

## President's Prologue

Recently, I was part of a task force considering the future of the Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE). Several members of the task force wanted to ensure the organization had "committed" members. One person pushed rather hard to emphasize the fact members had to be committed, and the overriding theme of the meeting was the importance of commitment.

A former college president, who now sits on this task force as a retiree, brought a sense of independent wisdom to the group. He suggested that the best way for the members to be committed was for members to get involved with the organization. The point seems obvious and maybe a bit trite, but it gave me and other task force members reason to pause and remember the obvious. Isn't it true that when members of an organization, church, business or university put themselves wholeheartedly into the organization, it generates commitment? Further, my experience is that the commitment goes both ways – from the member to the organization and vice versa.

While all organizations need critics, the criticism is so much more powerful if it brings with it a solution to the issue. In my own field of physics, it has been noted that many people knew for a long time that Aristotle's worldview was faulty, but it was those who found a better alternative – such as Galileo and Newton – who are remembered to this day. History shows us many examples of individuals who were engaged and committed to organizations and causes who demonstrated commitment by positive action.

The FIHE meeting was a great reminder for me of how much control each person can have on the commitment level of an organization's membership – and of how fortunate I am to be working with my colleagues at George Fox University. We work and live in an organization that solves its problems and issues through conversation with each other and clear commitment to our mission. What I can take back to the FIHE task force is what I know at George Fox about the importance of understanding the mission and being committed to it. That's how to have engaged and committed members of an organization.



## Secret Garden

George Fox University Theatre will present its fall production, *The Secret Garden*, Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 2-5 in Wood-Mar Auditorium. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Nov. 5 show, scheduled as a 2 p.m. matinee. The play tells the story of Mary Lennox and her stay in a drafty mansion. The mysterious manor threatens to engulf Mary as she mourns the death of her parents, but she finds the key to a secret garden that changes her broken world.

Employees receive one complimentary ticket, available at the University Store. Additional tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for senior citizens and alumni, and \$6 for students. Call the box office (ext. 3844) or visit [theatre.georgefox.edu](http://theatre.georgefox.edu) for tickets and more information.

## Tech Savvy

**Greg Smith** (IT) will speak on "New Technologies for Teaching and Learning" at a faculty teaching forum from 12:40 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, in Cap and Gown Room A. The session is free, and refreshments will be served.

## Staff Conference

University staff will attend an annual staff conference on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Newberg Friends Church. The event's theme is "Healthy Living." With the absence of staff members, some university services may be reduced or not available on Oct. 25.

## In the Gallery

Nils Lou, a professor of ceramics and sculpture at Linfield College, will display his artwork in the Minthorne Gallery in the Hoover Academic Building Oct. 19 through Nov. 15. The title of the exhibit is "Con/Sequence of Memory." An opening reception for the show is scheduled from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, in the gallery. For more on Lou, visit [calvin.linfield.edu/~nlou](http://calvin.linfield.edu/~nlou).

## Catch a Concert

The George Fox Symphonic Band will perform a free concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, in Bauman Auditorium. Selections include music from *Les Miserables*, English folk songs, and John Philip Sousa's *The Liberty Bell*. It is open to the public.

## Erin Go Bragh

George Fox University is hosting the western regional meeting for the American Conference on Irish Studies Oct. 27-29. The theme is "Conflict and Peace in Ireland." The event will include presentations of academic papers, Irish dancing by a George Fox student, and two dramatic presentations. Sessions will take place at the Windrose Conference and Meeting Center and in Stevens Center's Room 209. Cost for the weekend is \$80. Contact **Kathy Heining** (Writing/Literature) at [kheining@georgefox.edu](mailto:kheining@georgefox.edu) or at ext. 2606 for more specifics.

## Board Business

The university's board of trustees will meet Oct. 20-22 at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Wash., for its fall meeting. Items of business include an external auditor report for fiscal year 2005-06, approval of the final budget for fiscal year 2006-07, and discussion about the university's direction in the next five to 10 years. The board also will hear a report from its ad hoc committee on the university lifestyle statement.

## Auxiliary Lunch

The George Fox Auxiliary invites university employees to a luncheon at noon on Friday, Oct. 27, in the Cap and Gown Room. **Kevin Carr** (MAT) will speak and be joined by MAT students. Cost is \$6.50. To make reservations, call Nancy Lamm at 503-537-2321 or Louise Clarkson at 503-538-2850.

## Readership Survey

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## COMINGS AND GOINGS



**Jesse Dillow** joined Plant Services as a groundskeeper in September. This marks a return for Jesse, who was a grounds laborer at George Fox in 2004. He also worked for the university as a teaching assistant in 2003 and 2004. Most recently, he worked for Fisher Farms in Gaston, Ore. Jesse graduated from George Fox with a bachelor's degree in biology in 2004. He lives in Newberg with his wife, Elizabeth, and attends Newberg Friends Church.



**Lindsey Dickinson** is the new part-time bookstore clerk at the Portland Center. She recently moved to Oregon from South Carolina, where she was a nanny the past two years. She earned a bachelor's degree in Bible and intercultural studies from Columbia International University in Columbia, S.C., in 2005. She lives in Tigard with her husband, Jacob, who is enrolled in the university's marriage and family therapy program.



**Cathy Peterson** joined the university to work as a library assistant in the Murdock Learning Resource Center. She most recently worked at Christian Supply in Walla

Walla, Wash., where she did customer service and inventory work in 2002 and 2003. Cathy attended Occidental College in Los Angeles from 1969 to 1971. She lives in Sherwood with her husband, Nick, and attends Riverside Foursquare Church in Wilsonville. The couple has five children, including one, Katrina, who is a sophomore at George Fox

**Luke Ankeny** (Plant Services) left George Fox at the end of September to take a job in Hillsboro, Ore.

**Beth Appert** (Tilikum) left the university on Sept. 29 to be a full-time mom and student.

**Marilyn Clark** (Library) retired on Oct. 6 and plans to move with her husband to Southern California to be near family.

## MOVERS & QUAKERS

**Sharon Westfall** (Graduate Admissions) is now the assistant registrar for graduate programs. She had been the office manager at the Portland Center.

### Did You Know ...

During the 2005-06 budget year, the university burned 8.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity and 6.3 million therms of natural gas. That was almost 11 percent more than what we burned in the 2004-05 budget year and cost enough for every employee at George Fox to fly to Europe and back - twice.

*Editor's note: Thanks to Dan Schutter (Plant Services) for this issue's "Did You Know" fact. Submissions are welcome and may be sent to [spatterson@georgefox.edu](mailto:spatterson@georgefox.edu).*

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Paul Otto** and **Caitlin Corning** (History) attended the biennial meeting of the Conference on Faith and History at Oklahoma Baptist University in September. Both served as panelists in plenary sessions in the student portion of the conference. In the faculty portion, Caitlin presented the paper "Bede's Presentation of the British and Iona in the *History*." Caitlin is currently a member of the CFH board. Paul served on this year's program committee.

Caitlin also had a book, *The Celtic and Roman Traditions: Conflict and Consensus in the Early Medieval Church*, released in October by Palgrave-Macmillan. The book is a survey of the relationship between the Celtic and Roman traditions during the period of the Easter controversy (590-768).

**Howard Macy's** (Religious Studies) book, *Laughing Pilgrims: Humor and the Spiritual Journey* (Paternoster Publishing), was released in mid-August and is being published in both the U.S. and the United Kingdom. Howard also spoke to the early-morning Rotary Club in Newberg in August on the subject "Humor in the Workplace." There, he announced another new work, *Red Nose Training Manual* (in collaboration with Brandon Buerkle). It is now available.

**Irv Brendlinger** (Religious Studies) coauthored an article, "Psychological Implications of the Doctrine of Christian Perfection with Special Reference to John Wesley's View," that appeared in the Fall 2006 issue of *The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling*. Irv wrote the article with clinical psychologist Eric Mueller. Irv also had a book, *To Be Silent ... Would Be Criminal: The Antislavery Influence and Writings of Anthony Benezet*, released by Scarecrow Press.

Office of Career Services (**Bonnie Jerke**, **Darren Noble**, and **Christee Wise**) hosted the regular meeting of the Oregon Liberal Arts Placement Consortium (OLAPC) on Sept. 29. OLAPC consists of career officials from nine Oregon small colleges and universities planning the annual spring job and graduate school fair, recently renamed First Avenue, scheduled for April 4, 2007.

## BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 16	Richard Shaw Clint Baldwin
Oct. 18	Travis Morgan
Oct. 20	Becky Artinian-Kaiser
Oct. 21	Teresa Arnold
Oct. 22	Jules Glanzer
Oct. 23	Andy Baker
Oct. 24	Ryan Dougherty Al Zimmerman
Oct. 25	Beth Schafer
Oct. 26	Linda Sartwell Lora Froescher
Oct. 27	Bruce Arnold

## CALENDAR

### Monday, Oct. 16

Newberg Chapel  
Quaker Heritage Week  
Max Carter, 10:40 a.m.

Faculty Conversation with Max Carter  
Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, Oct. 17

Faculty Lunch, Noon

### Wednesday, Oct. 18

Newberg Chapel  
Max Carter, 10:40 a.m.

Seminary Seminar  
Joe Myers, Portland Center, 9 a.m.

### Thursday, Oct. 19

Opening Reception:  
"Con/Sequence of Memory" by Nils Lou  
Minthorne Gallery, 4-5:30 p.m.

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

### Friday, Oct. 20

Board of Trustees Meeting

Faculty Business Meeting  
Hoover 105, 10:40 a.m.

Open Worship  
Prayer Chapel, 10:40 a.m.

Volleyball vs. Whitman  
Wheeler Sports Center, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 21

Board of Trustees Meeting

Women's Soccer vs. Lewis & Clark  
Morse Soccer Field, Noon

Volleyball vs. Whitworth  
Wheeler Sports Center, 6 p.m.

### Monday, Oct. 23

Newberg Chapel  
Our Stories, 10:40 a.m.

### Tuesday, Oct. 24

Faculty Lunch, Noon

Men's Soccer vs. Willamette  
Morse Soccer Field, 3 p.m.

### Wednesday, Oct. 25

Staff Conference, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Newberg Chapel  
Our Stories, 10:40 a.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Willamette  
Morse Soccer Field, 3 p.m.

### Thursday, Oct. 26

Fall Theatre Presentation  
*The Secret Garden*  
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Faculty Recital: Brent Weaver  
Bauman Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 27

American Conference on Irish Studies  
Windrose Conference Center/Stevens Center 209

Fall Theatre Presentation  
*The Secret Garden*  
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 28

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Windrose Conference Center/Stevens Center 209

Fall Theatre Presentation  
*The Secret Garden*  
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Oct. 29

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