Pa., on March 17. Paul also organized and chaired the second meeting of the Congregational Discernment Consultation in Atlanta March 26-28. There, he made two presentations: "Scriptural Passages Informing Corporate Discernment" and "Evolving Models of Governance and Discernment in the Early Church." The group met at the Interdenominational Theological Center and toured the King Center.

Rodger Bufford (Psychology) had four articles – "B.F. Skinner," "Narcissism," "Paradox," and "Psychology" – published in the 2006 edition of *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics* (Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity Press). His paradox piece discussed how paradox has played a major role in 20th century thought and, specifically, postmodernist thinking. His psychology article proposed that, in psychology, both the internal-subjective perspective and the external-objective approach are essential elements; these perspectives are an example of paradox.

Burel Ford (Student Life) taught a six-hour session on age discrimination, sexual harassment, and cultural diversity for the U.S. Department of Forestry in Florence, Ore., on March 23.

Brendon Connelly (Graduate Admissions) and **Sean McKay** (IT) co-presented in the HigherEdBlogCon 2006 event hosted at higheredblogcon.com April 17-21. The pair presented "Using Wikis to Facilitate Communication, Collaboration, and Knowledge Sharing Among Admissions and Administrative Personnel." A wiki is a collaborative Web-based content management system in which all users can edit the Web pages that are part of the site.

Ed Higgins' (Writing/Literature) poem, "Lecture," is in the current issue of the literary journal *Tamafyhr Mountain Poetry*.

The chemistry department faculty and six chemistry students attended the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Atlanta in March. Each of the students presented work from their past summer's research.

IN THE FAMILY

From **Merrill Johnson** (Library): "Thank you for your prayers and thoughtful concern expressed at the passing of my mother. I very much appreciated the beautiful flowers from the George Fox community."

Susan Hampton's (Student Financial Services) son, Drew Kaufman, raised more than \$1,000 for Habitat for Humanity and was named Mr. Bruin at the annual pageant held April 22.

BIRTHDAYS

May 2	Donna Phillips Elaine Smith
May 3	Michael Everest
May 6	Kris Nelson Greg Smith
May 8	Deb Worden Brent Wilson
May 10	Jim Jackson
May 12	Marla Sweningson
May 14	Kathi Becker Don Powers
May 15	Dirk Barram
May 16	Jim Fleming Nicole Rigelman
May 17	Paul Anderson
May 18	Paul Otto Cynthia Weston
May 19	Kay Winters
May 20	Patsy Kuehne Louise Newswanger Val Orton
May 21	Brooke McGillivray

CALENDAR

Friday, May 5

Baseball vs. Chapman
Morse Field, 3 p.m.

Employee Appreciation Dinner
Klages Dining Room, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 7

Baseball vs. Chapman
Morse Field, Noon

Wednesday, May 10

Ice Cream Social
Cap and Gown Room, 2:30 p.m.