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President's Prologue

I write this from Changsha, Hunan Province, China. On Easter Sunday, I worshiped at the Asbury Church in Beijing, China, with Hank Helsabeck, Dale Seipp, Thomas Peng, and several thousand Chinese believers. Together, we sang *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* and heard the minister proclaim that "Christ is risen."

On Monday, we visited with a gentleman who leads the Protestant Church in the Beijing area. We heard him speak about the need for leaders. He talked about the "missing generation" in the Chinese church. We noticed that the Sunday worship had mostly young people (under 35 or so) and some older people, but very few 40- or 50-somethings. This church leader told how he was sent to a "work farm" for 23 years for holding onto his commitment to Christ while many of his fellow church leaders gave in to demands of the state. Later that afternoon, he took us to his seminary, an undergraduate institution with about 120 students preparing for ministry in the Chinese church.

I have found this experience almost surreal. Am I really worshipping with Christians in Communist China? And, are they really free to worship the same Jesus we worship at George Fox University? The singing was wholehearted with hymnbooks just like those we traditionally used in the U.S. I asked our friend whether there were different opinions in the church about music. He didn't know what I was talking about. They have never heard of the emergent church here. He wants to send his young people for theological education in the U.S., but he thinks of seminary the way we did 50 years ago. He doesn't talk about denominational distinctives because denominations don't exist anymore in China. If pushed on this point, he speaks about churches that used to be Presbyterian, Methodist, or Anglican.

So, how does our church in America relate to this vibrant, exciting church in China? I feel that the church in persecution finds the basics rather quickly. They are happy to sing whatever songs are available. They bond together around Christ because denominational distinctives are not very important during persecution. I found it an awesome experience to be in the presence of this saint who suffered for 23 years on a Chinese work farm for the sake of the gospel. My hope is that we can relate to the Chinese church, sharing with them what we have while also learning from them. I don't have specific suggestions – I'm just sharing what I experienced together with several colleagues this Easter Sunday. The Lord is risen indeed!



Turn the Tassels

Ronald Tschetter, national director of the United States Peace Corps, will speak at both spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, April 28. The university will confer 272 undergraduate degrees and 350 graduate, seminary, and professional studies degrees. About 560 students will participate in the ceremonies.

Undergraduate commencement begins at 2 p.m. in the Wheeler Sports Center, with a live broadcast in Bauman Auditorium. The ceremony for graduate, seminary, and professional studies students starts at 7 p.m. in Wheeler Sports Center. The day begins with a baccalaureate service at 9:30 a.m. in Bauman Auditorium.

In addition to Tschetter's address, entitled "Life is calling. How far will you go?", the ceremonies will include a time to honor outgoing President **David Brandt** and his wife **Melva**.

Enrollment Update

George Fox will welcome an incoming class of about 550 students this fall, making it the second-largest incoming class in university history. More definitive numbers will be available after May 1, the cutoff date for requesting tuition deposit refunds.

Final Concerts

The university's final two concerts of the academic year will be this week. At 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, a jazz concert and dessert is scheduled in the Klages Dining Room. Dessert will be provided by Bon Appétit for \$5 per person, and the concert features the Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Tickets can be purchased at the door. **Pat Vandehey** (Performing Arts) conducts the Jazz Band and **Loren Wenz** (Performing Arts) directs the Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

In addition, the university's Concert Choir and Symphonic Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, in Bauman Auditorium. There is no admission charge. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Senior Exhibit

A senior thesis art exhibit will be on display in the Minthorne Gallery April 19-28. The show begins with an opening reception from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Auxiliary Luncheon

The George Fox Auxiliary invites university employees to a luncheon at noon Friday, April 20, in the Cap and Gown Room. **Dirk Barram** (Management) and

five senior marketing and business majors will present senior capstone marketing projects. The cost is \$6.50 per person. To make reservations, call Louise Clarkson at 503-538-2850 or Nancy Lamm at 503-537-2321.

Ushering Op

Employees are needed to serve as ushers for the university's undergraduate and graduate/seminary/School of Professional Studies commencement ceremonies on Saturday, April 28. Those who serve take tickets, hand out programs, and direct graduates' family and friends to their seats. Ushers will be paid \$25 per ceremony. There are three opportunities for involvement: at the undergraduate ceremony in Wheeler Gymnasium from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; at the undergraduate live-broadcast ceremony in Bauman Auditorium from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; and at the graduate/seminary/Professional Studies ceremony in Wheeler Gymnasium from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call **Andrea Byerley** (Academic Affairs) at ext. 2140 for more information.

Relay for Life

George Fox will pay the \$100-per-team entry fee for two teams to take part in an American Cancer Society Relay for Life event scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 22-23, at the Newberg High School track. The relay involves teams of up to 15 people each, with team members agreeing to take turns walking the track from 6 p.m. Friday through 1 p.m. Saturday in honor of cancer survivors and those who have lost their lives to the disease.

Participants raise about \$100 each in sponsorships, with all proceeds going toward the American Cancer Society. Each team member receives a T-shirt, and the event includes live music and a first lap walked by cancer survivors. If you are interested in joining a team or forming one of your own, e-mail **Peggy Kilburg** (Human Resources) at pkilburg@georgefox.edu.

A Job Well Done

The culminating event for participants in the Staff Development Committee's Wellness Challenge is set for Tuesday, May 1. A noon potluck lunch is scheduled in the Villa Academic Complex, Room 117, for Newberg participants. Concurrently, participants in Portland will meet at the Portland Center's Room 155 A/B. Bring a favorite dish to share; beverages and tableware will be provided. Prizes will be awarded simultaneously in Portland and Newberg via Polycom, the university's video conference system.

Portland employees will have an ice cream social at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, following the Wellness Challenge potluck. The Newberg campus will host an ice cream social at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, in the EHS Atrium.

Postage Hike

On Monday, May 14, postage rates will go up. A one-ounce letter stamp will be 41 cents. Mail Services will have the new stamps as well as the make-up stamp of 2 cents. The U.S. Postal Service is also changing how postage is computed, using a shape-based rate calculator rather than using only weight to determine the rate. More information will be provided by Mail Services in early May to help you with the transition to the new rates. Call **Sherrie Frost** (Mail Services) at ext. 2556 with questions.

Student Leaders

The Associated Student Community recently announced Central Committee election results. Serving on the committee in 2007-08 will be Jordan Philips (president), Shane Walker (vice president), Ben Gowan (chaplain), Linnea Strandy (Christian services), Anna Ward (activities), Martha Byrne (communications), Ryan Wilmot (public relations), Tyler Saltiel (treasurer), and Heather Eslinger (supreme court chief justice).

Show Some Pride

The final shows of the university's production of *Pride and Prejudice* are set for April 19-21 in Wood-Mar Auditorium. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Employees receive one complimentary ticket, available at the University Store. Additional tickets cost \$10 for general admission, \$8 for senior citizens and alumni, and \$6 for students and children under 12. Call the box office (ext. 3844) or visit theatre.georgefox.edu for tickets or more information.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



Gail Dall was hired as the university's student health nurse this month. Gail has worked in the occupational health field for the past several years as a contract nurse. She also works part time in the nursing skills lab at Portland Community College's School of Nursing. Gail worked as an employee nurse for Legacy Health System from 2001 to 2005. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Oregon Health and Science University in 1978. Her husband, Jamie, is also a nurse. The couple lives in Portland and has a 20-year-old son, Andrew, and an 18-year-old daughter, Caroline. Gail attends Valley Community Presbyterian.

Louise Newswanger (Library) is retiring this summer after 15 years of service at the university. Employees are invited to a farewell reception for Louise from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, in the Stevens Center lobby.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Alex Pia and **Ronald Parrish** (English Language Institute) attended the 41st annual Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages convention and exhibit in Seattle March 20-24. Ronald attended the pre-conference session, "Intercultural Communication

101," while Alex was a part of a panel that presented "ESOL in Adult Education-Higher Education-Secondary Schools and Intensive English Programs: Facilitating Transitions for ESL Students."

David Hansen (Computer and Information Science) presented the paper "Give Students a Clue: A Course Project for Undergraduate Artificial Intelligence" at the Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center and Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter in Covington, Ky., March 7-10. The paper described a project David developed for his course in AI and makes software for the project available to other faculty to adopt and adapt for their classes.

Dave Johnstone (Student Life) published the article "Czarist Missionary Contact with Central Asia: Models of Contextualization?" in the April issue of the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*.

Melanie Hulbert (Sociology) presented "The Way Forward: Women and Identity" at the annual conference of the Pacific Sociological Association in Oakland, Calif., March 30-April 1.

Ed Higgins (Writing/Literature) published the poems "Edible Truth" and "where do words go in this silence between us?" in the Spring 2007 literary e-zine *Bare Root Review*, hosted by Southwest Minnesota State University's creative writing program.

Paul Anderson (Religious Studies) is quoted in an article, "Out of Silence: The Practice of Congregational Discernment," published in the April issue of *The Christian Century*. "Progress toward unity is often more efficiently made in five to seven minutes of quiet than it is in an hour of debate," says Paul, who has worked with a group of pastors and scholars for two years on a congregational discernment project.

Karen Hostetter (Health and Human Performance) recently earned her doctorate in human performance and recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi. She also published an article, "Self-reported comfort of collegiate athletes with injury and condition care by same-sex and opposite-sex athletic trainers," in the *Journal of Athletic Training*. She will be taking an athletic training program director position at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M., in the fall.

Rodger Bufford (Psychology) made three presentations at the annual meeting of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies in Valley Forge, Pa., last month. Rodger and **Bill Buhrow** (Health and Counseling Services) co-presented the workshop "Addressing Religious Concerns in Psychotherapy: Law and Ethics; Grief; Sin, Guilt, and Evil; and Toxic Faith." Rodger also presented a paper with **Kathleen Gathercoal** (Psychology) entitled "Modeling, Mentoring, and the Learning of Psychology (Integration)." He also co-presented a poster, "Spiritual Maturity Among Kenyan College Students."

IN THE NEWS

Jim Steele (Management) was quoted in a March 29 *Oregonian* story about Intel's Focal process, the annual review Oregon's largest private employer uses to evaluate its workforce. "It's a system designed to promote mer-

itocracy by recognizing people's performance in an equitable way," he said.

BIRTHDAYS

April 16 Nancy Almquist
April 17 Eilene Newman
 Sandee Robinson
April 18 Judy Deale
 Gary Railsback
April 20 Tammy O'Doherty
April 22 Jeff Vandenhoeck
April 25 Mark Ocker
April 26 Laura Klaus

CALENDAR

Monday, April 16

Newberg Chapel
 Senior Chapel, 10:40 a.m.

Faculty Teaching Forum
 Tom Johnson, Executive Dining Room, 12:40 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17

Faculty Lunch, Noon

Jazz Concert and Dessert
 Klages Dining Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

Newberg Chapel
 Academic Awards Chapel, 10:40 a.m.

Baseball vs. Concordia
 Morse Field, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 19

Art Reception: Senior Thesis Exhibit
 Minthorne Gallery, 4-5:30 p.m.

Spring Theatre Production
Pride and Prejudice
 Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20

Faculty Research Forum
 Kendra Irons, Hoover 105, 10:40 a.m.

Auxiliary Luncheon
 Cap and Gown Room, Noon

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

Spring Theatre Production
Pride and Prejudice
 Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

Henry Mills Society Luncheon
 Klages Dining Room, Noon

Baseball vs. Lewis & Clark (2)
 Morse Field, Noon

Softball vs. Pacific Lutheran (2)
 Morse Field, 2 p.m.

Spring Theatre Production
Pride and Prejudice
 Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

Softball vs. Puget Sound (2)
 Morse Field, Noon

Baseball vs. Lewis & Clark
 Morse Field, 1 p.m.

Monday, April 23

Faculty Business Meeting
 Hoover 105, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, April 24

All-Employee Lunch, Noon

Friday, April 27

First Reunion
 Bauman Auditorium and
 Klages Dining Room, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

Baccalaureate
 Bauman Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.

Undergraduate Commencement
 Miller Gymnasium (live broadcast
 n Bauman Auditorium), 2 p.m.

Graduate/Seminary/SPS Commencement
 Miller Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 29

Baseball vs. Cal State East Bay
 Morse Field, 3 p.m.