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The Path to Friendship

The Road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with eager feet,
Until it joins some larger way
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say.
– Bilbo Baggins in J.R.R. Tolkien’s The Fellowship of the Ring

In 1976, I stepped out of the door of my parents’ home in Flagstaff, Ariz., and took the road that first led to college and then to “where many paths and errands meet,” to use the words of Bilbo Baggins. Each of us have been on journeys, and it is on the roads of our travels that we meet fellow travelers – friends – that in a real sense make this life worth living. George Fox University is one of those places along the road where many of us have met people who turned into lifelong friends. We have gained mentors. Others have spoken into our lives for perhaps just a moment of time – but a meaningful moment.

The George Fox Journal tries to connect you to people whose journeys have intersected with the university. In this particular issue you will meet board member Ken Austin, who, after eight years of knowing him, has become both a friend and a mentor. I met Ken when I was provost, but our interactions didn’t get far beyond “hello.” It was after I became president that he volunteered to introduce me to a broader network of business and community leaders in Newberg and Portland. He was my sponsor in Rotary. He and his wife Joan were generous beyond measure to many causes in Oregon – Oregon State University, George Fox University, Head Start, Newberg Public Schools and many others. Never pretentious, the Austins were just plain “country folks,” as Ken likes to say. Together, they extended hands of friendship to me and my wife Ruth.

Over time, my relationship with Ken moved from one of casual conversations and occasional dinners to genuine friendship. We meet at least monthly for breakfast – almost always at J’s restaurant in Newberg. We certainly talk about business and the college, but our deeper conversations are about life and the work of Christ in this world.

Two passages in the Bible come to mind when I think of friendship. First, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10: “Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.” Second, Proverbs 27:17: “As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” During the past eight years Ken has listened carefully, provided careful and critical advice, and been a constant source of support and guidance. He is a true friend.

After the death of his beloved wife, Ken and I often talked together of legacy: What would you like to leave on this earth that would help remind people of what is at the core of your being? This summer Ken made a decision about one of the things that is really important to him. He wanted to create a unique space where people can come together and meet Christ, deepen their friendships and develop new relationships that will lead to a more significant life. It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that the former home of Ken and Joan Austin and its adjacent property on Parrett Mountain will become Hy Vista Retreat Center – a ministry of George Fox University!

C.S. Lewis once wrote, “Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art. ... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.” May this Journal remind you of those people whom you met on the road at George Fox University.

Robin Baker
President
University, Bob’s Red Mill Team Up to Promote Nutrition Awareness

The university and Bob’s Red Mill launched a “Nutrition Matters” initiative this fall that will educate George Fox students on the importance of making healthy choices.

A generous grant from Bob and Charlee Moore, founders of Bob’s Red Mill, will be given over four years and will fund improvements to the university’s Lifelong Fitness course, taken by all freshmen; promotion of nutrition awareness in the school’s cafeteria; and the creation of a science-based nutrition curriculum for students in the university’s health profession majors.

“It is our goal to be – and to be known as – the premier university for health in the U.S., both in terms of the academic preparation of healthcare professionals and in outcomes of good health for our students,” George Fox President Robin Baker said. “This grant allows us to develop a multi-faceted approach to inform the entire campus community on the benefits of good nutrition.”
Student Earns Dream Job Before Graduation

“Growing up, it was my dream to work at Microsoft,” says Arturo Lucatero, a senior computer science major at George Fox. But never did he imagine that job offer would come the summer prior to his final year of college.

Next May, after graduation, Lucatero is set to begin work as a program manager at the company’s world headquarters in Redmond, Wash. His duties will include designing consumer products and ensuring that user-friendly experiences are being delivered. “One of my favorite parts of my job is that I become the face of the customer,” he says.

But Lucatero didn’t just fall into this career – he pursued it, earning highly competitive summer internships, first at Intel and then the past two summers at Microsoft, which provided the right connections to land the job. For Lucatero, who moved to Oregon from Mexico while a junior in high school, a new career at one of the world’s most recognizable companies is a far cry from his original plan. “Initially, my plan was to keep working at my Burgerville job and attend Portland Community College,” he says. But then a school counselor advised him to look into Act Six, a program that provides full scholarships to emerging urban and community leaders. He applied, was accepted, and Burgerville’s loss turned into Microsoft’s – and George Fox’s – gain.

“Fox helped me understand what it was I wanted to do,” he says. “The other part was the curriculum. I was able to apply what I was learning in the work environment.”

His advice for fellow students looking to land their own dream job? “Start early,” he answers without hesitation. “When I got to Fox, the first thing I decided to do was to find out what it would take to get that Microsoft internship. . . . [Now] I have a good job and am excited for this next phase of my life.”

Love of Space Lands NASA Scholarships for Two Students

Caitlin King’s lifelong love of space was rewarded this fall in the form of a prestigious $8,000 NASA scholarship from the Oregon Space Grant Consortium. The George Fox junior mechanical engineering major was one of only 15 students in the state to receive the award for the 2014-15 academic year.

It marked the second straight year a George Fox student earned the scholarship. In 2013-14, Keiko Fujii (pictured left), a junior computer science major, won a $5,000 award from the consortium. To earn the scholarships, King and Fujii wrote essays explaining how the money would help with their educational goals and, in turn, how those educational goals would prepare them for careers that ultimately benefit the NASA community.

King is considering a career in aerospace engineering. “I enjoy the challenge of building things as a solution to a given problem – the creative side of engineering,” she says. Fujii hopes to couple her computer science degree with her favorite hobby, photography, by helping develop a solution to the challenge of getting high-quality pictures from space. “There tends to be a lot of noise in the photos, particularly when taking long-exposure shots,” she says. “I’d love to help come up with a solution to that problem.”
University Receives Accolades for Value, Study Abroad Participation

The university received high marks this summer from several national publications, touting the value of a George Fox education and the availability of study abroad opportunities.

Money magazine ranked George Fox as the top Christian college in Oregon in its “Best Colleges for your Money” issue, based on “educational quality, affordability, and career outcomes.” Likewise, Washington Monthly placed the school ahead of all other Christian universities in the Northwest in its “Best Bang for the Buck” rankings, which, in part, took into account student loan default and graduation rates.

More recognition came from U.S. News & World Report, which named George Fox one of “America’s Best Colleges” for the 25th consecutive year. Most notably, the university was ranked No. 53 out of 1,800 schools for study abroad participation, thanks to a variety of overseas service opportunities, a Semester Abroad program, and the always-popular Juniors Abroad, in which students participate in three-week, faculty-led excursions to locations around the globe.

On the lighter side of the rankings spectrum, College Prowler.com named George Fox the “Tamest Party Scene” among schools in Oregon, a distinction sure to play well with Bruin parents.

Master of Social Work Program Set to Launch

The university is now accepting applications to its new Master of Social Work (MSW) program, set to begin classes in the fall of 2015. Once launched, George Fox will be the state’s only faith-based college or university with an MSW program and one of only three institutions in the state to offer the degree.

The MSW is a 60-credit-hour, two-year program. Students who already have a bachelor’s degree in social work from George Fox or another program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education can apply for admission to an advanced standing program that enables full-time students to complete the MSW in 10 months.

“An important piece of our mission is that our students serve with passion, and this degree aligns with that mission,” says program director Cliff Rosenbohm. “We stress the integration of Christian faith and the highest standards of social work scholarship and professional practice, with the goal of training leaders to be professionally prepared and globally engaged.”
**IN PRINT**

**Brian Doak** (Christian studies) published the book *Consider Leviathan: Narratives of Nature and the Self in Job* (Fortress Press), released in November. The book explores the biblical text at the intersection of anthropology, theology and ecology, opening up new possibilities for charting the view of nature in the Hebrew Bible.

**Kevin T. Jones** (communication arts) in October published an article, “At-Risk Students and Communication Skill Deficiencies: A Preliminary Study,” in the *International Journal of Education and Human Development*. The article presents his findings of a yearlong study of at-risk high school students tested for communication skill deficiencies.

**R. Anderson Campbell’s** (Christian studies) book, *Faith, Father Factor: American Christian Men on Fatherhood and Faith*, was published in October. The collection of essays, edited by Campbell, explores the intersection between faith and fatherhood. Included are contributions from George Fox faculty and staff.


**Paul Anderson** (Christian studies) wrote the forward and coedited the rerelease of Rudolf Bultmann’s book *The Gospel of John: A Commentary* (Wipf and Stock), released in August, which he describes as “a provocative commentary that is arguably the most important New Testament monograph in the 20th century.” He also coedited and contributed to the book *Communities in Dispute: Current Scholarship on the Johannine Epistles* (SBL Press), released in November, a collection of essays that draws together the best work of an international constellation of Johannine experts.

**Roger Newell** (Christian studies) contributed the essay “Instead of Sentimental Exegesis: The Significance of Suffering for Christ and his Church” to the book *Reconsidering the Relationship between Biblical and Systematic Theology in the New Testament* (Mohr Siebeck), published in November. The collection of essays is a Festschrift honoring his former teacher, Dr. Robert Gundry of Westmont College.


**Yune Tran** (education) in October contributed an article to the journal *Multicultural Education Review* titled “Professional Development and Teacher Efficacy: Contexts of What, When and How in Serving ELLs.”

**John Natzke** (engineering) and 2014 engineering graduate Andrew Janzen coauthored “Magnetic Battery Feasibility Study Using Flux Switching Topology,” which appeared in the July issue of *IEEE Transactions on Magnetics*.

**Ed Higgins’** (English) poem “Too many leaves” appeared in the fall 2014 issue of *The Greensilk Journal*.

**Dana Bates’** (physical therapy) article, “Perceptions from Graduates of Professional Athletic Training Programs Involved in Peer-assisted Learning,” appeared in a recent issue of the *Athletic Training Education Journal*.


**Kevin T. Jones** (communication arts) was recently invited to serve as a member of the Board of the Christianity and Communication Studies Network (CCSN). As a board member, Kevin will be responsible for peer review CCSN publications, including book reviews, short- and long-form essays, and short case studies and think pieces.

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**RECENT RECOGNITION**

**Tim Timmerman** (art) is currently exhibiting 20 pieces of artwork in the Portland International Airport. He also had 12 sculptures featured at Guardino Gallery in Portland in September. In October, he curated the exhibit “Contesseration” at Oregon State University’s Memorial Union Gallery, which included 12 of his paintings. Beginning in January 2015, he will have 14 paintings featured at the Rogers Gallery at Willamette University.
Rebecca Hernandez loves to learn new things.

“My hobby is starting hobbies,” she says. Hernandez, who joined the university in June as associate vice president of intercultural engagement and faculty development, has tried her hand at all manner of activities – but the result is usually the same. “I buy all the stuff to do it like I’m going to be real gung ho, and then I do it once. Do you know how expensive card-making is?” she says, laughing. “It turns out it’s really boring.”

Hernandez may not have much patience for arts and crafts, but she’s fiercely dedicated to her lifelong work of bringing people of different colors, cultures and backgrounds together.

“My passion is to create safe and just spaces so that others can reach their full potential,” she says. And with an undergraduate student population at George Fox that is nearly 30 percent non-White or ethnic minorities – more diverse, by comparison, than the city of Portland – Hernandez has found the perfect place to ply her passion.

Recently Hernandez sat down with the Journal to discuss her unique perspective on cultural diversity, her new position and the importance of embracing our differences.

Talk a little bit about the scope of your position.

My work is in intercultural development, both for faculty and for the institution as a whole. Intercultural development is really about helping faculty to create inclusive classrooms, to help them develop their own skill sets around engaging difference, and to understand how that fits into God’s call for all of us.

My passion is to help people do their very best; to teach, train, support and collaborate with all of our students, faculty, staff and our president to create something more. To create what we really envision as God’s best; God’s best diversity, God’s best people. My work is part of that, to come alongside and to bring my expertise, which is something that I’ve studied and that I’ve worked hard at – to really share that with people. And then to also help by holding up a mirror to us. And that’s not always a popular thing, but that’s what I do.

What in your life has influenced your perspective on cultural diversity?

I grew up in a predominantly Mexican-American community, and we worked in the fields in the summer – we were called “settled-out” migrant workers, and that meant we would stay in one place and work at certain times of the year. As a kid, everybody looked forward to summer break – but I hated summer break because it meant we were going to work all summer in the field. I learned a lot about issues of justice and issues of healthcare access working in the fields.

I remember as a kid, it was toward the end of the summer and I was really excited because we were going back to school, but a little girl next to me was sad. She said, ‘I don’t get to go back to school.’ Her family was going on to the next picking, which was in California. I was shocked. And that’s when I felt that difference of what it means to have a home base. Later, my parents decided to become factory workers because they knew we needed an education. And I think now, what an amazing foresight and sacrifice that my parents made to do that.

What’s the biggest challenge we face as a university in embracing our differences?

I think the biggest challenge we face is moving out of our own comfort zone and examining our own self and our own beliefs. One of the biggest strategies that the enemy uses to separate us is not to talk about hard things. So we don’t talk about race, we don’t talk about ethnicity, we don’t talk about discrimination. We do this thing where we say, ‘I don’t see color.’

The problem with that is, then you don’t see me, then you don’t see the fullness of who I am. I think the enemy uses that – our fear of talking about hard things – to separate us. It’s when we can really talk about the hard things that we then grow.

What’s the most life-giving aspect of what you do?

I think my biggest reward out of all of this is seeing students become who God intends them to be – or at least to start down that path. When they work out their own ethnic identity and explore, they see that the thing they’ve always seen as a negative, that the world has told them is wrong with them, is actually God’s gift. It’s how God created them, and that creation is a good thing. God looked at that creation and said, it is good. He looked at me, as a person of color, as a woman, at this moment, in this place, in this time, and said, it is good. Now that’s a cool thing. So helping people to see that and experience that, and then to move forward as they pass that gift on to other people is a big deal. That’s my life’s work, and that is what rewards me every day.

Big picture, what are your hopes for George Fox?

This is a good place. I think there’s a good heart here, a good desire to embrace diversity. If you don’t do the work in your own heart, the rest doesn’t matter – it’s just window dressing. I believe we’re past that at George Fox. What’s next is figuring out how do we systematize change, how do we hold each other accountable to that change? That’s going to be the struggle, because we’re growing fast. We want to do this, we want to do that. How do you prioritize this in a way that isn’t a check-off on a list somewhere that we just want to get done and move on. It doesn’t work that way. This is lifelong work.
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Austin, pictured here at his home church, Joyful Servant Lutheran in Newberg, has been a member of the George Fox Board of Trustees since 1982.
Local boy makes good
Long before Austin became a well-known entrepreneur, engineer and philanthropist, the only people who knew his name lived in the city of Newberg. Business-minded from an early age, young Kenny Austin could often be found selling green beans and tomatoes at a roadside stand near his family’s farm.

He learned honesty from his parents – like the time his mom found out he held his finger down on the scale and shorted a customer the full weight of her beans. “She told my mom,” Austin recalls, laughing and slapping his hands together to simulate the sound of a firm spanking. “I never did that again.”

He also learned generosity on the family farm. “I asked my dad why he took milk down to the neighbor, and he said, ‘We have more milk than we can drink, so we can share it with our neighbor who has no cow.’”

Those examples of integrity and generosity would stick with him throughout his adult life, and are evident in everything A-dec does today. “You build a business to give, not to get,” he says.

Austin would go off to college at Oregon State to get a degree in engineering. Then, back in Newberg, he started dating a young woman by the name of Joan Zemke who had a heart for animals and was at first more interested in opening a pet shelter in town than getting married. ‘I’m the lucky dog that she put in her pet shelter first,’ he says with a big smile.

They got married in 1953, and not long after he began a three-year stint in the military as an Air Force pilot. But five years and six jobs later, then living in Colorado, Austin was still finding his way. After being fired from his last job, he had been offered a temporary position as a draftsman, and recalls going on a picnic with Joan and their two young children to celebrate the end of two weeks of unemployment. Joan asked if he would be happy at this new job. ‘No, not really,’ was his reply. ‘Is there anything you would like to do?’ she responded.

“When I said I had an idea for a product, she immediately said, ‘I’ll help you no matter what it takes – even if we have to live on bread and beans,’ he recalls. ‘That was on a Sunday afternoon, and Sunday night I started sketching out an oral evacuator.”

Little did Austin know that his invention would become the world’s first successful air-powered saliva ejector – the dental vacuum so commonplace today – and revolutionize modern dentistry. The next day he began machining a prototype, and within months he had moved back to Newberg to start the Austin Dental Equipment Company – later shortened to A-dec.

“I started dreaming,” he says of that first conversation with Joan. “You dream, you design, you draw, and then you do it. … And as I’ve grown older I realize that wasn’t my idea. That was the chief engineer in the sky who was guiding me, saying this is a better way, try this.”

Success and struggles
Later Austin inventions would establish the sit-down dentistry we know today and introduce the Rota-Dent, a portable dental unit designed to work in locations without running water or electricity. To date, thousands have been donated to support mission dentistry around the world.

Along the way, Ken and Joan became an entrepreneurial dream team. He was the engineer and inventor; she handled the finances...
and administrative duties. Both were dedicated from the start to giving back and making sure employees were treated fairly – two things A-dec is renowned for to this day.

That was 1964. Today, A-dec is one of the largest dental equipment manufacturers in the world, with close to 1,000 employees and annual sales of $300 million. But by the early ‘80s, a drink or two at social occasions had turned into a habit Austin could no longer control.

“I couldn’t stop once I started,” he says. “It made me feel, I guess you could say, all-powerful. I could dance, I could sing, I could do anything. And I’m going to have another drink because then I could do even more. And it just puts you under.”

Austin knew he had a problem, but he wasn’t sure what to call it. “I never drank during the day so I’m not an alcoholic – that was my reasoning,” he says. “I’m not an alcoholic because I don’t drink at lunchtime; I don’t drink until after work.”

Soon drinking after work became a regular occurrence.

“I would be thirsty and think a beer would relax me, and I’d pull into the store and buy a six-pack,” he says. “It got to the point that I couldn’t go by there without buying beer on the way home.”

Austin went to Alcoholics Anonymous, but one important point of the program just wasn’t resonating with him: giving himself over to a higher power. “That’s not for me,” he remembers saying at the time. “I believe I’m a Christian, but God isn’t going to fix me.”

Part of the disconnect was the fire and brimstone version of God that was so prevalent in Sunday school teaching across the nation in the ‘40s. “I just couldn’t fathom the faith and the God that I was being brought up in,” he says.

But then, on New Year’s Day 1982, something clicked, and it all made sense.

“I was looking out over the ocean at Gleneden Beach, and I was just awestruck as a seagull flew by. I realized I didn’t know anybody that designed and built seagulls,” Austin describes with a true engineer’s sense of logic. “And it just hit me like a ton of bricks. So, I say a seagull saved my life, because whoever created the seagull was a power greater than man. And right then it came to me – that is God’s work. ... And so I was willing to turn my will and my life over to this power greater than myself, and that was the start of my journey.”

It wasn’t easy, but Austin hasn’t had a drink since.

Seeing clearly through stained glass

Many years ago, Ken and Joan went to Egypt on vacation. The tour company they were with had provided thick textbooks that described the pyramids in great detail, but Austin had never been a big reader and simply didn’t have the time. So, on a whim, he decided to buy a children’s book that he saw in the gift shop when they arrived. “It was written for a child, but as far as I was concerned I was a child in Egypt,” he says. “I didn’t know a thing about Egypt.”
Bryan Rupp
Joel Bock

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But Austin wanted to learn more, and he needed help. “I was a grown man, but I was just a child in my faith,” he says. A member of the George Fox Board of Trustees since he became sober in 1982, Austin had developed a friendship with Robin Baker that continued to grow when the latter was promoted from provost to university president in 2007. Despite a significant difference in age, the two found they had much in common. When Austin told Baker about his quest for knowledge, it prompted an interesting conversation: “He asked me if I knew how they taught the Bible before the printing press. I said, ‘I don’t know.’ And Robin answered, ‘They taught Bible stories by pointing to the pictures that were on the stained glass in the church.’”

The concept struck a chord with both men, and they agreed to meet and read together on a regular basis. Austin brought his book for young adults, and Baker, appropriately, brought a copy of The Bible in Stained Glass, a book that incorporates windows from churches around the world to illustrate the words of Scripture. “That pretty much cemented that Robin could share with me and keep my interest going. Keep me reading and searching,” he says. “And I’m still searching.”

After Austin went through rehab, it inspired him to build Springbrook, a drug and alcohol addiction treatment center in Newberg. “I thought there was a better way to be treated as a human being than the treatment center I went to,” he says. Now, as he continues his faith journey, he has again decided to put his money where his heart is, donating to the university his longtime home to be used as a spiritual retreat center in the hopes that the scenic 15-acre property can help inspire others as they grow in their faith.

“I came to realize that everything belongs to God,” Austin says of his decision to donate the property. “Joan and I had 41 wonderful years of living on the hill. This is an opportunity to give that land and house back to God. I believe this is God’s will, not just mine.”

‘Little things make big things’

Early in 1981, when Austin was still struggling with sobriety, he attended a conference where the speaker challenged everyone in the room to move their watch from their left wrist to their right. The next day, only a handful of those in attendance had been able to break the lifelong habit. Austin was one of them. Months later, during an open house at A-dec, he was shaking hands with visitors. “One of them bumped my watch and said, ‘You’re wearing your watch on the wrong arm,’” he says. “And I thought, ‘Okay, I’ll move it over to my left arm.’”

Later that day, Joan asked him what time it was, and he instinctively looked down at his now-bare right wrist. “I’ve changed!” he yelled in victory as a room full of people looked on, wondering what all the commotion was about. “After accomplishing that, I realized I could change if I wanted to.”

Years later, after Joan passed away in June of 2013, Austin again moved his watch from his left wrist to his right. He told his AA group, “I’m sick and tired of being sick and tired. I’m sick and tired of crying the blues. I’m going to change and to remind myself I’m going to change, I’m going to move my watch to the other arm.”

Over time, he was able to find happiness again. “Little things make big things,” he says.

Austin wants you to know that even the smallest changes can lead to big changes. He wants you to know that if you have a difficult time understanding the basics of a complex topic – even the Bible – you can read children’s books. He wants you to know that if you dream it, design it and draw it, you can do it. He wants you to know that generosity is a quality everyone should have, regardless of financial means.

“My advice to the people growing up in the world today is learn to be a giver and not a taker,” he says. “If you’re a taker you’re not going to have a lot of people who want to help you in the down times – and there are always going to be down times.”

He wants you to know these things because they’re lessons that took a lifetime to learn, and they have served him well. Whether or not you’re aware of the building projects he funded or the many charities he supports, quite honestly he couldn’t care less.

Instead, he’d much rather have you consider his story – successes and failures alike – and perhaps see a little bit of yourself in him. He’d like you to ask the same question he now asks himself on a regular basis: “Am I becoming the person God meant me to be?”

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Within a day of arriving in Uganda last June, two professors and a group of 12 George Fox doctor of physical therapy students were hit with a harsh reality. Things were done differently here.

Among their first impressions: A young man tied to a tree, restrained there for four years because of his disabilities. “He hadn’t walked in years, and nobody knew how to deal with him,” says Tyler Cuddeford, director of George Fox’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program. “They were afraid he’d make bad decisions, so they tied him up. It just shows the lack of care for children with disabilities in the country. It’s hard to see and hard to prepare for.”

At another stop, an elderly man struggling for seven years with ataxia – a wobbling, uncoordinated gait – finally encountered someone who took the time to care. “He must have been 70 or older – with no access to health care, no shoes, no transportation,” recalls Jeff Houck, director of research for the physical therapy program. “He was still working as a gardener and hadn’t been seen by anybody. He was making around a dollar a day. I helped him the best I could. It reminds you how important it is to simply take care of people.”

Into that backdrop Cuddeford, Houck and a dozen third-year students tended to the needs of Ugandan children and adults stricken with disease and immobility. It was the first service trip for the program but won’t be the last, as plans call for an annual visit.

And while making the two-week trip isn’t a requirement to graduate from the three-year program, it more than meets the program’s “professional duty and social responsibility” component. It also embodies the department and university’s mission to “serve with passion.”

“Ultimately, being experts in mobility, our mission was to empower people to take care of themselves – to get them to function better, whether that means teaching someone to walk or just helping them move in a more efficient way,” Cuddeford says.

The George Fox team visited two rehabilitation clinics for disabled children, an adult clinic and the remote village of Kisowera. They also partnered with Uganda Christian University to conduct research on foot health, comparing Ugandans who grew up wearing shoes to those who’ve been walking barefoot all their lives. The data is still being analyzed.

At the clinic in Kisowera, a man with a partially amputated foot was struggling with pain as he walked. Upon removing the brace that allowed him to ambulate, the George Fox visitors discovered all of the padding in the brace was worn out and the man was developing sores on the ball of his foot. Cuddeford decided to improvise.

“There was a local market down the street selling shoes, so I went and found a pair of shoes for a couple of dollars, removed the insole and cut it into the shape of his foot so that it would provide adequate cushioning for him,” he recalls.

“What was rewarding was seeing how grateful the people were. They were beautiful and kind.”
“Not only was he then able to walk without pain, he sold the shoes.”

For student Alex Grimsley, the Uganda experience won’t soon be forgotten. “I’d never been to a different country to do anything like this,” he says. “I was excited to use the knowledge I had to educate people and see them respond. It was a practical application of all we had been learning in the classroom.”

Students treated patients with clubfoot, cerebral palsy, spina bifida and polio. Ailments ranged from dislocated shoulders and an inability to move arms to a complete breakdown of the legs. “The very first person we treated crawled in, legs rotated sideways, and his feet didn’t even resemble feet,” Cuddeford said. “He also had a shoulder that routinely subluxed [partially dislocated]. Still, even though he had significant post-polio challenges, we were able to help him by improving his mobility and strength.”

George Fox students assisted more than 50 children that first day. They would go on to treat 40 more at another school a few days later and another 40 individuals at the adult clinic. The reality of their surroundings was reinforced by the presence of a cemetery on one of the school grounds. “It’s hard to walk into a place and past a kid on the ground who isn’t moving – and you don’t know if he’s alive or dead,” Houck says. “It takes an emotional toll on you. I had to step away at one point and collect myself. What was rewarding was seeing how grateful the people were. They were beautiful and kind.”

For Houck, the significance of the visit was profound – and more clearly defined for him the importance of his profession. “When you see a group of people with absolutely no physical therapy and the negative impact [of that situation], the overall positive impact physical therapy has on society is clear,” he says.

Cuddeford will assess the trip and make modifications, primarily to improve efficiency. He also says there is a possibility of adding other service-related trips, perhaps to China.

“The average wage [in Uganda] is less than $2 a day, yet the people there love life and are wonderful to work with,” he says. “We’ll definitely be back.”

Marisol Cardoza and Ryan Wiser teach a child with cerebral palsy how to stand and walk for the first time. Many of the children the George Fox group tended to had never been treated by a physical therapist.

Third-year DPT students Alicia Martinez (left) and Marisol Cardoza assist Ivan, a child with cerebral palsy who attends the School for the Disabled in Kampala, Uganda. Cardoza and Martinez taught him how to walk with crutches instead of a wheeled walker.

Husband and wife duo Ryan and Lene MacKenzie work on trunk control/strengthening movements and exercises with a young girl.
A NEW ERA:
BRUIN FOOTBALL RETURNS

After months of construction, years of planning and more than four decades of anticipation, on Sept. 6, 2014, football finally returned to George Fox University. A raucous crowd of 3,659 was on hand for the university’s first football game since 1968, packing the newly built Stoffer Family Stadium for the first of many Saturday showdowns to come.

But as the Bruins would learn over the course of the season, nothing comes easy on the gridiron. The result of the day was a heartbreaking 30-27 loss to NAIA school Arizona Christian that came down to the final minutes. George Fox would earn its first win later in the season, a 30-12 trouncing of conference foe Lewis & Clark that featured a dominant defensive performance with two interceptions returned for touchdowns and three recovered fumbles.

Still, it’s hard to compare to the anticipation, energy and atmosphere of game one. Here’s a look back at the afternoon that kicked off a new era of Bruin football.

Quarterback Grant Schroeder goes airborne to score the Bruins’ first touchdown in more than 45 years – a 16-yard scramble early in the first quarter.

→ World-class baritone and George Fox alumnus (’83) Richard Zeller returned to his alma mater to perform the National Anthem.
Defensive lineman Justin Kruse and linebacker Dominick Fix-Gonzalez burn off some pregame jitters in the locker room with an impromptu dance session. Their wooden lockers were made with the help of volunteers from Friendsview Retirement Community. Their dance moves came from somewhere else entirely.

A rowdy student section had their game faces on and came ready to make some noise for the Bruins’ historic first game.

George Fox defenders line up in the trenches, ready to scuff up their shiny new helmets created by HGI – the same company that designs helmets for the Oregon Ducks and Seattle Seahawks.

Players bow their heads for a pregame prayer – a quiet moment before being welcomed on the field by a roaring crowd.

The anticipation is palpable as players line up at the locker room door before running out onto the field for the first time.
Wide receiver Lawrence Potts growls for the camera as he celebrates a successful Bruin drive.

Running back John Shaffer led the Bruin offensive attack with 110 all-purpose yards. Later in the season, he’d get a rare treat for an athlete at any level: his picture in the Sept. 29 issue of *Sports Illustrated*.

A total of more than 15,000 Bruin fans packed Stoffer Family Stadium over the course of five home games this season – easily ranking among the top Division III schools on the West Coast.
Coach Chris Casey waves off photographers and reporters and gathers the team on the far end of the field for a private moment after a tough defeat. It’s a practice the team would continue throughout the season, win or lose.

Students rung the Victory Bell five times on the day — once for every touchdown and field goal scored.

The cheerleading squad keeps the student section entertained with some aerial acrobatics during a stoppage in play.

Linebacker Spencer Price dives to wrap up an Arizona Christian receiver.

Justin Leatherman gets mentally prepared for his first game as a Bruin. Later, the junior safety would become the first George Fox player to earn a spot on the D3football.com National Team of the Week.

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A senior design project conceived in George Fox’s engineering labs opened the door for grads Ruben Lucescu (left) and Alex Bush to get jobs – and continues to save Daimler Trucks North America thousands annually.
Four years ago, a truck manufacturer in Portland approached the George Fox University engineering department with a substantial challenge: Design a turn-table that could withstand 16,000 pounds of semi truck, manipulate the angle of rotation of the vehicle, and fit within the confines of a relatively small wind tunnel.

Four engineering students – under the tutelage of professors Bob Harder and Gary Spivey – were assigned the task as they embarked on the 2010-11 academic year. Plans were drawn up and submitted. Tests were conducted. Revisions were made. Finally, by spring, the completed project was presented to the company for approval. About $140,000 was spent to get it manufactured and installed – and by February of 2012, the new table was fully operational.

For 2011 George Fox graduates Ruben Lucescu and Alex Bush, that undertaking – their senior design project, conducted with fellow students Dustin Ward and Kindra Herrera – ultimately opened the door to their first jobs as engineers. Today, Lucescu and Bush are employed by the very same trucking company, Daimler Trucks North America, that they assisted as students.

And in the case of Lucescu, a product validation engineer in Daimler’s aerodynamics division, his daily job requires he use the technology the students designed – a sleek two-plate yaw table that supports the front and rear axles independently and effortlessly rotates the entire vehicle. It saves Daimler thousands of dollars annually – an amount Lucescu won’t venture to guess.

“Let’s just say it was worth $140,000 for the company to install it, so that tells you something,” he says. “It really reduced our test time in the wind tunnel, allowing us to do much more testing in a day. Something that used to take us four hours takes us one hour. Previously, the company had to maneuver the truck manually for the tests, which took a lot of time. Now we can easily adjust the yaw angles eight or nine times a day with the push of some buttons. It’s much more efficient.”

Lucescu spends most of his days putting trucks through the trials of the tunnel, testing them for drag with and without mirrors, with certain modifications to the body and without. All along, he alters the angles at which the wind hits the vehicles and records the data on how the truck responds to those adjustments. Each mirror he tests, for instance, has a numerical value that quantifies how efficient it is aerodynamically.

“We came up with something that was going to be used by a real company in the industry as opposed to building something for a grade,” says Bush, now a design engineer at Daimler. “That’s one thing I appreciate about the engineering program at Fox – not only are you on a first-name basis with your professors, you’re doing hands-on projects that can have industry impact.”

As a company, Daimler is the biggest globally active manufacturer of trucks above six metric tons gross vehicle weight, developing and producing vehicles in a global network under the brands Mercedes-Benz, Freightliner, Western Star, Fuso and BharatBenz. Seeing those trucks on the road gives Lucescu a sense of accomplishment.

“It’s great to be driving along and seeing the trucks you’ve worked on,” he says. “You see them on the highway and it inspires a lot of confidence and pride. You feel good knowing you did something good for people and for your company.”

As for students about to embark on the world of work, he offers this advice: “Whatever you do, do it because that’s what you love and want to do. When you love what you do, it’s not drudgery or work. That’s the road I’m on.”
1930–69
Margaret (Notherg) Morse (n35) was honored with a party when she celebrated her birthday Aug. 25 – for the 105th time. A Newberg resident since 1973 and a resident of Friendsview Retirement Community since 1991, she is a retired elementary school teacher. In a newspaper article, she credits her long life to a healthy diet and a steadfast dedication to God. She and her late husband, Curtis Morse (G33), were recognized by the university with the naming of its baseball and softball field complex in their honor after a gift in 1988.

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1970–79
Bob Thornburg (G70) is in his 38th year as a physical therapist and owner of Bridge Street Physical Therapy in Sheridan, Ore. He attended Northwestern University Medical School’s program in physical therapy and then Oregon Health & Science University to become a Licensed Physical Therapist. He specializes in orthopedic rehabilitation.

Ron Rittenhouse (G72) is a senior employment specialist with Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette in Portland. In his third year in the position, he specializes in assisting those with barriers to employment. Previously, he was an admissions representative for Sumner College in Portland for one year following nearly seven years with American InterContinental University Online as an admission advisor and training specialist.

1980–89
John Fankhauser (n84) is on the front lines in the deadly Ebola crisis in West Africa, working as a medical doctor with Serving in Mission (SIM), an international Christian mission organization. He is at its Eternal Love Winning Africa campus in Monrovia, Liberia, where this summer he began treating the first patients in a small isolation unit. Treatment now has been expanded to a 100 bed Ebola unit and he, as deputy medical director of the hospital, has shifted from direct care to providing administrative support and restoring the hospital’s other services, which have been devastated by the ongoing crisis. He attended George Fox for two years before traveling to South Sudan on a missions trip to help at a hospital. The experience solidified a passion for medical missionary work. He completed his undergraduate degree and medical school at the University of Washington.

Heather (Pierson) Lewis (n84) and her husband, Dennis, in August were named recipients of the 2014 Hearts of Gold award by Providence Newberg Health Foundation for their participation in the community. They have been residents for 30 years. She has been a registered nurse at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in Portland for 26 years. He started the family business, Lewis Audio Video in Newberg. She also volunteers for March of Dimes and AA Literacy, is in Newberg Kiwanis and is on the George Fox University Board of Trustees. Together they are involved in the Chehalem Cultural Center, Second Street Community Church, Young Life, Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics of Oregon.

1990–99
Jill Jamison Beals (G92) stayed on with George Fox University this fall as visiting assistant professor of mathematics after serving as adjunct faculty. Previously she was vice president for the reinsurance brokerage company Carvill America from 1995 to 2009. She earned a master’s degree in mathematics in 1995 at Portland State University, where she also taught for two years.

Steve Prewitt (G93) received a PhD in sport pedagogy from the University of Utah this spring and now is assistant professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance at Texas A&M in Commerce, Texas. Before starting at Utah in 2010, where he’s been a graduate assistant and visiting instructor, he was a teacher and coach for five years at La Center (Wash.) middle and high schools.

Amos Yong (MA93) has been appointed the new director of the Center for Missiological Research and professor of theology at Fuller...
Local Farmers Featured in Billboard Campaign

Dave and Nancy Brown (G65) have long been known for the giant pumpkins they grow as owners of Mustard Seed Farms in St. Paul, Ore. But recently they were surprised to find themselves associated with something much bigger. This fall the couple was showcased throughout the Northwest on Fred Meyer billboards, with five locations in the Portland metro area and others as far away as Spokane, Wash.

Pictured behind a pile of their giant pumpkins, they are accompanied by the words “Locally (Over) Grown” and a “Support Northwest Grown” logo. It’s a huge step up from the smaller display boards on which they were featured in produce departments in the chain’s 130-plus stores.

The billboards brought immediate reaction from friends, relatives and farm connections. “It’s gratifying to get so many positive comments,” says Dave. “It’s usually about how good the picture is or ‘How does it feel to be famous?’”

Photos were taken on their 80-acre farm a year ago. Fred Meyer says the billboards are part of a campaign that “highlights the relationship Fred Meyer has with our local farmers.” The superstore corporation took both stills and videos to be used on its website.

The Browns have been supplying giant 100- to 150-pound pumpkins to the company for 22 years, starting with 77 in 1993. This year they’ll provide Fred Meyer stores with more than 700, which will be distributed as far away as Alaska.

“We bill ourselves as ‘The Giant Pumpkin Capital of the Northwest,’ and no one has disputed us on that,” Dave says. This year the Browns raised seven acres of pumpkins, half of which were giants, including one that weighed in at 599 pounds. The rest include 30 to 40 bins of specialty pumpkins and 125 bins of jack-o’-lantern pumpkins.

The Browns started farming nearly 50 years ago, and Mustard Seed Farms has been certified organic since 1991. The business supplies three major Portland co-ops as well as Fred Meyer, Safeway, Albertsons and Whole Foods.

Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. He will direct the PhD program in the School of Intercultural Studies. He began in July after serving nine years at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va., most recently as dean of the School of Divinity. He has published more than 175 academic articles and chapters in books and 17 separate monographs. In addition, six new books will be published this fall. He has a PhD from Boston University and previously taught six years at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn.

Al Gaines (ADP94) just started his 22nd year with Lane County (Ore.) Youth for Christ as a social studies teacher at her alma mater, where she also has coached.

Todd Saperstein (G95) on Sept. II opened a new Dickey’s Barbecue restaurant in Beaverton, Ore. The Western-themed restaurant, which features slow pit-cooked barbecued meats, is the first Dickey’s in the Portland area and one of more than 400 in 40 states.

Tricia Gates Brown (G96, MA97) had an essay, “All Done with This,” published in the summer 2014 issue of Oregon Humanities magazine.

Rick Harrison (ADP96) is an electrical power systems specialist with MEC Electrical Engineering, Inc. in Portland. He’s in his fourth year with the firm that specializes in industrial, municipal and commercial power engineering and design.

Brandi (Thackery) Fye (MBA97) is senior director of marketing communications for TriQuint Semiconductor Inc. in Hillsboro, Ore., in that position for nearly eight years. But that’s about to change with an expected promotion to vice president for marketing after TriQuint’s proposed merger with North Carolina-based RF Micro Devices Inc., expected by the end of 2014. With TriQuint she is responsible for worldwide public relations, investor communications, employee engagement and product promotion. Previously, she was with Intel for 12 years, the last position as director of marketing.

Marla (Reimer) Young (n97) has been named Teacher of the Year at Vandalia Christian School in Greensboro, N.C., honored for her work as a music/band teacher for seventh through 12th grades. She is one of 43 teachers...
at the 700-student school, joining the faculty in 2008.

**Nathan Siegers** (G99) this fall became associate professor of mechanical engineering at George Fox University after nine years as a professor in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Ala. Previously he was a research associate in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Oregon State University, where he earned his PhD in 2004.

**David Speer** (G99) gained media attention in Washington in September when he became a “$2 Million Dollar Man” as he passed that amount in helping clients recover unpaid wages from employers in the state. He is a Department of Labor and Industries employee with the Employment Standards Program in Vancouver, Wash. In the position for eight years, he has resolved nearly 1,900 complaints totaling $2,007,100 in wages for workers.

**Joseph Thouvenel** (G99, MA09) joined George Fox University’s IDEA Center this fall as a Career and Academic (CAP) coach. For the last II years he was associate director of program and spiritual formation at Twin Rocks (Ore.) Friends Camp and Conference Center. It’s not his first time as a university employee. He worked from 1999 to 2003 as an undergraduate admissions counselor and spent the 2007-08 school year as a teacher’s assistant while earning his seminary degree in theological studies.

**2000–09**

**David Barbee** (G00) is an adjunct professor of history of Christianity at Winklbrenner Theological Seminary in Findlay, Ohio, where he also acts as regional chair for the history of Christianity section of the Midwest region of the American Academy of Religion. He received a PhD in religious studies from the University of Pennsylvania in 2013.

**Anne-Renee (Stewart) Gumley** (G00) is coauthor and co-host of a new website (TheMasterpieceMom.com) and podcast designed to bring hope and encouragement to mothers. It’s an outgrowth of her work with other mothers that began with the organization Mothers of Preschoolers. This new project is in addition to her work as co-owner with her husband of the Special Events Party Store in Wasilla, Alaska.

**Erin (Shank) Kingsley** (G01) in May received a PhD in literature at the University of Colorado, where she has been a graduate instructor in English since 2007. She currently is an online instructor with the university and next fall will become an assistant professor of 19th- and 20th-century British literature at King University in Bristol, Tenn.

**Leah (Weare) Payne** (G01) this fall committed to George Fox Evangelical Seminary for two years as a Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow in American Religious History/Women’s Studies, following two years as an adjunct professor. She is teaching courses in Christian history and theology. Payne completed a PhD in the history and critical theories of religion at Vanderbilt University in 2012. She also is outreach director for Faith Center Aloha (Ore.), a Foursquare church where her husband, Thomas Payne (G00), is senior pastor, in that role since 2010.

**Candy (Kintner) Farthing** (G02, MEd07) has been named head of Oregon’s largest public school. Appointed in August, she is the new executive director of Oregon Connections Academy, the state’s leading tuition-free virtual public school for students in grades K-12. In its 10th year, the school, based in Scio, Ore., has nearly 3,700 students. An II-year resident of Sherwood, Ore., Farthing joined the academy seven years ago as a teacher for eighth-grade language arts and later helped develop new programs and initiatives along with helping restructure the academy’s support of special education students. She moved up to the new position from principal of the school’s kindergarten through eighth grades.

**Amy (Abel) Krueger** (MAT02) is secretary of the Salem Keizer (Ore.) Education Association as well as a bilingual classroom teacher in Salem-Keizer Public Schools. She’s in her 12th year with the district after previously teaching English for two years in Japan.

**Amy (Fosket) DeFreest** (G04) is an analyst programmer in the Legislative Finance Division of the Alaska State Legislature in Juneau, Alaska.

**Erik Neill** (G04) and **Holly (VanBrocklin) Neill** (G06) are teachers at Life Christian School in Aloha, Ore., where he has been promoted to academic dean and continues as an 11th- and 12th-grade math and science teacher. She is science department chair and teaches high school science classes and college credit environmental science. They co-coach the Science Olympiad team for the 280-student school. This year she was one of 50 teachers in the United States chosen to be a Siemens STEM Institute Fellow, attending a week-long institute in August near Washington, D.C., that promotes hands-on integration of science, technology, engineering and math in the classroom. He is working on a PhD in biology, specifically plant physiology, at Portland State University.

**Rose Passione** (G04) is Rogue central specialist in the registrar’s office at Rogue Community College in Medford, Ore.

**Chad Stillinger** (G04) joined George Fox University’s College of Engineering this fall as an assistant professor of electrical engineering. The last three years he has been assistant professor of electrical engineering and renewable energy at Oregon Institute of Technology in Wilsonville, Ore. He has a PhD in electrical and computer engineering from Oregon State, received in 2011.

**Douglas Utberg** (MBA04) is profit and loss system design project manager with Intel in Portland. He has been with the semiconductor chip-making company since 2000, starting as cost and inventory senior analyst, then senior software analyst, CPU pricing manager and client PC manager before starting his current position in 2012. He also started his own company in 2008, Business of Life, to publish content that helps people achieve personal, professional and financial success.

**Kelly (Cudney) Wesley** (G04, MAT05) and **Travis Wesley** (G08) are living in Portland, where she is executive director of Portland-based AOET-USA (Aids Orphan Education Trust), a Christian organization that sponsors students through primary and secondary school in Uganda and partners with a grassroots Uganda AOET organization. She is in her second year in the position, beginning with the organization in 2011 after being a high school math teacher for six years at Santiam Christian School. He is an investment counselor with Fisher Investments in Portland, starting the position in May after two years in Chilliwack, British Columbia, as a manager of customer service with Toronto-Dominion Bank.

**Guy Chmieleski** (DMin05) is in his 10th year as university minister at Belmont University in
After Near-death Experience as a Student, Dahlgren Still Going Strong

Revived by paramedics and kept alive by doctors, Angie (Jordan) Dahlgren (G95, MAT96) says her medical nightmare is one she will actually celebrate this spring. She’s planning to commemorate the occasion with her cardiologist on May 21, 2015, the 20th anniversary of the day she was just seconds away from death.

Dahlgren has only praise for the episode in her life that was the subject of extensive regional television and newspaper coverage for days. “I feel kind of honored that God has had me go through all this,” she says. “It’s a responsibility he has given me – to teach and encourage others.”

She now wants to share the story of her life-threatening experience and plans to work with a writer in order to bring her message of hope to others. “I can comfort others,” she says. “God is completely in control and everything is going to be OK.”

Just days after completing her senior softball season at George Fox in 1995, Dahlgren suffered cardiac arrest on her way back to her apartment after a workout in Wheeler Sports Center. The irony is it was the result of a heart condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy – a condition Dahlgren had written a class paper on just weeks before. It is the leading cause of sudden death in young athletes, caused when thickening of the wall between the two pumping chambers of the heart prevents the heart from getting the blood it needs. Today, Dahlgren says that knowledge helped get her through the tough times that immediately followed.

During her immediate treatment and recovery, Dahlgren was told she would have to avoid strenuous workouts for the rest of her life. No more weightlifting. No more running. That was a hard reality for the multi-sport athlete to imagine. “In my mind, I’m thinking there’s a point where I’ll get back to being my active self,” she said at the time. She was right.

Today, at 41, Dahlgren is working full time, raising a child with her husband, Denny, living in a house with stairs, and playing softball, not just in the summer but nine months a year. She’s under no restrictions and takes just one medication. She checks her heart rate during games and benches herself if she feels it’s necessary. And, once a month she uses a home medical kit to measure her blood’s clotting rate in order to keep it stabilized.

Getting to this point has not been easy. She has had eight heart surgeries, has a heart defibrillator installed, and has had open-heart surgery to install two mechanical artificial valves – one aortic, one mitral – and a ring placed on her tricuspid valve. The last new defibrillator surgery was in 2008 and required nearly a year of recovery. Then, in June 2010 she had another surgery to repair a broken lead wire in the defibrillator. She will have a defibrillator the rest of her life, with a replacement every seven years.

Another test came during her pregnancy in 2007. The first three months of the pregnancy were normal, but continuing complications, exacerbated by heart-related problems, forced home rest and hospitalization for months until little Keeley arrived on Dec. 10, 2007, nearly two months early. She weighed just 3 pounds, 12 ounces, but was completely healthy.

Dahlgren’s medical journey was not yet over. Last June, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a double mastectomy in August, followed by six weeks of radiation, then reconstructive and other follow-up surgery. Her treatment now done, she is on medication and will have checkups every three or four months.

Throughout her repeated health ordeals, Dahlgren has continued to work. After graduation, she was a substitute teacher in Newberg and later Portland for eight years. For the last 11 years she has been a marine services officer with the Port of Portland, working as a dispatcher, office manager, and at the gates controlling access to the huge port. Dahlgren was also elected to head her union’s negotiating team with the Port of Portland. In November of 2012, she was in the news as a spokesperson when a tense, late negotiation session ended with a four-year agreement that expires this June. She already anticipates being involved again.

As for the medical struggles she has experienced, Dahlgren says she has always felt a sense of calm knowing that God was in control. “I always have been at peace with everything that happened,” she says. “I had no questions or fear, never a ‘why me.’”
Nashville, Tenn. He is perhaps better known as a writer, blogger and teacher. He is a frequent blogger at The Seedbed Blog, and Seedbed Publishing has issued two of his books, including *Shaping Their Future: Mentoring Students Through Their Formative Years*. He also is founder of Faith on Campus, a popular blog focused on better equipping mentors of college students. In addition, he is a field education supervisor with Vanderbilt University and since 2009 has been a dissertation advisor in the doctor of ministry program at George Fox University.

Dan Predoehl (G05) is the new director for the Emeritus Institute at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, Calif., a community college with 26,000 students. He directs the instructional program for older adults, which offers 175 classes in 25 locations. He left George Fox University in July after five years in Adult Degree Program admissions, the last three as associate director.

Mark Looney (MED06) is the new assistant principal at Sweet Home (Ore.) High School, responsible for student discipline, teacher observation and teacher evaluations. The last eight years he has been a behavior specialist at McNary High School in Keizer, Ore., as a teacher on special assignment.

Amy (Roseberg) Starr (G06) this fall joined Mid-Valley Children’s Clinic in Albany, Ore., as a pediatrician providing preventative and acute care for children through age 18. She received her MD from OHSU in 2011 and completed a three-year residency at Children’s Hospital of Colorado.

Elizabeth Anderson (G08) has returned to George Fox University as west area coordinator for student houses and apartments. For the last year she was dean of women and a program and event coordinator at Ravencrest Chalet Bible School in Estes Park, Colo. Previously, she was a resident assistant at Tauernhof Bible School in Schladming, Austria, for 18 months.

Daniel Bennett (G08) has joined the Department of Government at Eastern Kentucky University.

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**Heidy Answers Call to Serve in Uganda**

Elise Heidy (G13) remembers when she first felt compelled to help the people of Uganda – as a grade-schooler, when she read about the country but didn’t know where it was or what a missionary did. Ten years later, as a freshman entering college, that desire was long gone.

By then, Heidy had other plans. She wanted to get into the medical field, so she entered George Fox as a biology major. That line of thinking changed during her sophomore year. “I wasn’t walking with the Lord at all when I started college, and though I loved biology and my professors, I came to a place where I surrendered my life to Christ and my heart began to change. God was calling me to do something else, so I asked him, ‘What do you want me to do?’”

The answer: Respond to the call you first sensed as a child and serve in Africa. Her passion for missions work was first kindled on a May Serve trip to Peru in 2011. That August, she visited Uganda with a college church group and met a missionary who would, months later, arrange for a return visit the following summer. The plan was to stay two weeks. She stayed four months.

“It hit me as I was staying in this small village of Latodore that I was surrounded by people who had never heard the gospel – who had never heard the name of Jesus,” she recalls. “We are so gospel-saturated in our culture. I couldn’t relate to not hearing about what Jesus did for us.”

Heidy returned to Newberg to complete her senior year, graduating with a degree in social work in the spring of 2013. All along, she knew she would go back to Uganda. Initially, she planned to return to the country that August and stay two weeks in a new region, Karamoja, with a friend. Her visit lasted a year.

While abroad, Heidy discipled women among the nomadic Karamojong tribe, and specifically, the Jie subtribe, notoriously one of the region’s most violent people groups. Heidy has heard stories of how brutal tribesman can be, but she remains undaunted in her desire to share her faith. “You see the destruction of sin – the abuse, the neglect that happens,” she says. “You’re there to try to give them some light in their life, to see them take a hold of that light and see the fruit of it.”

In turn, the experience of living and serving among “the least of these” has transformed Heidy’s perspective on life. “I’ve learned about myself living there. God has changed me and shown me some of the ugly areas of my heart that I wouldn’t have come face to face with if living in America.

“God doesn’t need me to reach the Karamojong. He took me to Karamoja because I needed Karamoja, not because Karamoja needed me.”

Heidy has no plans to return to the states anytime soon. “I bought a one-way ticket,” she said last July, during a brief visit to Oregon to raise support. “Maybe the Lord will bring me back to America and I’ll get a social work job. I’m open to that, but this is where I feel led now.”
in Richmond, Ky., as assistant professor of political science, teaching courses on law and American politics. He received a PhD in political science in 2013 from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., and last year was a lecturer with the University of Washington in Tacoma, Wash. He is continuing his research on the intersection of law, politics and religion.

Ashley Kamimae-Lanning (G08) defended her doctoral dissertation in December, then walked in commencement ceremonies in June at OHSU, receiving a PhD in cell and developmental biology. She now is finishing research at OHSU while interviewing for a postdoctoral fellowship.

Sara Logue (G08) has been heard statewide in Oregon at town halls and political gatherings as the spokesperson for the “Protect Our Vote Campaign: No on Measure 90.” Appearing on the fall Oregon ballot and subsequently voted down, the proposal would have allowed all voters, regardless of party affiliation, to decide which “top two” candidates would advance from primary elections. She has worked as a statewide organizing task force member with the Oregon Education Association and is a member of the political cadre of the organization. Logue is in her sixth year with the Forest Grove School District, teaching fifth grade at Tom McCall Upper Elementary School.

Lars Rood (DMin08) is the author of a new book, the fifth in a series of 30-day devotionals for young people. The latest, released in August, is 7th Grade: A 30-Day Devotional: Growing Your Faith. It is designed to guide readers through physical changes, challenges of handling doubt and questions, and to provide help making choices to build their faith. He is in his third year as pastor of family life at Bellevue (Wash.) Presbyterian Church. Previously, he was at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas, for five years as director of student ministry.

Brian Ross (DMin08) has been named assistant professor of pastoral ministries at Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary in Fresno, Calif. Previously he was an adjunct professor, teaching foundations of spiritual formation at Toccoa Falls (Ga.) College, and an adjunct professor focusing on contemporary church planting at Lancaster (Pa.) Bible College.

Kevin Sonoff (G08) is a presidential management fellow with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 10 – Department of Homeland Security. He is an emergency management program specialist and began in July 2013 following his graduation from Indiana University Bloomington with a master’s degree in public affairs.

Amanda Turner (G08) is a kindergarten teacher at Clatskanie (Ore.) Elementary School after receiving a master of arts in teaching degree from the University of Portland in May. Previously she served three years in South Korea teaching English as a second language to elementary students at a private academy.

LeAnn Dolly-Powell (G09) has been named one of Montana’s Top 20 Under 40 by the Missoulian newspaper. The second annual listing of business professionals considered 180 nominations, with selection based on career accomplishments, spirit of entrepreneurship, business vision and impact within the community. She is Project Unify director for Special Olympics Montana, organizing projects in schools across the state. In its Inclusive Sports program she works to rectify prejudicial attitudes by pairing a student with disabilities with an athlete without disabilities to form a bond both on and off the field that creates attitudes of acceptance and understanding. She has been with the organization since 2010, the first three years as outreach director.

Dacia Hanson (EdD09) in July was appointed new head of North Clackamas Christian School in Oregon City, Ore., with 225 students in grades K-12. She has 12 years of teaching experience in the Portland area, ranging from elementary grades through college level. Most recently she was an educational consultant on leadership and management for two years following a year as foreign principal in the New Sino-Western Education International Department of Qingdao Galaxy School.

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Ethan Burke (G10) in June established his own business as a freelance cinematographer and camera operator in the Portland area, planning to work on films, do broadcast multi-camera production and create marketing videos for businesses. He left his position as media production specialist at George Fox University, where he had been for three and a half years.

Celeste Flachsbart (PsyD10) this fall joined George Fox University’s Doctor of Psychology program as assistant professor of clinical psychology. For the past few years she has been a licensed psychologist working with children and adolescents at Sundstrom Clinical Services in Clackamas, Ore. She completed an American Psychological Association accredited postdoctoral fellowship at OHSU’s Child Development and Rehabilitation Center.

Scott Granger (G10, MAT12) is in his second year as an English teacher in Wenatchee, Wash., at WestSide High School, an alternative school, where he also is assistant varsity baseball coach and a middle school basketball coach. In addition, he is in a master’s degree program in educational leadership and administration at Washington State University.

Bret Hamilton (G10, MAT11) in August opened his own business, Constant Forward Progress, in which he is a personal trainer both in person (in Wilsonville, Ore.) and online. The fitness company/website, based in Newberg, offers both training and nutrition coaching services. It’s an outgrowth of his creation of a Constant Forward Progress blog and website a year ago and his experiences as a fitness coach, most recently at 24 Hour Fitness and Mota Fitness.

Lindsay Keener (G10) graduated in May from the Rolf Institute of Structural Integration in Boulder, Colo., and in June opened a business as a certified roller in Kenai, Alaska. Rolling is a form of body work that uses the network of connective tissues, called fascia, to release, realign and balance the body, potentially resolving discomfort and relieving pain. She also offers laser therapy.

John Regier (MA10) in September became associate director of master’s degree programs at George Fox Evangelical Seminary. He had served on a part-time basis as an online facilitator and educational technologist at the seminary since 2009. Previously, for a decade, he was a youth pastor and lead pastor.

Elise (Kuenzi) Trask (G10) returned to her alma mater this fall as the first full-time associate director of athletics. For the last three years she was assistant director of operations for the Oregon State University women’s basketball program, assisting former George Fox and current OSU coach Scott Rueck.

Scott Barnett (G11) after two years as an admissions counselor at Baylor University, has returned to his alma mater (where he was a residence hall assistant for three years) to be an admissions counselor in the undergraduate admissions office.
Luke Neff (MAT11) in July was named instruction technology coordinator for the Newberg School District. He has been with the district since 2011, most recently teaching humanities at the high school following a year at Chehalem Valley Middle School. He manages technology in teaching and learning in classrooms across the district and has been asked to create a district-wide policy. In 2013 he was awarded the district’s first 21st Century Educator Award.

Heather Rakoz (MA11) is a school counselor at Toledo (Ore.) Junior/Senior High School, a school with 300 students that is part of the Lincoln County School District. Most recently she served in a variety of interim school counselor positions in Portland Public Schools.

R. Anderson Campbell (DMIn13) is now assistant professor of Christian studies at George Fox University after serving as facilitator of online education for the seminary’s Doctor of Ministry program for the last three years. He also has been an adjunct at the seminary for the last two years. Prior to George Fox, he served in ministry for eight years, most recently as executive director of small groups at Fairfax Community Church in Virginia.

Kristie Knows His Gun (PsyD13) is now visiting assistant professor of psychology in George Fox University’s Doctor of Psychology department after being assistant director of clinical training in the university’s postdoctoral program the previous year, responsible for placement of PsyD students within various training programs. She also served as assistant director of the school’s behavioral health program during that span.

Taylor Smith (G13) is an applications engineer with LPKF Laser and Electronics North America in Tualatin (Ore.), just beginning his second year. The company manufactures rapid PCB quick-turn prototyping equipment and PCB milling machines and production systems.

Gustavo Vela-Moreno (G13) was featured in a September story in the Woodburn Independent newspaper highlighting his return to his hometown with a degree in engineering and his work on a $70 million Interstate 5 interchange project in the city. He began his career with the Oregon Department of Transportation in its graduate engineering program just after graduation and worked with state and contractor personnel on the project.

He now is enrolled at Stanford University in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, awarded a Gates Millennium Scholarship that provides all expenses through doctorate degree completion.

Carilyn Ellis (PsyD14), starting in August, is a postdoctoral fellow at Boise (Idaho) Veterans Administration Medical Center. Until July, for one year, she was a psychology intern with the VA Salt Lake City Healthcare System. She is involved in case conceptualization, treatment planning, intervention, assessment and administrative tasks associated with mental health.

Marc Simmons (EdD14) is principal of the newly created Ilwaco Middle School, part of the Ocean Beach (Wash.) School District. The new school, previously combined with the high school, has 173 students. He has been with the district since 2011, serving the first year as director of K-12 teaching and learning and the last two guiding the middle school program.

JUST MARRIED

Frank Engle (G82, MA95) and Janelle (Puckett) (G82), May 31, 2014, in Spokane, Wash.

Amy Abel (MAT02) and Jaison Krueger, June 21, 2014, in Portland.

Doug Beatty (G04) and Jessica Magill (G12), July 1, 2014, in Newberg.

Kelly Cudney (G04, MAT05) and Travis Wesley (G08), June 29, 2014, in Portland.

Amy Fosket (G04) and Patrick DeFreest, Jan. 4, 2014, in Juneau, Alaska.

Tim Holland (G04) and Laura Culver, April 5, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Justeen Lane (G04, MAT05) and Aaron Brown (G07), Oct. 19, 2013, in Medford, Ore.

Rose Passione (G04) and Aaron Falk, Feb. 15, 2014, in Medford, Ore.

Michelle Flores (G05, MAT07) and Chase Miller, March 23, 2014, in Benicia, Calif.

Ben Dillow (G08) and Alyssa Turner (G13), July 26, 2014, in Vancouver, Wash.

Donny Miller (G08) and Bri Causey, Sept. 6, 2014, in New Almaden, Calif.

Elizabeth Ward (G08) and David Baumann, Jan. 14, 2014, in Pasadena, Calif.

Alison Comfort (G09) and Erik Bay (G10), Aug. 18, 2014, in Portland.

Caitlin Fox (G10) and Les Comfort (G11), July 19, 2014, in McMinnville, Ore.

Michael Wolber (m10) and April Hartley, June 7, 2014, in Bend, Ore.

Bailey Dekker (G13) and Taylor Smith (G13), Aug. 2, 2014, in Molalla, Ore.

Tim Fodge (G13) and Liz Kettnar (G13), Aug. 2, 2014, in Woodburn, Ore.

Melissa Newton (G13) and Caleb Holland, June 14, 2014, in Kenai, Alaska.

Caroline Hudson (G14) and Peter Jovanovich (student), June 21, 2014, in Seattle.

Kailee Willard (G14) and Zachary Meyer, June 21, 2014, in Walla Walla, Wash.

Emily Yoder (G14) and Zach Smith, Sept. 6, 2014, in Newberg.

BABY BRUINS

Chris MacLeod (G96) and Catherine MacLeod, a boy, Matthew Timothy Navarro, Sept. 12, 2014, in Honolulu.

Liz (Stephens) Thompson (G96) and Mike Thompson (G96), a girl, Luella Pearl, May 28, 2014, in Portland.

Eric Thompson (G99, MBA04) and Sarah (Jagger) Thompson (G99, MEd06), a boy, Matthew Owen, Dec. 3, 2013, in Beaverton, Ore.

David Barbee (G00) and Emily Barbee, a girl, Anna Margaret, Feb. 12, 2014, in Findlay, Ohio.

Katy (Lunders) Presnall (G00) and Mike Presnall (G00), a girl, Emma Gem, May 4, 2014, in Portland.

Shara (Denniston) Bauman (G01) and Curtis Bauman, a girl, Abigail Joy, Sept. 16, 2013, in Bend, Ore.

Katie (McCoy) Christensen (G01) and Alex Christensen, a girl, Eleanor Olivia, Aug. 21, 2014, in Puyallup, Wash.

Monica (Hill) Berndt (G02) and Matt Berndt, a boy, Gavin Edward, June 16, 2014, in Atlanta.
Amy (Little) Corduan (G02) and Nathan Corduan, a girl, Callie Lynn, Feb. 25, 2014, in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Randy Kluver (G02) and Gina (Coolen) Kluver (G05), a boy, Evan Francis, Aug. 12, 2014, in Newberg.

Nathan Paisley (G02) and Melissa (McKenzie) Paisley (G03), a girl, Lauren Hazel Grace, April 27, 2014, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Catherine (Hinchcliff) Hockett (G04) and Aaron Hockett, a girl, Eliana Grace, Dec. 17, 2013, in Beaverton, Ore.

Katie (Dalrymple) Hoskins (G04) and Josh Hoskins (n04), a girl, Charis Alena, Jan. 8, 2014, in Chiangmai, Thailand.

Kalin (Campbell) Morgan (G04, MEd10) and Travis Morgan (G04, MBA11), a girl, Esther Annah Elizabeth, born Nov. 20, 2012, adopted April 18, 2013, in Newberg.

Leanne (Madore) Ernster (G05) and Matthew Ernster (n05), a boy, Caleb Matthew, Aug. 21, 2014, in Vancouver, Wash.

Sarah King (G05, MBA12) and Bubba King, a girl, Bea Arlen, Aug. 14, 2014, in Portland.

Elizabeth (Seybold) Bricknell (G06) and Paul Bricknell, twin girls, Ada May and Libby Joy, July 30, 2014, in Longview, Wash.

Amaris (Tronson) Longmire (G07) and Nick Longmire, a boy, Kasen Nickolas, Nov. 4, 2013, in Federal Way, Wash.

Caitlyn (Boultinghouse) Bennett (G08) and Daniel Bennett (G08), a girl, Margaret Louise, June 5, 2014, in Tacoma, Wash.

Katie (Andrews) Meinzer (G08, MAT09) and Stephen Meinzer, a girl, Abigail Ruth, June 6, 2014, in Yakima, Wash.

Eric Gantenbein (G11) and Pam (Wilkins) Gantenbein (G11), a girl, Grace Diane, Sept. 8, 2014, in Portland.

Scott Granger (G10, MAT12) and Stephanie Granger (G12) a girl, Brooklyn Sage, Nov. 19, 2013, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Jenna (Dohren) Kuiper (G12) and Daniel Kuiper (G14), a boy, Joseph David, Aug. 11, 2014, in Newberg.

IN MEMORY


Rosabelle (Webb) Clark (n48), Nov. 25, 2013, in Newberg.

Ellen (Bain) Warner (G49), Sept. 26, 2014, in Newberg.

Ralph Tish (n51), June 7, 2014, in Bakersfield, Calif.

Clarence Knoepfle (GFES53), Aug. 21, 2014, in Happy Valley, Ore.

John Coleman (n66), May 25, 2014, in LaPorte, Ind.

Randy Casey (n69), May 16, 2014, in Portland.

Rhonda (Enebo) Flaming (n74), Feb. 23, 2014, in Nampa, Idaho.

Jennifer (Eichenberger) Harwell (n78), Aug. 5, 2013, in Homewood, Ala.

Bill Lind (MBA94), March 20, 2014, in Troutdale, Ore.


Jose Cacho (ADP99), July 15, 2014, in Medford, Ore.

John Porter (DBA13), June 30, 2014, in Boston.

Griffin Huber (G14), Sept. 10, 2014, in Portland.


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For more information on how you can become a member of the Henry Mills Society, please contact Dave Adrian at dadrian@georgefox.edu or 503-554-2113.
Social Spotlight

Serve Day through the eyes of students

For the 16th straight year, the university closed its doors for one day in September in order to serve those in need. More than 2,000 students, faculty and staff performed a variety of projects — including construction, painting, weeding, cleaning and visiting with seniors — at a record 102 sites in five counties. This year, we asked students to document the experience by tagging their Instagram photos with #FoxServeDay. Here are some of our favorites.

Want to see more? Visit georgefox.edu/serveday for a video recap and Facebook photos from the university’s annual day of service.

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Christmas Concert: ‘Angels We Have Heard’
December 5-7
One of the most popular events of the year, the annual concert will feature traditional Christmas carols along with narration, congregation singing and Scripture reading. Tickets: boxoffice.georgefox.edu

Bruin Madness January 17
Enjoy family-friendly activities like the Indoor Tailgate Party and KidZone, then head over to Miller Gymnasium to cheer on the men’s and women’s basketball teams. Info and registration: georgefox.edu/BruinMadness

Dinner for Eight February 24-25
Share a home-cooked meal, life lessons and great conversation with four to eight George Fox students. Info and registration: alumni.georgefox.edu/events or call 503-554-2135

Classic Bruins 50-Year Reunion May 1-2
Class of 1965, it’s almost time for your 50-year reunion! Catch up with old friends, enjoy good food, laugh and reminisce. Info and registration: classicbruins.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2134
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A Sea of Blue (and Gold)
Stoffer Family Stadium was packed with 3,659 fans — including a lively student section — to help usher in a new era of Bruin football when the team played its first game in more than 45 years on Sept. 6, 2014. See page 16 for behind-the-scenes photos from the university’s long-anticipated return to the gridiron.