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## President's Prologue

February in Oregon usually means little sun and more than enough rain. On the other hand, it's much warmer than Pennsylvania, and I don't have to shovel the rain. The bright spot in February is Valentine's Day with its red and white colors and positive feelings expressed with cards, candy, and flowers.

At George Fox, there's another bright, exciting event in February – homecoming! You will read this just after several hundred of our alumni spent a couple days on the Newberg campus enjoying each other and catching up on what's new at the university. There were meetings of the reunion classes from every 10th year, from 1947 to 1997, and even one member from the class of 1937 – 70 years ago.

For me, one of many special events at homecoming is the Alumni Celebration Lunch, which this year honored six alumni from the classes of '67, '69, '70, '77, '92, and '97. Some of these people I have come to know well during my time at George Fox; some I've met and talked with briefly; and others I didn't know at all until this celebration. Once again, this homecoming I was blown away by these award winners. They are individuals who live out our university mission "to demonstrate the meaning of Jesus Christ" as an integral part of their lives. They extend the university mission around the world and across many years.

These award recipients live and work in China and Brazil, but also in Oregon and Washington. They are self-effacing, and some live so far away that their schedules didn't allow them to be here for our celebration, so they were present through electronic means. Some are involved in vocations we consider ministries, while others are in professions we tend to call secular. In every case, they are effective ministers.

During this celebration, I always wonder what these award recipients will look like 20 to 30 years from now. Will they continue to live our George Fox mission? Will the university that honored them continue to hold high its Christ-centeredness?

In recent weeks, I have had lunch, breakfast, coffee, or exchanged e-mails with alumni from the past five years. There is no question in my mind that we continue to produce graduates who will engage in vocations, not just careers. They continue to have a passion for following Jesus, and they will be the worthy award recipients at homecoming in the future. The ball, as they say, is in our court – to make sure we uphold our mission throughout the university. If we do this, our education will always be of the highest quality, Christ-centered, and entirely relevant – and homecoming will always be special.



## On Founding Fathers

The university will host some of the nation's top church-state scholars for a two-day conference, "Religion in the American Founding," on Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, in the Lemmons Center. Scholars from Stanford, Georgetown, Colgate and several other institutions will present papers on the role of religion in the founding era, and Saturday's session will feature a formal debate between four scholars on the question "Did America have a Christian founding?"

The conference is open to the public Friday, but Saturday's audience is limited to students and faculty. Friday's two sessions, "The Forgotten Founders on Church and State," begin at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sessions Saturday start at 9 a.m. and conclude with the debate from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. For more information, contact **Mark Hall** (Political Science) at ext. 2674.

## Tuition Deadline

Employees who plan to use their tuition remission benefit for the 2007-08 academic year need to submit a Tuition Remission Request Form to Human Resources by Thursday, March 1. The form applies to graduate and undergraduate courses. A separate form is required for each person (employee, spouse, or dependent child) who will be taking classes. To access the form, go to [georgefox.edu/offices/hr](http://georgefox.edu/offices/hr) and click on the link to employee benefits. Refer to the Employee Handbook (Section 4.8, beginning on page 40) for more information about the tuition remission policy. The handbook is also available at the above Web address.

## Health Conscious

The Newberg campus will host a health and benefits fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, in the Cap and Gown Room. Benefit representatives will be available to answer questions, and vendors will offer health and wellness products, services, and demonstrations. The theme of the event is "Live Well, Work Well, Play Well." Benefits consultants will be at the Portland Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 7. For more information, contact **Lisa Burton** (Human Resources) at ext. 2183.

## Open Season

Open enrollment – an annual 30-day window when you can make changes to your current insurance coverage and enroll in a flexible spending account for 2007-08 – began Friday, Feb. 16. Important, detailed information will arrive in your campus mailbox early this week.

## Exploring the Artistic

**Bryan Boyd** (Performing Arts) will speak on the tension between the academic and the artistic and discuss the creative process in theatre at this spring's faculty lecture, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in Hoover 105. He will talk about how his faith ties into his duties as a scenic and lighting designer, the contemplative process involved in creating sets, and the value of theatre at a Christ-centered institution.

## Data Made Easy

A new version of Bruindata is now online. A student tab was added, allowing access to student information in a drop-down listing, and you can now customize your home page by adding or removing certain features such as e-announcements, the weather, quick links, and two games. Bruindata also offers limited integration with the administrative software. For example, employees can view summary budget information, link to frequently used CDD reports, and access purchasing functions.

Also, a link was added to the new university calendar. A resources page with links to university forms and information is being developed as a one-stop source of university information for employees.

## Think Globally

Larry Martin, senior vice president of education for the International Justice Mission, will speak in chapel Monday, Feb. 19, as part of the university's Global Issues Forum. The International Justice Mission intervenes on behalf of victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery, and oppression. After chapel, Larry will participate in a talkback session at noon in the Cap and Gown Room. The forum concludes with a panel discussion at 7:30 p.m. that night in Hoover 105. Members of the panel will include former university employee Marta Sears and her husband Andy, volunteers with International Justice Mission; Matt Gerber, CEO of TeamWorks International and a recent George Fox graduate; and Mark Klink, director of mobilization for the Food for the Hungry International organization.

## Trauma Training

The Graduate Department of Counseling will host a disaster trauma workshop for mental health professionals and those interested in learning to provide crisis intervention from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, at the Portland Center. The workshop will feature Dr. Charles Figley, director of the Florida State University Traumatology Institute

and author of book chapters, books and more than 100 articles on traumatology, and Kathleen Figley, a certified field traumatologist who has responded to more than 30 disasters worldwide. Online registration is closed; however, space still may be available. Contact **Janelle Freitag** (Counseling) at [freitag@georgefox.edu](mailto:freitag@georgefox.edu) to find out if space is available.

## Learn at Lunch

**Dwight Kimberly** (Biology) will speak on “The First Day of Class: Setting Expectations for Learning” at a faculty teaching forum at 12:40 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Cap and Gown Room. The forum, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, is part of a series of interactive sessions that focus on instructional design, technology use, and other teaching topics. To reserve a free lunch, R.S.V.P. to **Jere Witherspoon** (Student Life) at [jwitherspoon@georgefox.edu](mailto:jwitherspoon@georgefox.edu) by noon on Feb. 20. Those who don’t reserve a lunch are welcome to attend but must bring their own meal.

## Fragile Display

The exhibit “BLEND: Kiln-formed Glass Works” will be on display in the Minthorne Gallery Feb. 22 through March 16. The show, featuring the glassworks of Mel George, Deborah Horrell, and Jeremy Lepisto, begins with an opening reception from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22. George and Lepisto own and operate Studio Ramp, a kiln-glass studio in Portland. Horrell is a Portland-based glass artist. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Retirement Tips

Employees and spouses are welcome to a financial planning session Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Cap and Gown Room. The session will explore retirement planning objectives and charitable options and include an explanation of how the TIAA-CREF plan works. **Al Zimmerman** (Planned Giving) and Mal Moran, a representative of TIAA-CREF, will present the free workshop at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Register by writing Al at [azimmerman@georgefox.edu](mailto:azimmerman@georgefox.edu). E-mail Al or call him at ext. 2106 for more information.

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Sue Newell** (Social Work) traveled to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Feb. 7-18, to develop a partnership project with the South American Bolivia overseas study program, overseen by **Ron** (Religious Studies) and **Carolyn Stansell**. The project gives social work students an opportunity for an international practicum placement. The social work program currently has its first student in Bolivia completing an internship with El Jordan, an agency serving the needs of children living on the streets.

**Lisa McMinn** (Sociology) presented a series of three chapel talks at Fresno Pacific University Feb. 7-9. Lisa’s topics were “Sexuality: A Holy Longing,” “Single Yet Sexual,” and “Community, Sex, Grace and Truth.”

**Karen Straube** (Library) published three interviews on the online games site Heaven-Games after conducting the interviews at the Microsoft Games for Windows Live launch event in San Francisco Jan. 23. She spoke with Chee Chew, general manager of Xbox Live for Windows; Jorgen Tharaldsen, product

director at Funcom; and Chris Taylor, CEO and creative director of Gas Powered Games.

**Michael Tomlin** (Management) was reappointed to the Idaho Humanities Council by newly elected Idaho Gov. C.L. Butch Otter. Mike just completed a four-year term on the council. He serves on the council’s executive board, providing leadership to the statewide awarding and distribution of grants to further the humanities in Idaho.

**Ed Higgins** (Writing/Literature) published the poems “Jennifer,” “Edible Truth,” “as i was looking back,” and “the heart as a small dog” in the online literary magazine *Poetry Super Highway* in January. Also, Ed’s “They Came From The Sky” appeared in the February issue of *Between Kisses*, another online literary magazine, and his “Where do words go in this silence between us?” appeared the same month in *Literary Chaos: An Online Journal of Experimental Fiction and Poetry*.

**Matt Meyer** (Cinema and Media Communication) wrote a short script, *The Resurrection of Fluff-Fluff*, that was named the best in its category by the Broadcast Educators Association. He is invited to receive an award for the piece at the BEA’s annual convention in April in Las Vegas. The story was written as a project for the Camera & Lighting class last term and stars **Tim Timmerman** (Visual Arts) and **Jere Witherspoon** (Student Life) in the lead roles. Also, one of Meyer’s scriptwriting students, Andrew Reese, won first place for his feature-length script *1996*.

**Michelle Cox** (Counseling) contributed to a state-sponsored research project about outdoor recreation in Oregon. The survey will assess the effects on outdoor recreation of two related trends – Baby Boomers moving into retirement and migration to and within Oregon.

## IN THE NEWS

**Paul Anderson’s** (Religious Studies) book, *The Fourth Gospel and the Quest for Jesus: Modern Foundations Reconsidered*, was referenced in an Associated Press article that appeared in various newspapers across the country. The article discussed how moderate and conservative experts are responding to the debate about the reliability of the four New Testament Gospels.

**Bryan Boyd** (Performing Arts) was featured in an *Oregonian* article that appeared in the paper’s Southwest Weekly section on Feb. 15. The article discussed Boyd’s creative process and his passion for theatre.

## IN THE FAMILY

From **Eloise Hockett** (Education): “I would like to thank the George Fox community for the cards and flowers which were sent in remembrance of the passing of my stepfather, Wayne Piersall. They were all very much appreciated.”

## BIRTHDAYS

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| <b>Feb. 19</b> | Jere Witherspoon<br>Susan Corbett-Furgal<br>Michelle Welton |
| <b>Feb. 20</b> | Scot Headley<br>Nikki Martin                                |
| <b>Feb. 22</b> | Mark Hall   |
| <b>Feb. 23</b> | Mark Weinert  |
| <b>Feb. 24</b> | Corey Beals   |

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| <b>Feb. 25</b> | Brian McLaughlin  |
| <b>Feb. 26</b> | Lindsey Dickinson |
| <b>Feb. 28</b> | Andrea Crenshaw   |
| <b>Feb. 29</b> | Bedford Holmes    |
| <b>March 2</b> | Gary Kilburg      |
| <b>March 3</b> | Rhett Luedtke     |

## CALENDAR

### Monday, Feb. 19

Newberg Chapel  
Global Issues Forum, Larry Martin,  
International Justice Mission, 10:40 a.m.

Global Issues Forum  
Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, Feb. 20

Faculty Lunch, Noon

### Wednesday, Feb. 21

Newberg Chapel  
Dwight Robertson, President of  
Kingdom Building Ministries, 10:40 a.m.

Evening Chapel  
Dwight Robertson, Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Feb. 22

Baseball vs. Corban College  
Morse Field, 2 p.m.

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

Art Reception: BLEND  
Minthorne Gallery, 4 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 23

Health and Benefits Fair  
Cap and Gown Room, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Baseball vs. UBC  
Morse Field, 2 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 24

Kaleo Conference  
Bauman Auditorium, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Baseball vs. Concordia-Portland  
Morse Field, 2 p.m.

Men’s Tennis vs. Whitman  
GFU Tennis Courts, 2 p.m.

### Sunday, Feb. 25

Baseball vs. TBA  
Morse Field, TBA

Men’s Tennis vs. Whitworth  
GFU Tennis Courts, 10 a.m.

### Monday, Feb. 26

Newberg Chapel  
David Brandt, 10:40 a.m.

Evening Chapel  
Steve Sherwood and Tom Johnson  
Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, Feb. 27

All-Employee Lunch, Noon

### Wednesday, Feb. 28

Newberg Chapel  
Bob Ekblad, Executive Director, Tierra  
Nueva and the People’s Seminary, 10:40 a.m.

Evening Chapel  
Bob Ekblad, Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, March 1

Theatre Games  
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, March 2

Faculty Sharing  
Hoover 105, 10:30 a.m.

“Religion in the American Founding”  
Lemmons Center, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Women’s Tennis vs. Linfield  
GFU Tennis Courts, 2:30 p.m.

### Saturday, March 3

“Religion in the American Founding”  
Lemmons Center, 9 a.m.

Women’s Tennis vs. Pacific  
GFU Tennis Courts, 11 a.m.

### Sunday, March 4

Women’s Golf  
GFU Invite, Chehalem Glenn CC, 9 a.m.