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President's Prologue

I recently joined about 60 college and university presidents at the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities. I enjoy this meeting because it reminds me how wide the spectrum of independent schools is. Membership includes large schools (Baylor, Brigham Young, and Pepperdine), single-purpose institutions (mostly small with little visibility), small secular schools, and schools like George Fox, Wheaton, Seattle Pacific, and Gordon. We spend about three days hearing speakers with national visibility, talking formally with each other, and engaging in informal conversation over meals and in hallways.

I found two sessions at this year's meeting particularly valuable. For more than two hours, we had a question-and-answer session with former Harvard president Larry Summers, who made news last year when he was asked to step down from his position. He made it clear that he would answer any question we asked. It's not often that 60 presidents, mostly from schools without national prominence, have the opportunity to converse with a recent president of Harvard. The questions posed covered topics like board relations, why people give so much money to Harvard, endowment management, globalization, how presidents can bring change to a university, undergraduate education, how to maintain oneself amid turmoil, and what went wrong for him at Harvard.

Being present in the room with so much intense interaction of high quality was a treat. I won't share all that happened, but will pass on a few items. In asking people for more money for Harvard, Summers told us that the case is not about *need* – it's about *opportunity*. He told us that one of his greatest accomplishments was to re-engineer traditional undergraduate education at Harvard. This is a point on which we are far ahead of his institution. We are already doing many of the things Summers changed at Harvard. He also told us that there is still a lot of money for the rest of us because Harvard's donors give Harvard only 11 percent of the money they give away.

We also heard from Tom Corts, a member of the rule-making committee that is advising the Department of Education on implementing the new Higher Education Act in Washington. The news he relayed is quite sobering. Many legislators would like to stop giving any kind of federal aid to institutions like George Fox that hire only Christians. There are strong lobbying efforts being made by several groups (including AAPICU) to keep this exemption in place without losing federal funds, but the climate is not in our favor. While it will be some time before such drastic changes occur, that time may be shorter than we think.

I share this to let you what I learn at meetings and to remind you we have many reasons to keep George Fox University in our prayers. Let us also always understand our mission clearly and carry it out with distinction.



Trustees Arrive

The university's board of trustees will meet on the Newberg campus Friday and Saturday, March 9-10. The primary agenda item will be the presidential search and transition, which will be discussed mainly in executive session. Other agenda items include approval of the working budget for 2007-08, approval of faculty promotion and tenure recommendations, and discussion of the university lifestyle statement.

Church Relations

"They Like Jesus, But Not the Church" is the topic of this year's Ministry in Contemporary Culture Seminar, scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, March 14, at the Portland Center. The event, hosted by George Fox Evangelical Seminary, features Dan Kimball, an adjunct member of the seminary, pastor of Vintage Faith Church in Santa Cruz, Calif., and author of the book *They Like Jesus, But Not the Church*.

Kimball will discuss what churches are doing to respond to an emerging generation that distrusts the church. Online registration is available at seminars.georgefox.edu through March 12. The cost is \$20 for employees. An optional lunch is available for an additional \$10.

Creative Process

Bryan Boyd (Performing Arts) will present a faculty lecture, "Unprogrammed: Using Quaker worship in design and teaching," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in Hoover 105. He will speak on the tension between the academic and the artistic and discuss the creative process in theatre.

Open Wide

Employees interested in signing up for the university's new group dental plan should do so before the open enrollment period ends Thursday, March 15. The plan, which takes effect July 1, is through the Pioneer Educators Health Trust. George Fox will pay 50 percent of the employee-only premium, and the plan's premiums are lower than those currently offered through Companion Life. The university's monthly contribution will make dental insurance more affordable for those who have not elected this coverage before. Contact **Lisa Burton** (Human Resources) at ext. 2183 for more information.

Sexual Wholeness

Campus Ministries is hosting Sexual Wholeness Week on the Newberg campus March 12-14. Guest speakers include J.R. Mahon of XXXChurch.com, a website with resources for individuals who strug-

gle with pornography, and Nicole Braddock Bromley, founder and CEO of OneVoice Enterprises, an organization dedicated to advocating for victims of sexual abuse. Mahon and Braddock Bromley will speak in chapel services Monday and Wednesday, respectively, and host 7:30 p.m. sessions in Hoover 105 on those respective evenings. On Tuesday, **Lisa McMinn** (Sociology) and **Mark McMinn** (Psychology) will speak on dating and preparing for marriage at 7:30 p.m. in Hoover 105.

Bauman Bash

Canadian group Starfield, singer-songwriter Phil Wickham, and modern-rock worship band Daydreamer will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, in Bauman Auditorium. Tickets cost \$8 in advance and \$12 at the door and may be purchased by visiting itickets.com/events/166149.html or calling 1-800-965-9324. Tickets also are on sale in the University Store.

Free Concerts

The university will host two concerts in Bauman Auditorium next week. On Thursday, March 15, **Pat Vandehey** (Performing Arts) will conduct the Symphonic Band and Jazz Band in a Winter Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. Two nights later, the university's Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Men's Chorale, and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform a Winter Choral Concert under the direction of **Loren Wenz** (Performing Arts) at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 17. Both concerts are free and open to the public.

Park and Fly

The university has negotiated with Airpark a \$7-per-day corporate rate for Portland International Airport parking. To get this rate, show either your George Fox ID card or a business card at the time of payment and mention that the university has a VIP corporate account. You also can get a frequent parking card that allows you, after 30 days of parking, to receive the next seven days free. Airpark offers free shuttle service, and parking is in a secured area with 24-hour surveillance. The lot is located at 6935 N.E. 82nd Ave. Contact **Karon Bell** (Financial Affairs) at ext. 2162 for more information.

District Honors

Office of Marketing and Communications earned four awards in the 2007 Council for the Advancement and Support of Education's District VIII competition. The university claimed two silver medals – for the *Journal* feature "Biggs!" in the writing

category and for its *President's Report* in the publications class. George Fox also won two bronze awards, for its *President's Report* in the visual design category and for golf materials submitted in the publications competition. This year's awards ceremony took place in Boise, Idaho, Feb. 23.

What Next in Iraq?

The university's Center for Peace and Justice and the Yamhill Valley Peacemakers are cosponsoring a panel and small-group discussion on "What is the 'Way Forward' in Iraq?" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in Room 117 at the Villa Academic Complex (former Newberg Hospital). Among the panelists is Matt Chandler, a 2003 alumnus who has spent time working in Iraq with Christian Peacemaker Teams.

Praying Parents

Parents of George Fox students will be on the Newberg campus for the eighth annual "Parents Day of Prayer" on Saturday, March 17. The visitors will gather from 9 a.m. to noon in Kershner Lecture Hall to worship corporately and organize self-guided prayer walks. Prayer groups also will meet in 13 locations in five states to pray.

Library Lesson

Merrill Johnson, Janis Tyhurst, and Alex Rolfe (Library) will present "Digital Library Resources and Services" at a faculty teaching forum from 12:40 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in the Executive Dining Room. The session will discuss how digital resources are impacting research and learning at the university.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



Marketing and Communications hired **Robin Halverson** as its marketing coordinator. In 1990, she founded Ethix Risk Management, a subsidiary of Ethix Corp., a Northwest-based managed healthcare company. Robin served as vice president of ERM until 1996, when Gordian Health Solutions of Nashville, Tenn., acquired the company. She remained with the business as Northwest regional director until 1998. Since then, she's been a full-time mom and active volunteer in her church and community. She earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Springfield College in Springfield, Mass., in 1979. Robin lives in West Linn with husband Erik and children Paul and Christie. The family attends Willamette Christian Church of West Linn.



Andrea Heath joined admissions as an event coordinator in February. She has been a barista for the Starbucks Coffee Company since 2005 and also worked as a receptionist at Alliance Door Products in Wilsonville last year. Previously, she was an administrative assistant in the advancement center at Trinity Western University in British Columbia from 2002 to 2004. She will complete a bachelor's degree in Bible and theology from Multnomah Bible College in Portland this spring. She lives in Portland with her husband Micah. The couple attends Mosaic Alliance Church in Portland.

Lora Froescher (Admissions) left George Fox in February to be a stay-at-home mom.

Christina Linder (Boise Center Director) left George Fox March 2 to take a position in charge of certification with Idaho's State Department of Education.

Karen Straube (Library) left the university Feb. 28 to take a position with the Longview Public Library as a technical services librarian and system administrator.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Karen Hostetter (Health and Human Performance) traveled with several athletic training students who presented and facilitated practice of injury assessment skills at the third annual High School Sports Medicine Field Day, held in conjunction with the high school state wrestling finals Feb. 17 at the Salem Armory.

Reid Kisling (Registrar) was a speaker at the annual Newberg First Baptist Church men's retreat at Twin Rocks Jan. 19-21. Reid's topic was authentic Christian leadership.

Chuck Conniry (Seminary) wrote an article, "Discernment: Corporate and Individual Considerations," that appeared in the latest issue of *Quaker Religious Thought*.

Terry Huffman (EDFL) presented a paper, "The Transition to College, Assessment of College Courses, and the Evaluation of the Impact of College on an Appreciation of Native Heritage among Northern Plains Indian Students," at the annual meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences in Las Vegas in February. He also worked with Ron Ferguson of Ridgewater College in Minnesota to write an article, "Factors Related to the Evaluation of the College Experience among Native American Upperclassmen," that was accepted for publication in the journal *Great Plains Research*.

Melanie Springer Mock's (Writing/Literature) essay, "Dropping the Sanctimony," was published in the Feb. 28 edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The article is available at chronicle.com/jobs/news/2007/02/2007022801c/careers.html.

IN THE NEWS

John Bowman (Performing Arts) was quoted in a Feb. 17 *Oregonian* story about the hymn *Amazing Grace* and its tie to the British abolition of slavery 200 years ago.

Lon Fendall (Center for Peace and Justice/Center for Global Studies) was quoted in a Feb. 24 *Oregonian* story about William Wilberforce, the Englishman who led the effort to abolish the slave trade in Britain in the late 18th century.

BIRTHDAYS

March 5 Patsy Engle
March 7 Meghan Rutledge
 March 9 Elizabeth Holme
 James Oshiro
March 10 Kendra Irons
 Dale Seipp
 Lindsey Wallgren
March 12 Brent Weaver
March 13 Carol Brazo
 Karen Buchanan
 Joel Hoffman
March 14 Piper Parks
March 15 Caitlin Corning

March 17 Bryan Boyd
 Katsu Ozawa
March 18 Mark Carlton

CALENDAR

Monday, March 5

Newberg Chapel
 Faculty Journeys, 10:40 a.m.

Tuesday, March 6

Faculty Lunch, Noon
 Faculty Lecture
 "Unprogrammed: Using Quaker worship in design and teaching"
 Bryan Boyd, Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 8

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

Friday, March 9

Board of Trustees Meeting
 Newberg Campus
 Men's Tennis vs. Willamette
 GFU Tennis Courts, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

Board of Trustees Meeting
 Newberg Campus
 Women's Tennis vs. Pacific Lutheran
 GFU Tennis Courts, 10 a.m.
 Baseball vs. Whitman (2)
 Morse Field, 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 11

Baseball vs. Whitman
 Morse Field, Noon
 Softball vs. OIT (2)
 Morse Field, Noon

Monday, March 12

Newberg Chapel
 J.R. Mahon, XXXChurch.com, 10:40 a.m.
 Evening Chapel
 J.R. Mahon, Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

Faculty Lunch, Noon
 Evening Chapel
 Mark and Lisa McMinn, Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14

Newberg Chapel
 Nicole Braddock Bromley, 10:40 a.m.
 Evening Chapel
 Nicole Braddock Bromley, Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.
 Starfield, Phil Wickham, Daydream Concert
 Bauman Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 15

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

Friday, March 16

Faculty Business Meeting
 Hoover 105, 10:40 a.m.
 Women's Tennis vs. Puget Sound
 GFU Tennis Courts, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 17

Parents Day of Prayer
 Kershner Lecture Hall, 9 a.m.-Noon
 Men's Tennis vs. Treasure Valley
 GFU Tennis Courts, 10 a.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Treasure Valley
 GFU Tennis Courts, 10 a.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Puget Sound
 GFU Tennis Courts, 2:30 p.m.

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

Winter Choral Concert
 Bauman Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 18

Softball vs. Lewis & Clark (2)
 Morse Field, Noon
 Men's Tennis vs. Lewis & Clark
 GFU Tennis Courts, Noon