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## President's Prologue

It's the time of year to attend art shows, musical concerts, departmental symposia, plays, and numerous receptions. In short, it's spring commencement time. It's difficult to say goodbye to outstanding work-study students who have served our office well for several years. For me, Saturday's commencement ceremonies were the last of many I have attended and presided over in my time in higher education. It's poignant for me to remember, and this year the memories seem more intense than they have in the past.

In observing these various student accomplishments, I have once again seen the power of the education our students received while at George Fox University. As I talk with students at various stages of their education, I realize that George Fox students are educated by our whole community. They learn much in the classroom, but they also learn, from the same professors, how to live outside the classroom. They encounter supervisors in work-study assignments who have become mentors and friends. They have done practicums and internships where they learned that education can be relevant to the real world. Many have gained professional competence through specific graduate programs.

There are many celebrations connected with commencement, but we don't really have a party to celebrate the contributions of George Fox employees to these success stories. I am very grateful to all of you for the contributions you make to the success of these graduates.

You may read this and say to yourself or someone near you, "That's what he says every year at this time." And you're right – I do say this every year. What's more, I am pleased to say this every year. George Fox University puts out a great product. Our graduates are prepared to make a difference in the world. I am again impressed with our graduates' creativity and work ethic. It was good to see alumni back for some of these events and to hear their stories of success since leaving the university. We have reason to be proud of our accomplishments in educating our students. Thanks to all of you for the success of our graduates.

I am so proud to be your colleague in providing high-quality, Christ-centered education. I just wanted to say this once more before I leave you this summer. Commencement is a time to celebrate, to remember, and then to look forward to the new class that will be here in a few months.



## Lifestyle Statement

The board has approved a university lifestyle statement intended to help create a community in which individuals are encouraged to be transformed into the image of Christ. The statement was created to provide a single document that addresses all segments of the George Fox community with positive and contemporary language.

The only change from current policy and practice involves the use of alcohol by employees. "As a community that honors Spirit-led diversity among Christians, George Fox University employees and students in non-traditional programs (degree-completion and graduate programs) are given the freedom of Spirit-led conscience in deciding whether to consume alcoholic beverages in moderation when not in the presence of students from traditional undergraduate programs." The longtime community expectations for traditional undergraduate students remain unchanged. The policy went into effect April 19.

## Saying Goodbye

The university has planned several going-away events for President **Dave Brandt** and his wife **Melva**. Following is a listing of planned activities:

- Women employees and the wives of staff and faculty members are invited to a free farewell tea in honor of **Melva** from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, at the Edwards House, located at 402 S. College St. For more information, contact **Ronecca Dockter** (Development) at [rdockter@georgefox.edu](mailto:rdockter@georgefox.edu) or ext. 2116.
- The Brandts will be honored at the Thursday, May 10, employee appreciation dinner (see accompanying story).
- A Boise-area reception is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the Boise Center. It is open to Boise Center employees, alumni, invited guests, and board members. For more information, contact **Chris Young** (Boise Center Office Manager) at [youngc@georgefox.edu](mailto:youngc@georgefox.edu) or call 208-375-3900.
- An open house for community leaders is set from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Edwards House. Local groups, including the Chamber of Commerce, city officials, and the early-bird Rotary group, are invited. Contact **Sharon Pilon** (Development) at [spilon@georgefox.edu](mailto:spilon@georgefox.edu) or ext. 2115 for information.
- A farewell gala will take place at the Governor Hotel in Portland from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 9. Tickets are \$50 per person. All employees and their

spouses are welcome. For more information, contact **Vangie Pattison** (University Relations) at [evpattis@georgefox.edu](mailto:evpattis@georgefox.edu) or ext. 2134. For more information on presidential farewell events, visit [presidentialfarewell.georgefox.edu](http://presidentialfarewell.georgefox.edu).

## Bon Voyage

The university will bid President **Dave Brandt** and his wife **Melva** "bon voyage" at the annual employee appreciation dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10, in the Klages Dining Room. In addition to a farewell toast to the Brandts, the evening will include employee recognition and service awards and a prize drawing. Employees are welcome to bring a spouse or guest, and the event is free of charge. Dress is casual. Reservations are requested by Monday, May 7, and may be completed by e-mailing **Danya Ochsner** (University Relations) at [dochsner@georgefox.edu](mailto:dochsner@georgefox.edu).

## Top of the Class

**Steve Grant** (Health and Human Performance) earned the George Fox Faculty Achievement Award for Undergraduate Teaching, and **Gary Kilburg** (Education) was recipient of the university's graduate teaching award. **Ed Higgins** (Writing/Literature) earned the George Fox Faculty Research Award.

## Willing Servants

Student Life is seeking 30 to 35 faculty, staff, students, and administrators to volunteer for the Serve Day Committee that will plan the Wednesday, Sept. 5, event with student Serve Day coordinator Kayin Griffith. There is also a need for more than 60 team leaders who will lead one of the Serve Day teams on the day itself. Those willing to volunteer as a committee member or team leader should e-mail **Jere Witherspoon** (Student Life) at [jwithers@georgefox.edu](mailto:jwithers@georgefox.edu).

## Holiday Plans

George Fox employees will again receive 12 paid holidays in the 2007-08 academic year. Holidays are as follows: **2007** – Independence Day (Wednesday, July 4); Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 3), for Portland, Salem, Boise, Redmond only; Mid-Semester Holiday (Friday, Oct. 12), for Newberg only; Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22-23); Christmas (Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 24-26); **2008** – New Year's Day (Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1); Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (Monday, Jan. 21); Good Friday (Friday, March 21); Memorial Day (Monday, May 26).

## Ice Cream Social

The annual ice cream social for all Newberg campus employees is set for 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, in the Edwards-Holman Science Center Atrium. The Staff Development Committee, celebrating its 25th year, sponsors the event.

Portland employees will have an ice cream social at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, following a Wellness Challenge potluck that begins at noon in Room 155 A/B. In Newberg that afternoon, a Wellness Challenge potluck begins at noon in Villa Academic Complex's Room 117.

## Welcome Mat

Genesis will draw about 80 incoming freshmen to the Newberg campus on both Thursday and Friday, May 17-18. 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 22-23 and July 13. On Thursday, July 12, transfer students will visit. More information is available at [genesis.georgefox.edu](http://genesis.georgefox.edu).

## Peace at Home

George Fox Evangelical Seminary is co-sponsoring a conference, "Peace Within Thy Walls," that addresses the issue of domestic violence and abuse in Christian families. It begins at 7 p.m. Friday, May 18, and runs 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Cascade College's Johnson Center, 9101 E. Burnside St., in Portland. Presenters include **MaryKate Morse** (Seminary) and adjunct professor **Ron Clark**, author of *Setting the Captives Free: A Christian Theology for Domestic Violence*. For cost and registration information, visit [peaceandsafety.com](http://peaceandsafety.com).

## Fore!

The university will launch an intercollegiate men's golf program in the fall, giving George Fox 15 intercollegiate teams that compete in the Northwest Conference at the Division III level. The Bruins' home course will be Chehalem Glenn Golf Course in Newberg, and the team will play in the fall and spring semesters. The university is seeking an associate head coach for the program. **MaryJo McCloskey**, coach of the university's women's golf team, will serve as intercollegiate golf coordinator for both programs.

## Fitness Hours

The Wheeler Sports Center fitness hours over the summer will be Monday through Friday, 6 to 8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 4 to 7 p.m. The hours are effective April 30 through the first day of classes this fall. The facility will be closed on weekends.

## Kudos for Tilikum

Tilikum's tree logo is among those to be included in author David E. Carter's *The Big Book of Logos 5*, scheduled for a late-2007 release. The book features hundreds of logos from graphic design professionals around the world. Tilikum's logo was designed by Jeff Fisher, a Portland-based graphic designer.

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

**Michele Johnson** (Management) is retiring after teaching at the university for 10 years.

**Trent Smith** (Biology) is leaving the university after five years at George Fox. He is going to Simpson University in Redding, Calif., where he will help begin a biology major.

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Rodger Bufford** (Psychology) wrote an article, "Consecrated Counseling: Reflections on the Distinctives of Christian Counseling," that was reprinted in *Psychology & Christianity Integration: Seminal Works that Shaped the Movement*. He also co-wrote, with **Mark McMinn** (Psychology) and two others, an article, "National Collaborative Research on How Students Learn Integration: Final Report," that was reprinted in the same publication.

**Ben Kulpa** (Student Life) accompanied four students to the Student Congress on Racial Reconciliation at Biola University. The students performed racial reconciliation with students from Fresno Pacific University, Biola University, Westmont College, and Azusa Pacific University. They also were involved in multiple cultural events.

**Mark Hall** (Political Science) was one of the speakers featured at The American Experiment: Religious Freedom Conference held at the Portland Hilton Hotel and University of Portland April 12-14. Mark spoke on "Jeffersonian Walls and Madisonian Lines: The Supreme Court's Use of History in Religion Cause Cases." Among the speakers at the event was U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

**Ginny Birky** and **Marc Shelton** (Education) presented a paper at the American Educational Research Association annual meeting in Chicago April 10. Their research on teacher leadership was supported by a Faculty Development Committee grant to encourage a publication-writing group that includes **Scot Headley** (Education). Marc also participated in a roundtable discussion with Dr. Carolyn Carr from Portland State University and Rob Larson from the Oregon Department of Education to present how administrator preparation programs are leading for social justice in Oregon's schools.

**Doug Campbell** (Visual Art) and **Ed Higgins** (Writing/Literature) had peace-themed poems published on the "Search for Peace Art Events" website. Doug's poems were titled "Rumors of War" and "Upholding;" Ed's were titled "Epistemology" and "Wailing In Baghdad." The poems were earlier part of the 2007 Portland-area peace-related art event featuring artwork and poetry that promotes peace and non-violence. The event is sponsored annually by the St. Andrew and St. Pius X parishes of Portland. Approximately 70 artists from Oregon, California, Washington, and as far away as Mexico and Iraq submitted works.

**Ed Gierok** (Security Services) and two students, Cameron Eberhart and Jordan Schatz, were the first on the scene of a head-on traffic accident in Lafayette April 12. The three administered first aid, directed traffic, prayed with the victims, and coordinated rescue efforts until state police and paramedics arrived.

**Bill Buhrow** (Health and Counseling Services) began his term as president of the board of directors of the Christian Association of Psychological Studies at the organization's annual conference in Philadelphia in late March. CAPS is the nation's largest and oldest nonprofit professional association of Christians in the counseling and behavioral sciences.

**Gary Buhler** (Visual Arts) had two watercolors, "Bisbee Shadow" and "3 Fish," that were selected by juror Michael Southern for inclusion in the landscape show featured at Cannon Beach Gallery in Cannon Beach, Ore., through April 30.

## BIRTHDAYS

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

## CALENDAR

### Monday, April 30

Baseball vs. Cal State East Bay  
Morse Field, 1 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 1

Wellness Challenge Potluck  
Portland Center/Villa Academic Complex, Noon

### Wednesday, May 9

Ice Cream Social  
EHS Atrium, 2 p.m.

### Thursday, May 10

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

### Thursday-Friday, May 17-18

Genesis