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President's Prologue

Brad Lau brought to my attention a review of an article in *First Things* by Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, a Roman Catholic priest and editor. I have not read the article, but the review makes several points that I found interesting and helpful.

Neuhaus suggests that the term "Christian university" is in crisis, as it makes many presidents of religious institutions nervous because they are "scared of their own identity." Many universities "have recently been scrambling to reassert their identities," he says. Some do it by describing themselves as "church-related." Others say they are in the Catholic or Jesuit tradition. Neuhaus writes that it is not enough to be church-related because whenever an institution waters down its identification as a Christian university it takes a step toward secularism.

The specific task of the university is the cultivation of the life of the mind. Neuhaus writes, "The goal of a Christian university should be to arouse and direct curiosity about the unparalleled synthesis ... of faith and reason that is the Christian intellectual tradition." To that end, Father Neuhaus says a Christian university should do many things, e.g. it should propose concepts, rather than impose them. It should also seek faculty members who believe in the great good of being a Christian university, regardless of their particular denomination.

This article is written by a Catholic for a Catholic audience, but it seems to me to hold truth for us as well. George Fox University is committed to the basic principle that Jesus is the center of all of life that allows us to seek coherence and wholeness for our students and for ourselves. I find it encouraging that we are not alone in this effort. Christians from other traditions agree that Jesus is what is central to learning and to all of life.

I find that life in our society is too often fragmented. In Christ we have an "integrating factor" that makes life whole. Our task continues to be to share this good news with a needy world.



All That Jazz

The university will host jazz, R&B, and Motown musician Julianne Johnson for an Act Six benefit concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 14, in Bauman Auditorium. "An Evening with Julianne Johnson and Friends" will feature Portland native Johnson and special guest singers and musicians performing such selections as Mahalia Jackson's "Precious Lord," The O'Jays' "Put Your Hands Together," gospel songs, and a Burt Bacharach medley. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, and \$5 for seniors and students. Group rates also are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit julianne.georgefox.edu.

Equality Ride

Soulforce Equality Ride, a group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students and activist allies, will visit the Newberg campus on Thursday, April 5. The riders will visit select classes and meet with administrators, faculty, and student leaders. Employees are welcome to an open conversation with Equality Ride members from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Foxhole, where the Associated Student Community will provide free beverages.

George Fox is one of 32 Christian colleges and universities Equality Ride intends to visit this spring. To read more about the visit, go to equalityride.georgefox.edu.

Pride and Prejudice

The university's theatre department will present *Pride and Prejudice* April 12-15 and April 19-21 in Wood-Mar Auditorium. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the April 15 show, scheduled for a 2 p.m. matinee. The play, written by Jon Jory and based on the novel by Jane Austen, tells the story of headstrong Elizabeth Bennet and her battles with Mr. Darcy. 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.

Bruin Preview

Approximately 100 students, the majority of whom are high school juniors, will be on the Newberg campus for Bruin Preview on Thursday and Friday, April 12-13.

Good Friday

The university's offices and libraries will be closed Friday, April 6, to observe Good Friday. Newberg and Portland libraries also will be closed April 8 for Easter.

Go for a Drive

The university will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, in the Wheeler Sports Center. Donors should eat iron-rich food beforehand and weigh at least 110 pounds. It takes about one hour to donate. No appointment is necessary.

Age-Old Question

The age 26 eligibility requirement for participation in the university's matching retirement plan will be eliminated effective July 1. The board of trustees approved the President's Cabinet recommendation to remove this minimum age requirement after the Benefits Committee suggested the change following its review of the benefits survey conducted in January.

The change, which will impact 19 employees in the 2007-08 fiscal year, allows any under-26 university employee with at least one year of service to enroll in the retirement plan. Employees who choose to participate designate 3 percent of their salaries to invest in the various TIAA-CREF accounts; the university matches it with an additional 9 percent contribution. Full-time employees still have the option of declining participation in the plan until age 30 and completion of three years of employment.

Last Lunch

The final staff lunch of the academic year is set from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, April 9, in the Cap and Gown Room. Administrators are welcome to join staff members for the event, which will include prizes and entertainment. The cost is \$3 per person.

Run the Good Race

Tilikum Center for Retreats and Outdoor Ministries is hosting its fifth annual 10K run and 5K walk/run at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at Champoeg State Park. Proceeds go to a scholarship fund that helps needy children attend summer camp. Participants raise donations per kilometer they run or walk. Call 503-538-2763 or e-mail tilikum@georgefox.edu to register or get more information.

Fiscal Responsibility

The final installment of a series on financial planning is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, in the Cap and Gown Room. **Al Zimmerman** (Planned Giving) will present information on estate planning concepts – including wills and trusts – from a Christian perspective. The workshop is free and will take place at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Employees' spouses are welcome at either meeting. Register beforehand by sending an e-mail to Al at azimmerman@georgefox.edu so adequate materials can be prepared.

Suite Music

The university will host two free 7:30 p.m. concerts in Bauman Auditorium April 10-11. On Tuesday, the Chehalem Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Bill Hunt, will perform Rossini's *La Cenerentola* and *Brahms' Serenade No. 1*. The following evening, a chamber concert – featuring the George Fox Chamber Singers, Men's Chorale, Women's Chorale, and Vocal Jazz Ensemble – is scheduled.

Final Forums

Gloria Doherty (Seminary) will present "E-syllabus: Creating a Web-based Syllabus" at a faculty teaching forum from 12:40 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the Cap and Gown Room. The session will focus on designing and implementing an e-syllabus that allows students to dynamically navigate a syllabus like a website. To reserve a free lunch, e-mail **Jere Witherspoon** (Student Life) at jwithers@georgefox.edu by April 10.

The final faculty teaching forum of the semester is set from 12:40 to 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, in the Executive Dining Room. In that session, **Tom Johnson** (Religious Studies) will share strategies for ending classes in meaningful and purposeful ways in a presentation entitled "All's Well That Ends Well?" A free lunch is available to those who R.S.V.P. to Jere by April 12.

Homegrown Talent

George Fox student artists have recorded songs for a CD that will go on sale beginning Wednesday, April 11, in the University Store. The Campus Music Project, coordinated through the university's cinema and media communication department, features 13 original recordings. The regular cost is \$7.95; however, copies sold on campus April 11 retail for \$5. Proceeds will fund future student album projects. For more information on the artists and other sale locations, visit cmp.georgefox.edu.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Jim Hoekema (IT) ended his four-year tenure at George Fox March 30. He is moving to Moses Lake, Wash., where he will be a network engineer for the local school district.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Marc Shelton (Education) co-presented "Preparing Teachers to Work in One State's Highest Need Schools: Oregon's Statewide, Systemic Partnership" at the 59th American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education's annual meeting Feb. 24-27 in New York City. Marc is currently serving as president of the Oregon Professors of Educational Administration – an affiliate of the national organization, the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration.

Mark Hall (Political Science) received a summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support work on his book manuscript, *The Old Puritan and a New Nation: Roger Sherman and the Creation of the American Republic*. The book will be published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

Carol Brazo (Education) presented "Reflective Thought for Pre-service Teachers:

Encouraging Participation in the Professional Conversation" at the Association of Teacher Educators' national convention in San Diego Feb. 17-21.

Greg Allen (Professional Studies) was appointed to a committee advisor position with Regence Blue Cross in Portland. He will serve a four-year appointment on the college relations committee, formed to address the fact Regence will need to replace 30 percent of its workforce in the next 10 years. The committee includes individuals from 10 schools in Oregon, Washington, and Utah.

Lori DeKruyf (Counseling) made two presentations, "A Social Justice Advocacy Framework for Professional School Counselors" and "Help From Your Friends: Peer Supervision in Action," at the joint conference of the Oregon and Washington school counselor associations March 2-3 in Vancouver, Wash.

Melanie Springer Mock's (Writing/Literature) essay, "The Stories that Make Us Real," was published in the March edition of *The Mothers Movement Online*.

Bonnie Jerke, Darren Noble, and Christee Wise (Career Services) recently hosted three guest employers on the Newberg campus for a practice interview day. Twelve students experienced mock interviews and received feedback from employers. Bonnie and Darren also attended a Mountain Pacific Association of Colleges and Employers workshop on professional standards of conduct and ethics for college career personnel and employers in Portland March 21.

Paul Chamberlain (Chemistry) presented a seminar, "Science and Christianity, No Final Conflict," at the Covenant Church in McMinnville on March 18.

Mark McMinn (Psychology) received the 2007 Narramore Award for Excellence in the Integration of Psychology and Theology at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies' annual meeting in Philadelphia March 24. Mark earned the award for his career contributions in the integration of psychology and the Christian faith.

Michelle Cox (Counseling) presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education in Portland March 1-4. Her presentation, "From Counseling to Gerontology in 15 Weeks: Integrating Aging Research into a Clinically-Oriented Research and Evaluation," detailed the process of working with graduate students to design a 2006 research project in which they collected, analyzed, and reported data related to mental health and aging.

BIRTHDAYS

April 2	John Nelson Belinda Pilcher
April 3	Steve Delamarter Dale Journey
April 5	John Newberry Vicki Tschan
April 6	Jean Borgman
April 7	Janis Tyhurst
April 8	Jim Worthington
April 9	Carrie McNeal
April 10	Cheri Hampton
April 11	Janelle Freitag Sandi Gregory
April 12	Vickie McBride
April 13	Susan Newell

April 14	Margaret Fuller
April 15	Terrie Boehr Mike Campadore

CALENDAR

Monday, April 2

Newberg Chapel
Honoring Dave and Melva Brandt, 10:40 a.m.

Tuesday, April 3

Faculty Lunch, Noon

Wednesday, April 4

Newberg Chapel
Sarah Baldwin, 10:40 a.m.

Thursday, April 5

Equality Ride Visit

Planned Giving Seminar
Cap and Gown Room, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Friday, April 6

Good Friday

Baseball vs. Linfield (2)
Morse Field, Noon

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

Men's Tennis vs. Linfield
GFU Tennis Courts, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

Men's Tennis vs. Pacific
GFU Tennis Courts, 11 a.m.

Baseball vs. Linfield
Morse Field, Noon

Monday, April 9

Newberg Chapel
Jules Glanzer, 10:40 a.m.

Staff Lunch
Cap and Gown Room, Noon

Evening Chapel
Spring Serve, Hoover 105, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10

Blood Drive
Wheeler Sports Center, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Faculty Lunch, Noon

Chehalem Symphony Orchestra
Bauman Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11

Newberg Chapel
Brad Lau, 10:40 a.m.

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

Thursday, April 12

Faculty Teaching Forum
Cap and Gown, 12:40 p.m.

Bruin Preview

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

Friday, April 13

Bruin Preview

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

Women's Tennis vs. Willamette
GFU Tennis Courts, 3:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 14

Softball vs. Linfield (2)
Morse Field, Noon

Men's Tennis vs. Pacific Lutheran
GFU Tennis Courts, 3 p.m.

Julianne Johnson and Friends
Pre-concert Reception: Hoover Atrium, 5:30 p.m.
Concert: Bauman Auditorium, 7 p.m.

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

Sunday, April 15

Spring Theatre Production
Pride and Prejudice
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 2 p.m.