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LISTENING FOR GOD’S CALL

After completing a recent run, I was near the track talking with Jeff Larson, one of our cross country coaches. Stretching nearby was a runner whom I had seen before. I did not want to ignore her so I asked her name. She responded: “You know you have met me before.” I hate it when I fail to remember someone, and it really bothers me when it happens on campus because our university promise is that students will “be known.”

Kate was gracious and I asked forgiveness for my failing memory. She is a transfer student from a state university in Wisconsin, but she is from Minnesota (she is a true Minnesotan because she pronounces the name of the state just right). We get few students from that region so I asked how she got to George Fox. She had not heard of us before, but found us through an online search. It helped that Oregon was “the running capital of the United States” and that winter is warmer here than Minnesota, but the real factor was Jeff, her eventual coach.

I learned that Kate really loves to run, but she loves Jesus more. She has a dream to help athletes and others get the most out of their physical abilities while at the same time sharing the love of Christ. In her conversation with Jeff, he confirmed that George Fox was a place where she would be challenged to develop her talents and also encouraged to share the love of Christ in service and ministry. It was in that conversation that God called her to George Fox University.

When our university (then Pacific College) was founded 120 years ago, the purpose statement noted that “the college seeks to be definitely and positively Christian. It seeks to bring its students to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord. It seeks to help its students to a definite dedication of life to the service of Christ...”

I believe that George Fox has remained consistent to its original vision to help students develop their God-given talents for the service of people in God’s world. In this issue of the journal you will read about George Fox engineers, psychologists and physical therapists who are using their talents to serve in the name of Christ.

Meeting Kate again encouraged me. I need to be reminded often that we are here as agents of Christ, serving the next generation as we seek to awaken God’s call in their lives. Sometimes they bring that “call” with them, and they serve to awaken that spark in us as we continue to develop a university that trusts solely in the Lord.

Robin Baker
President

To read more from President Baker, visit his blog at blogs.georgefox.edu/president.
Kickoff may be two years away, but the planning and fundraising efforts to bring football back to campus after a 44-year hiatus are already in full swing.

Most notably, a new building plan will bring Stoffer Family Stadium and the Duke Athletic Center – originally slated for construction at the 23-acre Austin Sports Complex – within a touchdown pass of the heart of campus.

The decision is estimated to save $1.3 to $1.8 million in infrastructure costs – no small figure in the current economic climate – allowing the university to use existing parking lots, roads, and water, sewer and electrical lines. The stadium will be situated on the west side of the current track facility, and the center will be built on a portion of the existing Bauman parking lot, which will be expanded to make up for lost spaces.

In addition to the cost savings, building on campus will enhance the student experience, as it puts the stadium within walking distance of dorms and the quad, and gives the university a feasible on-campus venue for events such as graduation ceremonies and large track and field meets.

The 23 acres of land that Ken and Joan Austin donated will continue to be developed, with the likely addition of track and field throwing facilities and possibly other sport fields to complement the synthetic turf soccer and lacrosse field that is already in use.

On the coaching front, the university plans to begin interviewing head football coach candidates this winter, with a decision expected in the spring. Athletic Director Craig Taylor reports the job has generated interest nationwide and from candidates ranging from high school to Division I coaches.

Finally, more than $4.6 million of the $7.2 million “Kickoff Campaign” funds necessary to construct the new facilities have been raised. Program supporters can get involved by purchasing season tickets for the inaugural 2013 campaign, buying “Legacy Lockers,” joining the Bruin Backer Club, or becoming a stadium and/or game-day sponsor.

For more details and giving opportunities, visit georgefox.edu/football.
Dukes’ Generous Gift Will Fund New Athletic Center

Marilyn and John Duke have supported George Fox for more than 25 years, but this August they announced their most generous gift yet: a $2.5-million donation that will fund the construction of a state-of-the-art athletic center.

The 15,000-square-foot facility – to be dubbed the Duke Athletic Center – will include an athletic training room, locker rooms, equipment storage rooms, a press box, offices and a weight room. It will be attached to the new Stoffer Family Stadium, future home of the George Fox football team.

“The Dukes recognize that some of life’s most meaningful and important lessons can be learned outside of the classroom,” George Fox President Robin Baker said. “Athletics is one of those arenas. It’s where many of our young people learn lessons in leadership, mentoring, teamwork and work ethic.”

The Dukes – who sent two daughters, Julie and Cindy, to George Fox in the 1980s – have also supported past campus construction projects such as Bauman Auditorium and the Murdock Learning Resource Center.

COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF

WINTER/SPRING 2011–12:
A new head coach is hired.


FALL 2012: The first football recruiting class enrolls at George Fox.

SPRING 2013: Construction of the stadium/athletic center is completed.

FALL 2013: George Fox hosts Willamette on Oct. 5 in its conference opener.

Student Spotlight: Paige Copenhaver

Why this future research professor chose George Fox over the Ivy League

Yale and Dartmouth had both offered her a full-ride scholarship, but for Paige Copenhaver the choice was clear. “I chose to come to George Fox instead of the Ivy League,” she says, “and I’m really happy with that decision.”

A biology major set to graduate this December after just two and a half years of undergraduate work, the Ridgefield, Wash., resident’s 2180 SAT score and impressive high school resumé allowed her the freedom to attend just about any college in the country. But in the end Paige chose to accept presidential merit and science scholarships from George Fox, which allowed her to learn about the world around her from a Christian perspective – a rare luxury in her field.

“I’m doing a PhD as soon as I graduate from here in the sciences,” she explains. “That’s a pretty secular world, and I wanted to have a foundation in a Christian education before I moved off into that.”

Paige’s experiences at George Fox also included participating in two May Serve trips and serving for a year as ASC experiential chaplain, which gave her the chance to plan short excursions designed for students to “experience God through his creation.”

But this aspiring research professor gained the most from one-on-one interactions with her professors, whether it was lengthy conversations about creation or working side by side with biology professor Don Powers on a recent research trip to Manitoba, Canada.

“It’s really cool to not only be able to connect with your professors as far as education or research,” she says, “but to be able to connect with them on a faith-based level as well.”
When members of the Concert Choir posted a video clip of a performance on YouTube, no one imagined that it would propel them to center stage at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts’ Avery Fisher Hall – but that’s exactly what happened.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, the choir joined voices with an additional 150 singers and soloists at “A Concert of Commemoration” in New York to perform Rene Clausen’s *Memorial*, composed to honor the memory of those who lost their lives 10 years prior in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Conductor Loren Wenz received an invitation to participate after event organizers saw a video of the choir singing *Kyrie*, a portion of *Memorial*, on YouTube. “It is quite an honor just to be invited to perform in Fisher Hall, especially in light of this important performance,” said Wenz after learning about the invitation.

Wenz noted that the choir was selected based on the high recommendation of his colleagues and its long-standing reputation for musical excellence, in addition, of course, to its stellar audition on the World Wide Web.

Enrollment Record Set … Again

Some records were meant to be broken, and for the 23rd time in the last 25 years, an enrollment record was set at George Fox, this time topping the 3,500-student mark for the first time in school history.

Thanks to solid retention numbers and an incoming undergraduate class of nearly 600, a total of 3,519 students now attend George Fox – a remarkable growth rate of 541 percent over the last 25 years.

Meanwhile, the university’s commitment to diversity was evident within the numbers, as 30 percent of incoming undergraduate students were ethnic minorities, compared to 12 percent in 2006. Academic excellence was also a high priority, as incoming students in 2011 posted an average GPA of 3.63 and a combined average of 1,114 on the reading and math sections of the SAT.

All told, 1,893 traditional undergraduate students currently attend George Fox, with 284 more in adult degree-completion programs and another 1,342 in the university’s graduate and seminary programs.
Sports Hall of Fame Inducts
Class of 2011

The 2011 George Fox Sports Hall of Fame class featured three athletes, one coach, one team and one meritorious service honoree.

Held in the fall for the first time in its 16-year history, the Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place at Bauman Auditorium on Oct. 1, followed by a reception in the Duke Atrium of the Stevens Center.

Perhaps the most well-known inductee was former women’s basketball coach Scott Rueck (1996-2010), who led a group of mostly inexperienced players to a 32-0 record and the NCAA Division III national championship in 2008-09.

Rueck was joined at the podium by Karli (Holub) Harshman (1998-2000), the all-time leading scorer in George Fox women’s soccer history; Sharon (Barnett) McPherson (1996-2000), who holds numerous school records in both volleyball and track and field; Katie (Greller) Lacey (1997-2001), who led the Bruins to an 80-23 record and four postseason appearances as the women’s basketball starting center; and the entire 2000-01 women’s basketball team, the first George Fox team to achieve a No. 1 national ranking in the NCAA.

Larry Gibson, a 1970 graduate who served as team captain in wrestling for two years at George Fox, was also honored for meritorious service. Gibson, a lifelong wrestling coach who has overcame a variety of obstacles – including the partial loss of his leg as a teenager – received the Medal of Courage from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum in 2009.

To view the new interactive Hall of Fame website, visit georgefox.edu/HOF.
Nearly 1,800 students and staff put in approximately 10,000 hours at 80 different sites on Sept. 7, shoveling barkdust, trimming blackberry bushes, painting murals, visiting the elderly and much more at the university’s 13th annual Serve Day.

First instituted in 1999 by then-President David Brandt, this year’s Serve Day saw students and staff visit nine schools, six elderly care facilities, 13 churches and 15 homes, not to mention sites like the Oregon Zoo and Portland Rescue Mission. But the real impact of the day came from the positive relationships forged between George Fox students and the people they were serving.

This year’s theme, “Be Known by Love,” was based on John 13:34-35: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

To view video and photos from Serve Day, visit georgefox.edu/serveday2011.

Kimball Brings Focus on Connecting Youth with the Church

A familiar face can be seen back on campus this fall, and he’s bringing with him some new ideas on how the church can better connect with young people.

Dan Kimball, author of They Like Jesus But Not the Church and the forthcoming Adventures in Churchland, joined George Fox this fall as professor of missional leadership and as leader of a new center focused on the future faith of young Americans.

Kimball, a graduate of George Fox Evangelical Seminary’s Doctor of Ministry program, formed a friendship with university President Robin Baker during his time as a graduate student. The two soon discovered that they had a common passion for helping emerging generations connect with the message of Jesus and see their careers as a calling.

Out of that relationship came the idea for a center that would focus on future generations and the mission of the church. The center, yet to be named, will conduct research on churches that are effectively engaging college students and young adults with the gospel. It also will serve to create opportunities for church leaders to collaborate, learn and share ideas.

Kimball, who lives in Santa Cruz, Calif., where he is a pastor at Vintage Faith Church, will work at George Fox on a part-time basis.
George Fox Recognized by National Media

What do Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, U.S. News & World Report, Forbes and The Princeton Review have in common? They have all recognized George Fox as a top-tier university.

Most recently, Kiplinger’s ranked George Fox among the top 80 “Best Value” private universities in the nation, including a No. 4 ranking among schools in the 113-member Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.

The university also received a first-tier regional ranking and “Best Value” listing from U.S. News & World Report in its 2012 “America’s Best Colleges” issue, and landed a spot on the publication’s “Great Schools, Great Prices” list. Additionally, U.S. News ranked George Fox among the top 40 schools in the nation in study abroad participation, with 53 percent of the university’s traditional undergraduates participating.

Finally, Forbes ranked George Fox among the top 20 Christian colleges and universities in the nation, while The Princeton Review honored the university as one of its “Best in the West” schools in its “2012 Best Colleges: Region by Region” edition.

BOOKS AND FILM

In August, a crew of 10 past and present film students got together to conquer a unique challenge: write, shoot and edit a short film in under 48 hours. The result, titled 271, was submitted to the Portland 48 Hour Film Project and won awards for Best Actor, Best Writing and Best Film. Next up, the film will advance to national competition at Filmapalooza 2012 in March.

Junior studio art major Allegra Villetta’s photo will grace the cover of the coming-of-age novel Love & Leftovers, set to be released Jan. 1. Villetta was contacted after the author’s agent saw the photo on Flickr.

Alumnus David Nevue (G87) composed the soundtrack for the recently released movie Saving Winston, the story of a troubled teen (Victoria Emmons, Come What May) who discovers an abandoned horse and realizes a newfound love of God.

Professor Mark David Hall recently had two books accepted by Oxford University Press. The first will be titled Roger Sherman and the Creation of the American Republic. The second is Faith and the Founders of the American Republic, co-edited with Daniel Dreisbach.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

The university’s Master of Arts in Teaching and Management and Organizational Leadership programs (hybrid format) both announced that students will be given an iPad 2 as part of their tuition.

In June, Ted Allen was hired as executive VP for finance and business operations. Allen, who brings nearly 25 years of senior management experience to the job, replaces Mike Goins, who retired after 10 years with the university.

In August, George Fox joined about 200 universities nationwide in committing to the President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge. The initiative encourages colleges and universities to commit to a year of interfaith and community service programming on campus.

Two George Fox women’s basketball players were honored as preseason All-American picks by D3hoops.com. Junior center Hannah Munger was a second-team selection, while Keisha Gordon was named to the third team.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Kenyan officials are expected to launch the peace curriculum that members of the university’s School of Education developed for Quaker high schools in the spring of 2012. George Fox professors have made several trips to Kenya to develop and promote the curriculum dating back to 2009.

The Master of Arts in Teaching program organized a fundraising effort to purchase mattresses, sheets and pillows for an orphanage in Quito, Ecuador. Each year the MAT department arranges a serve trip to the orphanage.

Professor Mark David Hall visited China in June for an international faculty development seminar. The seminar, called Religion, Society, and the Rule of Law, focused on a variety of issues, including how China can achieve legal reform for the sake of religious freedom.

President Robin Baker was in Oxford, England, this past July for a C.S. Lewis Foundation seminar, held at the restored home of the well-known Christian author.

Baker also embarked on a late-October trip to China to visit with the parents of several international students and gain a better understanding of their needs. To read President Baker’s reflections on the works of Lewis and his trip to China, visit his blog at blogs.georgefox.edu/president.
At the core of the George Fox experience is our deep commitment to integrate the sacred into everything we do. Faculty and staff approach higher education – the academic disciplines, extracurricular activities and professional preparation – from a worldview that places God at the center. A holistic education like this that connects “head and heart” best serves our students, and ultimately, society.
Students are trained not only to be competent in their discipline, they are encouraged to become bearers of God’s presence in whatever profession he calls them – whether they are engineers, teachers, sculptors, politicians, filmmakers or physical therapists.

Our greatest aim is for students to discover purpose in using their unique abilities to join in the Spirit’s movement to redeem and heal the world.

The dream expressed for years in our annual catalog when we were still Pacific College stands today:

Pacific College seeks to be definitely and positively Christian. It seeks to bring its students to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord. It seeks to help its students to a definite dedication of life to the service of Christ, and to that incoming of the divine Spirit without whose help the fullest service to God and to humanity is impossible. It seeks to assist its students to find their work in life, and at least to begin their definite preparation for it.
Servant Engineering

Engineering students use their unique skills to create real-world solutions

Designed for an individual who had fractured her neck in a car accident at a young age, the neuromuscular therapy bike improves the responsiveness of nerves leading to and from appendages. The damaged limb is put into a continuous patterned motion, and then that motion is interrupted; this causes the brain to identify alternative nerve paths to the limb.
Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. – 1 Peter 4:10

By Michael Richeson

It’s a typical Monday evening on campus, and the usual sights and sounds of students shuffling between classes have given way to a more peaceful scene. But the day is far from over for one group of aspiring engineers. In one room a team of three stares intently at a computer screen, debating the merits of a conceptual design; down the hall they are soldering components onto a circuit board; and outside a bamboo towing apparatus called a vangari is being attached to a modified bicycle and tested for structural integrity.

Groundbreaking devices are being created and perfected by students in the George Fox Servant Engineering program, but they won’t be displayed in a glass case or entered into a competition – they are meant to be used by the people who need them. A portable currency reader for the blind, a vibration therapy system that will help increase bone density in kids who suffer from osteoporosis, and yes, even a more efficient way to transport goods in Third-World countries.

Students at George Fox have always been encouraged to use their God-given talents to venture beyond the classroom and reach out to those in need. This often means different things to different people, but for this group, fulfilling the edict in 1 Peter 4:10 has taken on an especially unique and innovative form. The result: projects that are changing lives.

First launched in the spring of 2010, the Servant Engineering program allows students to use their technical gifts to serve others. Students spend four consecutive semesters in the required program and work with a myriad of clients and project ideas. In turn, they not only meet a real need, they also experience project management with a diverse range of clients, providing added value to their degree.

“If you can have an experience as a student which is more than conceptual, theoretical work, it’s an incredible engineering experience,” says Neal Ninteman, assistant professor of mathematics and engineering. “They go through a complete design cycle, from product conception all the way to delivery, which is extraordinary at their age.”

Ninteman said he doesn’t know of any other university in the nation that has integrated this type of service program as a required part of the engineering curriculum.
‘A Great Partnership’

The Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children provides the bulk of the projects. The partnership began after Karen Masulis, a registered nurse at the center, called Ninteman and Gary Spivey, associate professor of electrical engineering, after reading a George Fox Journal article about a postural assist device for the blind (see pg 15).

Masulis says that working with the university has been an important benefit for the children. The Providence Center is the only facility of its kind in Oregon and Washington, and engineering companies can’t make a profit solving problems for one or two special-needs kids.

“It’s been so fun,” says Masulis, whose son David graduated from George Fox with an engineering degree in 2011.

Masulis’ son served as lead on the first project – a prototype for a call-light system. “Most kids don’t have the coordination to flip a switch to call a nurse, and some of them can’t tell when they have called a nurse,” Masulis explains. “Servant Engineering developed a device that made a noise to let the child know they had properly called a nurse and that help was on the way.”

Most of the children at the center are dealing with some kind of brain injury from trauma or a birth defect. Cerebral palsy, epilepsy and developmental disabilities are the most common diagnoses.

“Industry will never provide a call system for one girl at Providence,” Ninteman says. “It’s not feasible. Academia is perfect because we have the expertise but we’re not bound by market forces.”

For the past two years, students spent the university’s annual Serve Day at the center fixing broken equipment, interacting with the children and discussing long-term projects with therapists.

“This year, the room was buzzing with enthusiasm and excitement,” Masulis says. “We got a ton of things fixed, and the therapists are so excited about the direction of the projects. It’s a great partnership.”

Students noticed the excitement, too. In a series of reflection papers, engineering majors wrote about how being able to use their gifting to help others has inspired them. “Servant Engineering has been such a blessing not only for those we are serving, but also for me personally,” wrote Stephanie Mount. “Seeing the reaction of the workers and then seeing the excitement in the kids was one of the most incredible things I’ve ever experienced. I was brought back and reminded of why we did the project and why I want to be an engineer. Seeing their faces made everything worthwhile and gave me a renewed motivation for Servant Engineering.”

As a client of the Servant Engineering program, and as the mother of a son who went through the program, Masulis has a unique point of view about its benefits. David is working as an engineer, and he is now an adviser for the class.

“It was exciting to him because he’s got a great heart, but his gifting is so technical,” Masulis explains. “There aren’t many places that value that when you’re talking community service.”

The marriage of technical gifting and service is what makes the program exciting and deeply rewarding, even for the professors. “It’s affected me in the same way we...”
hope it affects students,” Ninteman says. “It’s given me a chance to integrate my love for God and my desire to help people with my gifts as an engineer, which are often thought of as secular. Servant Engineering lets me live out my faith, lets me live out 1 Peter 4:10.”

‘This Could Help Other People’

Another Servant Engineering project, this one with mass-market potential, is in progress thanks to an idea by Newberg resident Laurie Wilson. Wilson, 52, fractured her neck in a car accident when she was 17. The wreck left her with physical complications that resemble a stroke victim. Her right side is weaker than her left side, and she wears off the toes of her right shoe because she drags her foot when she walks.

Her doctor found that if he rotated Wilson’s leg like she was riding a bicycle and then randomly jerked it to a stop, her right side became more engaged and she could walk better. Wilson couldn’t go to the doctor every day, though, and she wondered if a machine could produce the same result. She decided to contact university engineering departments to see if someone could help her. Her first, and only, stop was George Fox.

“I was amazed,’ Wilson says. “I just couldn’t believe it when they said yes. I thought I was going to have to go around and talk to many people. They were so kind about it.”

The result was the neuromuscular therapy bike, an exercise bike programmed to randomly stop. The sudden stops help recreate neurological patterns that were previously damaged.

“Immediately, I thought this could help other people,” Wilson recalls. “If you can stimulate the brain properly, then I think it could be huge. I hope this can be used for war veterans and people who’ve had strokes. I could see how this could help a lot of people.”

The bike is still a work in progress, but Wilson says that she’s already seeing the benefits. When she pedals the bike, she says her hip and leg feel like they are part of her again.

“The students have been positive and attentive and mature,” Wilson says. “The experience has been ideal.”

Ninteman says that the list of projects is growing, and with that comes added logistical difficulties, but he hopes the Servant Engineering model he and his students are pioneering is contagious.

“There’s a limit to how much we can do, but there’s no limit to what the community of Christian engineers could do,” he says. “We have a vision for this to spread far beyond George Fox University.”
George Fox psychology professor Kelly Chang pauses for a moment, obviously affected by the scene she is describing. The locals in Managua, Nicaragua, call it “La Chureca,” slang for “city dump.” And while no waste disposal facility is a pretty sight, what makes this place so heart wrenching is the fact that hundreds upon hundreds of children live, play and scavenge on it every day.

It all started back in 1972, when the Managuan earthquake devastated close to 70 percent of the city. Left unemployed and homeless, many families moved to the site where the rubble was collected to scavenge for metals and other materials that they could sell or use to construct makeshift homes.

Locals estimate that today about 2,000 people make their home on or around the dump, close to half of whom are children. These children are often uneducated and malnourished, but according to Chang, the young girls that live on La Chureca are especially at risk.

“Children are very sexualized there because that’s basically the one thing that they have that’s valuable – their bodies,” explains Chang, noting that underage girls are often expected to find an older man to take care of them when their family cannot, and are sometimes even used as human currency to pay garbage truck drivers in exchange for first pick of that day’s delivery.

It’s an ugly, unimaginable setting. But God is at work in La Chureca, and there is hope. Via Esperanza, or “Village of Hope,” was constructed by Forward Edge International in 2007 to house and meet the needs – physical, emotional and spiritual – of 24 of these girls. They are taught basic life skills, shepherded to and from school, fed and, most importantly, loved and protected.

Chang first got involved in 2007, when she felt God “tapping on my shoulder” in a series of events that led her to join a church group on a missions trip to the village, which at the time was still under construction. After spending time with many of the girls who were being considered for the village, Chang knew she couldn’t just go home and forget about them.
“The hardest part of that whole week was taking them back to the dump and leaving,” she recalls. “I thought, I can’t leave these beautiful children here.”

So Chang asked how she could help. “I was told that the money’s coming in and the construction is going well, but we need to know what to do with these girls once we get them off the dump, because they all have so many different things they’ve been through.”

Right then and there, her calling became clear. When she returned home, Chang applied and was approved for a missions-focused Juniors Abroad trip that would allow her to take George Fox psychology students to the village to work with the girls. In three different trips dating back to 2009, Chang and her students have worked with the girls on a variety of levels, from performing in-depth psychological assessments to simply “seeing how they’re doing in terms of their self-esteem and spiritual well-being.”

One moment that stands out for Chang came in the summer of 2010, when the graduate students in the group conducted an intelligence assessment on each of the girls to determine their educational needs. “There was one girl in particular who was really, really precious, but the school couldn’t handle her,” recalls Chang. “All the other girls would go to school and she’d stay home and kind of mope and feel sorry for herself. But after her intelligence assessment they were able to accept her into a special education program, which is rare in Nicaragua. That was really neat to see; she was so happy to be going to school.”

Chang and her students have also interviewed girls who still live on the dump to compare their psychological well-being to those who live at the village, in addition to studying behavior and making suggestions to combat the negative habits that return after the girls go back to the dump to visit their families. All of this interaction is tracked and submitted to the directors of the village to help determine the mental health needs of each girl, and to monitor each individual’s level of depression, anxiety and hope.

“At the same time we’re not just aloof observers researching these people,” notes Chang. “We’re building relationships and having a lot

“They fall in love with these girls, and they see how much there is a need for people like them around the world.”
of fun with them doing service projects.”

Chang’s goal is for each girl to receive the mental and emotional tools that they need to live healthy, independent lives, and to be agents for change who can bring about healing in a community that so desperately needs it.

“That’s one of the most exciting things,” she says. “When I talk to these girls, one of them wants to start her own via and take care of girls like her, and another one wants to become a doctor ... It’s a great thing that they’re dreaming.”

And for the students who accompany her, the experience goes far beyond a three-week missions trip to a distant country.

“They fall in love with these girls, and they see how much there is a need for people like them around the world,” she explains. “I think it expands their vision from just, ‘Well, I’m training to be good at this,’ to ‘I’m training so that I can take what I’m learning and make a difference in this world.’ And that’s my goal ... for them to value their education for what it can offer to God’s calling on their lives.”

About the photographer: Dominique Berho, who graduated from George Fox in 2011 with a degree in international studies, joined Chang during her summer 2011 trip to Nicaragua. To see more of his work, visit dominiqueberho.com.
Recently we caught up with Cuddeford to get an update on the construction efforts and hear about his vision for the program.

You're still in the construction phase, but can you run down a few of the highlights of the physical therapy facilities once they are finished?
The facilities are really going to be among the top in the country. We've been fortunate to have enough space for four very large classrooms and 120 students when the program is fully developed. I'm also really excited about our research labs – the exercise physiology lab, the motor control lab, the biomechanics lab. These will be a great resource not only for our faculty to do research, but for our students to be involved in the research process as well.

How will the Doctor of Physical Therapy program integrate the university's dedication to service?
A significant part of our program is going to be related to service. So we'll be asking, "What is our role out there in the community as physical therapists?" There will be a lot of avenues for students to interact with the local community, whether it be a health fair, a children's health day or volunteering at nearby nursing homes or retirement centers. We're also going to have a small physical therapy clinic within our facility where community members can come and receive free treatment, and then even beyond that we want a large service component internationally.

As the only Christian university in the Northwest with a PT program, how will George Fox be different?
There's content that's specific to being a physical therapist that we have to teach, so in many ways the curriculum will be similar to many of the other top programs.

During his time as a researcher at Nike, Tyler Cuddeford used his knowledge of physical therapy and biomechanics to develop footwear that would keep the company's world-famous athletes injury-free and flying high. These days, he's working on getting an entire program off the ground.

The director of George Fox's new Doctor of Physical Therapy program, Cuddeford doesn't wear running shoes to work anymore, but he still has to be quick on his feet, whether it's hiring new professors, reviewing student applications or keeping abreast of an 18,000-square-foot construction zone that by the fall of 2012 will morph into a state-of-the-art facility – home to the only PT program on a Christian campus in the Northwest.
What makes George Fox different is that all our professors here are strong professing Christians. That influences how you teach and the way you interact with others, and I think that will be beneficial for our students.

What kind of job opportunities can students expect when they complete the program? The profession is projected to grow 30 percent faster than the average, so the prospects are very positive. If you look geographically, the closest school north is in the Seattle area, and the closest school south is in the Sacramento area; that leaves a large geographic area with us and only one other school that offers physical therapy. Certain positions in Providence, for example, haven’t been filled for a year. That’s encouraging for us, and a really positive sign for our incoming students.

What was your biggest concern when you first started this process? Because this is a developing program and it takes nearly four years to earn accreditation, at first I was worried a bit about the quality of students that we might get. But after looking at the applications I’m not worried at all. And what I get from talking with students is they’re choosing George Fox as their first choice for a PT school. I think that’s a big deal. It speaks highly of the program already, it speaks highly of the university, and it sounds like students are confident in how the program is going to look two, three, four years from now.

To learn more about the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, visit georgefox.edu/physical-therapy.
Mark Hatfield engaged the ears of presidents and members of Congress. He'd served as Oregon’s governor for two terms and as a U.S. Senator for 30 years. He’d gained national attention as one of the earliest opponents of the Vietnam War.

And yet, on this January day in 1997, he was uneasy. The occasion: His first day of lecturing as a history professor at George Fox.

“I didn’t sleep well last night – I’m a little nervous,” he admitted. “I rewrote my lecture this morning.”

He also informed his students there was no need for formalities: “I can be called anything. In fact, I have been called everything. Just call me citizen Mark or citizen Hatfield.”

It was that humble nature – along with his honesty, forthrightness, humor and generosity – that endeared Hatfield to those who knew him. “He was a wonderful man who was true to his convictions, even when it was politically damaging,” says Professor Emeritus Ralph Beebe (pg 24), who co-taught history courses with Hatfield. “Of all the leaders I have studied as a historian, I can’t think of a single one I admire more.”

Hatfield taught what he lived – classes such as “The Vietnam Experience,” “Recent America: 1945 to the Present” and “International Relations” – and enjoyed teaching courses on former President Herbert Hoover, a childhood hero with whom he often consulted as a graduate student at Stanford and a man he once described as “one of the greatest humanitarian leaders of this century.”

In fact, it was Hatfield’s connection to Hoover – who attended the forerunner of George Fox, Friends Pacific Academy – that predicated Hatfield’s generous donation, in 1999, of more than 100 books and Hoover memorabilia to the university.

Hatfield’s gesture of good will was rooted in his love for the school: “George Fox exemplifies the dedication to excellence in education and Christian faith that has played such an important role in my life, as well as in the life of President Hoover,” he said.

Hatfield continued to teach at George Fox through the mid-2000s and in 2006 helped dedicate the renovated Hoover Academic Building.

For a timeline, photo gallery and retrospective on Hatfield’s career, visit georgefox.edu/hatfield.
A Life of Service

“Mark Hatfield proved you could be a Christian, a winning politician and a person of integrity. This was possible only because his relationship with God was alive and resilient, a reliable source of guidance and comfort, strong enough to withstand the pressures of politics.”
– Ron Mock, associate professor of political science and peace studies

“It was a great privilege for me, when I joined the George Fox community in 1999, to meet and talk with the man I really considered a hero. I found him to be gracious, thoughtful and deeply Christian. He conveyed truth to students through words but mostly by example. His humility and grace will long be remembered at George Fox.”
– Robin Baker, president

“Colleagues … were attracted to working for him because of his faithful Christian witness, his political courage, and his great work in crafting a new place for Christians in politics – that of a ‘progressive evangelical.’”
– Lon Fendall, author of Stand Alone or Come Home: Mark Hatfield as an Evangelical and a Progressive, retired from GFU in 2010
Five-year-old Cherice scooted forward on Grandpa’s big chair, her legs dangling and dark hair falling forward as she leaned over the broad expanse of his wooden desk. She liked these afternoons in his cluttered office, busily ‘writing’ on papers he put in front of her. Grandpa Ralph had to read for her the sign on his desk – “Eschew obfuscation” – and he laughed when she asked what it meant.

For Ralph Beebe, teaching has been a family affair for decades. Long before bringing his granddaughter on campus, he taught her mother in high school. After transferring his career to George Fox University in 1974, two more children and five grandchildren (including Cherice) filled classroom seats and submitted papers to him. “Makes it kind of an interesting family arrangement,” he says.

But this is the first time he has co-taught with a family member. The little girl who pretended to write at Grandpa’s desk went on to major in psychology at George Fox and earn her master of divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary in 2009. Now Beebe and Cherice (Eichenberger) Bock are team-teaching the class “War and Conscience in American History.”

Beebe has taught this class since 1990, presenting the three historical Christian positions toward war: pacifism, just war and obedience to country.


One warm afternoon in a park last summer, Beebe and Bock discussed his upcoming class. “A week or two later, it hit me that we should team teach because she could help the students come to grips with the morality piece,” Beebe says.

While Beebe focuses on historical views of war and conscience, Bock ties in from her Princeton studies the theology and morality of war from St. Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, John Calvin, George Fox and Menno Simons. Bock’s time spent in Israel and Palestine with Christian Peacemaker Teams further equips her to lead class discussions about the moral intricacies of the Middle East’s current wars.

By Kimberly Felton
“I suspect it may be the first time in a long time that a grandfather and granddaughter team taught a college class,” says Beebe. “Hearing his perspective helps fill out my view,” Bock says. “We’ve had conversations about pieces we interpret differently. There have been things both of us have said over the years that have informed what the person has believed after that. I appreciate that he’s willing to listen to my perspective as someone younger.”

Their discussions outside the classroom range beyond peace. Beebe bought a hybrid car after hearing why Bock thought it was important.

“I think some people feel like when they’re older, they’ve learned more than other people have,” says Bock. “It’s nice that it doesn’t go just one direction.”

Beebe laughs. “We’re willing to express our opinions,” he says. “She’s influenced me. In teaching the class, it’s not that I’m right and she’s not right. In spite of our joy in working together, it has to be a good class. We have to present things so the students learn, rather than trying to satisfy each other. Our method of teaching is, I think, helpful to that.”

As a new adjunct professor for both seminary and undergraduate classes, Bock is happy to get more experience – especially working with a seasoned teacher. Besides noting his syllabus and grading methods, Bock learns from childhood memories of her professor grandpa. “They often had groups of students over to their home, having discussions. I remember seeing how he structured his life … building into relationships. And giving lots of [project] options – that’s something he did before it became popular, helping different learning styles; he’s been doing that for more than 40 years.”

At 79, Beebe considers mentoring his granddaughter a close second priority to providing a productive learning experience for their students.

“Cherice is a very good teacher,” Beebe says. “She has practically 50 years to put into action the things I might help her with. The more I can help her become a good teacher, the more value it will be to her and to students in the future.”

And the benefits go both ways. “I bring experience, and she brings ideas, youth,” Beebe says. “I speak both languages,” Bock says. “I understand what he’s saying, and I understand what they’re saying – especially about technology questions.”

“I do e-mail,” Beebe clarifies, “but growing up, we didn’t even have a telephone until I was 15.” Sighing, he adds, “Things change, and she understands technology far better than I do.”

Together they’re attempting to eschew obfuscation around biblical responses to war and peace – and technology – helping the next generation of students determine what they believe, and why.

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2011

Falling Back to Fox

Homecoming returned to the fall for the first time in four decades

More than 500 visitors poured onto campus Oct. 7-9 for the university’s first fall homecoming celebration in more than 40 years. Alumni from graduating classes ranging from 2011 all the way back to 1938 made the trek back to their old stomping grounds to catch up with old friends and professors, reminisce and see how George Fox has grown over the years.

A packed schedule of events was highlighted by a variety of speakers, campus tours, reunion dinners and sporting events, not to mention a Saturday afternoon tailgate party and a ceremony to recognize the 2011 Honored Alumni Award recipients (see pg 30). The big event of the weekend was a semi-formal Homecoming Gala at the Chehalem Cultural Center – located a few blocks from campus – where a more intimate setting was staged for the reunion classes of 1951, 1971, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 2001.

For alumni who missed out on all the festivities, there’s always next year! Contact alumni relations at 503-554-2131 or visit georgefox.edu/alumni for more information.

The Bruin Barbecue Tailgate Party was a family-friendly affair, complete with face painting, rock climbing, family photo opportunities and, of course, a healthy serving of burgers and dogs.

Homecoming king Tyler Zimmerman and queen Emily Jordan were crowned at halftime of Saturday’s women’s soccer game versus local rival Lewis & Clark College.

Friday night was all about the biology and chemistry grads, as alumni young and old got together for a reunion dinner followed by an open house at the Edwards-Holman Science Center.
Saturday night’s Homecoming Gala featured food, live music and the opportunity for alumni from different classes to get together and reminisce.

Campus tours on Friday and Saturday allowed alumni to connect with current students and get a firsthand look at the many changes around campus.

On Friday afternoon alumni gathered in the Stevens Center for an impromptu meet-and-greet before filtering into a classroom for a heritage lecture by retired biology professor Dale Orkney.
Jonathan Bishop (G67) and Marita (Cammack) Bishop (G67) are in Kabul, Afghanistan, where he is interim director of the family practice residency training program at Afshar Hospital. With Jon retiring from Snohomish Family Medical Center after 35 years, they are now serving with two organizations: In His Image International and Samaritan’s Purse. They left in July. After March 1, 2012, they will be in Tansen, Nepal, for training of family practice residents before returning to their Snohomish, Wash., home in mid-June.

Mark Thompson (G76), a former coffee shop owner who has worked in the coffee business for years, has established Fair Wage Coffee in Dundee, Ore. He roasts and delivers coffee locally to restaurants, stores and individuals, but also ships throughout the nation. He has partnered with a nonprofit, Growers First, to work to improve the lives of farmers from as far away as Papua New Guinea and Honduras.

Tim Weaver (G76), named Oregon’s 2010 top city police officer as a drug recognition expert, has retired. His last day with the Newberg-Dundee Police Department was June 29, ending 32 years, 8 months and 29 days of service. Officers from neighboring agencies came to his celebration with the NDPD the next day. Eligible for retirement for the last seven years, he had said he would retire if he had three bad days in a row. They never came, Weaver said. But he has decided it’s time to become involved in the community in other ways, and to do some fishing.

John Cederholm (n80) was featured in a July 26 story in The Observer in La Grande, Ore. It profiled his retirement from coaching youth baseball in the area for 25 years. His last event was directing the state Babe Ruth tournament the week prior in La Grande.

David Olson (G80) in June became chief operating officer for Sunnyside Community Hospital in Sunnyside, Wash. He has been a consultant in strategic planning and business development and in healthcare leadership during the current year and previously was director of strategic planning with Providence Health & Services in Oregon. He will continue to maintain his family home in Happy Valley, Ore.

Jane (Mendenhall) Smith (G80), after 17 years as organist for the First United Methodist Church in Newberg, has resigned to take a position with Christ Church Episcopal Parish in Lake Oswego, Ore. She was featured in a June 30 article in the Newberg Graphic, which noted her travels to Europe to play century-old instruments. Her replacement in Newberg is Janet (Height) Lyda (G57).

Randy Butler (G81, MA84, DMin07) has authored Reclaiming Heaven’s Covenant: God’s Blueprint to Restore All Relationships, published in June by Deep River Books. Based on his dissertation work, it teaches how to connect with God and others in a way that positively affects marriage, parent-hood, career and finances. He has been pastor of the Salem (Ore.) Evangelical Church for the last 25 years.

Paula (Ankeny) Hampton (G81) is the new administrative assistant in George Fox University’s Department of Religious Studies. She was hired in 2006 to begin the undergraduate teacher education program, then the MAT program was developed and now two MAT groups and one undergraduate class have graduated.

Leslie (Friend) Smiley (n81) in May received a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Grand Canyon University’s online program. Living in Spanaway, Wash., she has been a paraeducator for 10 years and currently is a teacher assistant with the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, a preschool program funded by the state of Washington.

Deborah (Arnoldi) Miller (G84, MEd99, EdD06) is the teacher education program director at Multnomah University in Portland. She was hired in 2006 to begin the undergraduate teacher education program, then the MAT program was developed and now two MAT groups and one undergraduate class have graduated.
A Historic First

On Jan. 1, 2012, Becky (Thomas) Ankeny (G77) will become the new superintendent of the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, the first woman to hold that position in the 118 years of the Quaker church. The Yearly Meeting, the parent and owner of George Fox University, oversees 67 churches in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Ankeny will assume the leadership post after 23 years at George Fox, including positions as associate vice president for academic affairs and then associate provost for academic affairs. She joined the university in 1988 to teach English and literature, but now leaves that behind for the church headquarters office adjacent to the Newberg campus. She becomes an ex-officio member of the George Fox Board of Trustees.

Leadership within the Yearly Meeting is not new for Ankeny. For four months in 2008 she served as interim pastor at the First Friends Church in Vancouver, Wash. A recorded Friends minister and daughter of Quaker missionaries in Africa, Ankeny has been active as a lay church leader, serving as clerk of her local church, and on Yearly Meeting boards and commissions.

After receiving her George Fox interdisciplinary degree in communication arts, literature and history, Ankeny earned a master’s degree (1982) and then a PhD in English (1986) at the University of Oregon. She followed that with an Executive MBA from Oregon in 2009.

Ankeny’s selection concluded a nationwide search by a nine-member committee that chose four candidates for personal interviews, then two finalists, based on “their strong and evident commitment to Jesus Christ and the work of Friends, their history of ministry and service, their stature and leadership within the Yearly Meeting, and the positive appraisals by their references.”

Ankeny says her first priorities are to help build “a sense of community that recognizes and values how different Friends meetings across the Yearly Meeting express their sense of mission and calling.” As for being the first woman in the position, Ankeny says, “I don’t plan to make gender my focus, nor do I plan to try to ignore gender either.” She notes that in the 1970s she heard one Yearly Meeting board clerk say he did not foresee the recording of any more women as ministers of the gospel. “To have moved as a Yearly Meeting from that place to today is remarkable and blessed,” she says. “It is now clear that the mainstream NWYM community believes in the historical and biblical Quaker position that God calls and ordains, and the community of believers simply recognizes and records, and that God calls women, who then have the same responsibility to obey as men do.”

Robert Legg (G85) in July became lead pastor of Mountain View Fellowship Church in Redmond, Ore. He previously had been a chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, based at Joint Base Lewis McChord near Tacoma, Wash.

Susan (Fridley) Rojas (G85) in April was named director of fiscal services for Turlock Christian Schools in Turlock, Calif. Previously she was a plant controller with Sensient Dehydrated Flavors, LLC., a food processor in Turlock.

Nancy (Baugh) Fawver (G88) in June became a half-time enrollment counselor for George Fox University’s full-time MBA and Doctor of Business Administration programs. She continues as a part-time registrar and system administrator with Veritas School in Newberg.

1990–99

Rolf Potts (G93) in September began a one-year position as writer in residence at the University of Pennsylvania. He is affiliated with the Kelley Writers House and will organize a number of events with writers. The residency gives him the time and resources to write, and he plans to focus on a couple of book proposals and a few shorter articles. He also will teach a creative writing class in the spring, with an emphasis on travel writing.
2011 HONORED ALUMNI

Heritage Award
Dwight Kimberly, ’67
In the quarter of a century he taught classes at George Fox, Dwight Kimberly earned the respect and admiration of both his peers and his students. Many remember him as the 2000 Oregon Professor of the Year, but winning honors was never Kimberly's agenda. Rather, the biology professor took pride in investing in his pupils. Kimberly’s love of students and learning resulted in a teaching career that began at Oregon State University in the mid-1970s, included 18 years at Warner Pacific College and culminated with a 25-year commitment to George Fox.

Christian Service Award
Linda Byrd, ’78
A childhood love for camping cultivated in Linda Byrd a call to turn her passion into a lifelong ministry. For more than 30 years, she’s served as a volunteer, staff member, administrator and leader in various Christian camping ministries throughout the world. Her travels have included sojourns to Jamaica, Panama, Trinidad and Mexico to serve in various camp organization roles or to lead workshops. And, for 15 years, she was the administrator and girls camp director for Oregon Camp Cherith, a ministry of Pioneer Clubs. Currently serving as missions resource coordinator for World Venture’s Northwest region, Byrd also takes time to mentor George Fox alumni pursuing the camping ministry.

Outstanding Alumnus Award
Barbara Baker, SPS ’02
As the executive vice president of cultural enhancement for the Umpqua Holdings Corporation, Barbara Baker’s influence reaches far beyond the walls of her Portland office. She is responsible for overseeing all culture, training and human resource functions for the financial services company, and her efforts have helped the bank earn several awards, including being named to Fortune magazine’s “100 Best Companies to Work For” list for five straight years. Baker has also received numerous individual accolades, including the Portland Business Journal’s 2011 Best HR Team Leadership Award.

Outstanding Recent Alumna
Margaret “Maggie” (Holmes) Holmesheoran, ’04
Since earning a bachelor’s degree in international studies from George Fox, Maggie Holmesheoran has traveled the globe as a student of various cultures and as a willing servant. Her travels have taken her to 15 countries in Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, and South and East Asia, with her most recent expedition resulting in a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Hyderabad in India in 2009. Now a graduate student at Tufts University in Boston, where she is working toward master's degrees in nutrition and public health, Maggie works as a project assistant with the Global Nutrition Collaborative Research Support Program.

Seminary Alumnus of the Year
David Wright, GFES ’80
In the 30 years since he earned a master's degree in biblical studies from George Fox, David Wright’s travels have taken him to Haiti, England and all over the U.S. as a professor, administrator and leader in higher education. An ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church, Wright has served as the provost and chief academic officer at Indiana Wesleyan University since 2008, an assignment that came after his three years as dean of the School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University.

Jamie Boutin (G94) is a physician and faculty recruiter for the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. It has 22 affiliated hospitals and 12,000 employees in a 25-county area in northwest North Carolina and southwest Virginia. He assumed the position this year after nearly six years as a physician recruiter with Providence Health and Services in Oregon.

Myrna (Bonar) Jensen (G95) in June became film and special projects manager with the Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau. She previously spent five years with KTUU-TV in Anchorage, Alaska, as assignment editor.

Tricia (Gates) Brown (G96, MA97) has authored Jesus Loves Women: A Memoir of Body and Spirit, published by DreamSeeker Books. She also has written an essay, “Pristine Voices,” appearing in the fall issue of Geez magazine and another, “Undone,” in the 2011 issue of Rain magazine.

Greg Hodges (SPS97) has been named a regional sales director with Lincoln Financial Distributors, the wholesale distribution subsidiary of Lincoln Financial Group. As part of the Institutional Retirement Solutions Distribution team, he will be in charge of a territory that includes nine states. He has 20 years in retirement sales experience in the financial services industry, previously serving as vice president of sales with Diversified Investment Advisors.
Jeremy Lloyd (G98) has joined the George Fox University Office of Marketing Communications as creative content manager. For the last two years he was a self-employed writer and editor in the Portland area, and for four years prior to that was assistant editor of PDX Magazine.

Michele (Hadden) Butler (MAT'99) is the new assistant principal at Milford High School, part of the Huron Valley Schools system in Highland, Mich. She was selected from a pool of 137 candidates. For the previous six years she was an assistant principal in Yuma, Ariz.

Dan Foster (G99, MBA'04) leads a 12-member team that was named one of the top 12 real estate offices in the United States for service excellence and overall customer satisfaction. He is manager for the Newberg and Sherwood teams of Prudential Northwest Properties, the largest locally owned real estate company in the Portland area. He also is a business coach, certified through the Coaching Leader System of Building Champions, Inc.

Tyler Johnson (G99) has written a new book, Devotion to the Adopted Country: Ethnic Volunteers in the U.S.-Mexican War. It is scheduled to be published next spring by the University of Missouri Press. He is associate professor of history at Philadelphia Biblical University.

Shannon Lilja (G99, MA'08) is program manager for addictions services at Community Services Northwest, a private, not-for-profit center in Vancouver, Wash. She is responsible for programs helping adult and adolescent clients with chemical dependency, and programs for pregnant women, gambling addiction and domestic violence. She also has a private counseling practice for individuals and couples.

Lynn (Clouser) Holt (MDiv'97) is the new lead pastor at North Valley Friends Church in Newberg. She has been at the church since 2003 as part-time assistant pastor while also continuing a management career in the medical field. She took over the lead pastor role July 1 after the retirement of Stan Thornburg (G68).

102 and Counting

When a group of alumni got up to sing the George Fox University school song to new students as part of the Welcome Week activities, one of the participants was Margaret (Nothiger) Morse (n35). And as it turned out, the Aug. 25 date presented an ideal opportunity for the audience to sing back to her.

Students and parents united to surprise her by singing “Happy Birthday” to the 102-year-old. The Friendsview Retirement Community resident, a retired elementary school teacher, was cheered by students less than one-fifth her age. The second-oldest alumna in the university’s database, Morse is a member of the class of 1935. Her husband, Curtis, who passed away in 2002 at the age of 97, was a 1933 graduate. The Morse family was recognized on campus with the naming of the university’s baseball and softball field complex in their honor after a gift in 1998.

Recognition is nothing new to Morse this year. In an April event in Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland, she was honored by the Northwest Rose Festival queen presented Morse with a bouquet, a six-piece orchestra played and guests enjoyed an array of desserts. Morse’s daughter, Barbara Morse (G62), spoke about the Nothiger family at the event. Also attending were her three sons: Sam Morse (G57), Paul Morse (G59) and Howard Morse (G61).

Chad Pohlman (G99, MAT'01) is athletics director at Bear Creek School, a Christian, independent, college-prep school in Redmond, Wash., where he has coached boys soccer for nine seasons. As AD since 2007, he heads an upper-level program that has nearly 80 percent of the school’s 213 ninth- through 12th-grade students participating in athletics every year.

2000–09

Davida (Ankeny) Brown (G02) has returned to her alma mater as assistant professor of chemistry. She earned a PhD in chemistry from Stanford University (2007), then was a post-doctoral research associate at the University of Oregon for two years before serving as an adjunct in chemistry at George Fox and Portland Community College in 2009–10, and last year as assistant professor of chemistry at Concordia University in Portland.

Neil Cantrall (G02) and Kelsey (Baron) Cantrall (G03) are raising support to return to the mission field in Peru, where they previously served with Food for the Hungry. He currently is a bilingual fourth-grade teacher at Swegle Elementary School in Salem, Ore. They plan to serve in Arequipa with Latin America Mission, with Neil volunteering as a teacher and coach to reach out to local youth.

David Kilian (G02, MAT'03) was named Mt. Hood Conference Track and Field Coach...
of the Year in May in his third year as head coach at Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Ore. He led both the boys and girls teams to undefeated conference records and championship seasons. His boys teams have won three consecutive conference titles and finished second twice in the state track meet.

Evan Dickens (G03) is a new senior manager and CPA with Jones and Roth in Bend, Ore. His primary focus is audits of employee benefit plans, not-for-profit organizations and construction contractors. He is the lead manager of the company’s employee benefit plan audit practice, and has been with the 65-year-old firm since 2002.

Kenneth Macy (G03) is Idaho territory manager and Northwest seed manager for Wilbur-Ellis Company in Caldwell, Idaho. The firm is a marketer and distributor of agricultural products, animal feed, and specialty chemicals and ingredients. He has been with the company for seven years.

Suzanne Santos (G03) is teaching high school theatre at Academia Avance Charter High School in Los Angeles. She also serves on the advisory board of Trash Mash Up, a nonprofit that teaches students how to turn recycled materials into masks and costumes for community performances. Also, she is acting in Casa 0101 Theater’s Brown & Out Festival in Boyle Heights.

Liz Hughes (G04) is part of a team that in June received the Champions of Excellence Team Award for Quality Care by the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center. She is a crisis clinician and art therapist with Community Healthlink in Worcester, Mass, and has worked with the youth mobile crisis intervention team since 2009. She also carries a small caseload of clients for outpatient art, and individual and family therapy.

Travis Morgan (G04) is a human resource analyst with PacifiCorp after six years at George Fox University, the last three as director of systems operation for admissions. Previously he was an admissions counselor. PacifiCorp is one of the West’s largest utility companies.

Roxy (Lowry) Swails (G04, MA11) this fall joined the faculty at Shorter University in Rome, Ga., as assistant professor of chemistry. She previously served as a visiting assistant professor of chemistry at Mercer University and as a post-doctoral researcher for the University of North Carolina. She earned a PhD in organometallic chemistry from the University of Florida.

Andrea (Corzatt) van de Bruggen (G04, MA11) is a child and family therapist with Morrison Child and Family Services in Portland.

Chris Waters (G04) graduated in June from Fuller Seminary, receiving a Master of Arts in Theology and a PhD in psychology. He will complete post-doctoral work this year at California Lutheran University.

Ground Zero Through the Eyes of a Chaplain

In 26 years as a police chaplain, Wally Johnston (MA96) says nothing had more impact on him than his involvement in helping public safety employees in New York City in the weeks following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Ten years later, Johnston has chronicled his account in the book Sent to Serve: The Chaplains of 9/11.

“When America was attacked on 9/11 many chaplains believed God was calling them to volunteer,” says Johnston, who lives in Beaverton, Ore. So when the International Conference of Police Chaplains called for help, he joined with three other Portland-area chaplains and took a weeklong assignment in New York to work with first responders still reeling from the aftermath weeks later. The visiting chaplains attended funerals, counseled police officers and firefighters, and met with families of fallen officers. Among those counseled were the firefighters at the Ten House Fire Station. “That’s right at Ground Zero,” explains Johnston, “and the people who were on the shift there that day all died.” Before he went, Johnston prepared a pamphlet to give to those he met; it was about getting through tough times together.

The book is “not about war stories, though there are some in there,” Johnston says. “I want people to understand what a chaplain is all about.” He also hopes the book prompts readers to volunteer. “9/11 brought thousands of us together,” Johnston says. “This is a call for people to volunteer in their community.”

Johnston was a pastor for 15 years, and was associate pastor at the Santa Monica (Calif.) Church of the Nazarene when he began as a volunteer police chaplain. He joined the Beaverton Police Department as a volunteer in 1994 and became a full-time employee in 2001. He retired from the Sherwood (Ore.) Police Department last December after serving as chaplain for three years.
Kongela Makes Push for Olympics

In an improbable turn of events, Dakarai Kongela (G11) is in Lake Placid, N.Y., training for the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia. It all started as a joke, but no one’s laughing now.

The health and human performance major, a two-time All-American in the 100-meter dash, came across an Internet recruiting ad in August for the U.S. bobsled team that sought athletes who had run track or played football; no bobsled experience was necessary. Kongela started to apply as a joke, but then began to think, “Hey, I can push things.” His curiosity got the better of him, so he applied for the bobsled combine in Park City, Utah. In a camp with about 20 others, Kongela was tested for speed, strength and power.

At 6-foot-1 and 170 pounds, Kongela admitted “there were guys there much stronger than me, but they didn’t score as well as I did in the sprints and jumps.” His score of 733 in Park City earned him an invitation to Lake Placid in September to compete against the best from other combines. It was there that Kongela, from Suquamish, Wash., got a close-up look at a bobsled for the first time.

He came in 12th, just behind the existing national team athletes and some of the top rookies. Still, he didn’t know if he’d get a chance to stay with the team, because drivers are the ones who pick who they want on their sled. “It was one of the scariest moments of my life,” he says. But he did end up getting an invitation from Cory Butner, who joined the national team in 2007.

Kongela is currently housed in a dorm for athletes in the Olympic training center. “It’s kind of like being in college again,” he says. Seven sleds are used in training, and the top three teams – determined by a point system – will represent the United States in several competitions, including the America’s Cup. Kongela knows he’s a rookie and hasn’t locked in a spot on the national team, but he’s thrilled with where he is and is hopeful for an appearance in the Olympics.
Admissions Movement

Three George Fox University graduates from three decades, all previous members of George Fox admissions teams, have new positions this fall guiding admissions work for their new institutions on the East Coast.

Jeff Rickey (G76) on Aug. 1 became vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. Highly selective, the non-denominational school has an enrollment just under 2,300. He moved from Earlham College, Indiana, where he had the same title since 1998, after moving from George Fox where he was dean of admissions for 12 years.

Matt Kirkpatrick Clemons (G93, MBA01) in October became the new director of admissions at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Mass. He previously held another Ivy League position as director of admissions and financial aid at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs in New York. Prior to that, Clemons was at the Manhattan School of Music as assistant director of admissions and financial aid. He was an admissions counselor at George Fox from 1995 to 2000.

Jeff Kirksey (G02) in September was announced as the new dean of admission and retention at Houghton College in New York. He moves from a position as director of major gifts at the college, a detour from previous work in admissions at Baylor University and Geneva College after serving at George Fox as an admissions counselor from 2002 to 2004.

Longview, Wash., part of the Cowlitz County Guidance Association. She also started her own private practice last year, Heartprints: Child, Youth and Family Counseling Services. She works with teenagers who engage in self-harm behaviors, helping them become more successful in their goals, relationships and academic pursuits.

Molly (Meadows) Bailey (G09) and Patrick Bailey (G09) live in Tualatin, Ore. She is event coordinator with Oregon Sports Authority in Portland, and he is a support technician with American Steel in Canby, Ore.

John Fortes (G09) is a mechanical engineer with Hydration Technologies Innovations in Corvallis, Ore. As a competitive bicyclist, he is spending hours competing and racing to raise funds for the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America. He was diagnosed in March with ulcerative colitis and now is using his hobby to raise money for research. In September he raced in the Centurion Canada Cycling competition near Toronto. As of Oct. 13 he had raised $3,272.

Jess Garnett (MAT09) is in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, teaching 28 fourth-grade students at Bingham Academy. He spent several weeks in training in Houghton, N.Y., and Charlotte, S.C., under his sponsoring organization, Serving in Missions. He left the United States Aug. 1 for a two-year assignment at the school. He had been teaching math at St. Paul (Ore.) Parochial School while fundraising to support his missions work.

Roland Hoskins (SPS09) in August was named director of the Lane County (Oregon) Youth Services Department. He has been interim director since November. The department provides assessment, probation, training, counseling and detention services for youth ages 12 to 17 who are referred because of criminal behavior. Previously he was labor relations manager for the county.

Sarah (Wilson) Peterson (G09) is a personal trainer with Excell Fitness in Newberg.

Duane Yecha (EdD09) is the new superintendent for Crook County School District in Prineville, Ore., overseeing 3,000 students. He moved this year from the 1,500-student Winston-Dillard Oregon School District where he was superintendent for six years.

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Robin Ballard (G10) in May received a Master of Arts degree in Business Management from Azusa Pacific University through an accelerated young executive track completed in one year. She lives in Irvine, Calif., where she is with Pacific Life as a corporate business analyst.

Jordan Beanblossom (G10) is in marketing operations with A-dec, a dental equipment manufacturing firm in Newberg, where he and Tara (Strever) Beanblossom (G08) live.

Brendon Hart (G10) is one of the first 100 students in the new College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Northwest, located in Lebanon, Ore. He participated in an opening white coat ceremony July 30, with first classes beginning Aug. 8. The private medical school is the newest college of the Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, Calif.

Krista (Ray) Maroni (G10) started in July as the new administrative assistant for Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends in Newberg. Her husband, Jon Maroni (G08), is youth pastor at Second Street Community Church in Newberg.

Terah (Pugh) Farrester (GII) is a registered nurse with Salem (Ore.) Health, a not-for-profit, two-hospital health care system.

Kyle Kiser (GII) and Lydia (Shepard) Kiser (GII) are living in Yakima, Wash., where he is employed with Ace Hardware and she is employed with Yakima Foursquare Church as the young adult pastor.

Sandra Walk (EdSII) this fall joined the Estacada (Ore.) School District as school psychologist, working with elementary students. She completed a one-year school psychologist intern program with the Clackamas Education Service District during the last school year, and has had 10 years experience in teaching special education in Missouri, California and Oregon.
On Sept. 30, Anthony (Tony) Blair (DMin05) was inaugurated the seventh president of Evangelical Theological Seminary. He calls it “a profound and wonderful responsibility.”

“I have spent my professional career with one foot in the church and the other in the academy,” he says. “I can’t imagine a better opportunity to integrate them as this role does.” Blair’s 2010 book on that topic, Church and Academy in Harmony: Models of Collaboration for the Twenty-first Century, was featured in a fall 2010 George Fox Journal article.

Blair has six degrees from six institutions, including a PhD from Temple University, in addition to his doctoral degree from George Fox emphasizing leadership in the emerging culture. Previously, Blair served as dean of the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies and as professor of leadership studies for Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa. He also has been teaching as an adjunct professor at Evangelical Theological Seminary, from which he holds a master’s degree in church history. Since 2007 Blair has served as co-senior pastor of Hosanna! A Fellowship of Christians, a nondenominational congregation in Lancaster County, Pa. He is an ordained elder in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and a former superintendent of the denomination.

The author of several books, Blair heads a school of about 200 students coming from 12 states and five nations and representing 24 denominations. It is located on a 12-acre campus in Myerstown, Pa. Offering 13 masters degrees, the seminary was founded in 1953 by the Evangelical Congregational Church.
Offering Hope Through Hoops

Traveling around the nation performing with Meadowlark Lemon, the legendary Clown Prince of Basketball, seems like a significant and noteworthy career achievement in itself. But for Les Harrison (G86, MBA03), it’s just one part of his not-so-ordinary life.

Harrison is also a motivational/inspirational speaker, the founder and director of a not-for-profit organization that helps minority and underprivileged youth, a coach and a minister. His life is built around a hectic travel schedule in which Harrison piggybacks his speaking appearances at schools, churches and youth organizations on his basketball travels with the Harlem All-Stars, an outgrowth of the Harlem Globetrotters. “We’re exactly like the Globetrotters, but we’re much better,” jokes Harrison, who goes by his professional name, “Pee Wee” Harrison.

Harrison, whose major was business and economics, succinctly summarizes his multiple careers: “I’m a point guard; I’ve been a point guard my whole life – I’ve just changed who I throw assists to.” Now in his 24th year performing comedy and inspiring others through basketball, Harrison was a 5-9 point guard with the Bruins when he averaged 4.8 assists per game, still the third-highest average in school history. These days, he’s still assisting others, particularly young people. “I want to get kids to do a slam dunk with their life,” he says.

That desire led him to found Portland-based Showtime Athletics. In its 10 years, Showtime has enrolled more than 1,000 youngsters – most of whom are minority and underprivileged kids – and employed the services of more than 60 trained coaches. Harrison also serves as a leader and coach with the Competitive Edge basketball program, which provides skills clinics and scouting camps for top young players around Oregon, and as minister of the Portland temple of First Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In a summer appearance before about 300 at a residential foster care facility in Iowa, Harrison capped a student interest by demonstrating his basketball skills. He then told them, “There’s something in each of you that separates you from everyone else in the room; something that makes you special in God’s eyes. Once you’ve found that, there is nothing that can stop you from achieving your dreams.” It’s a thought that Harrison continues to share across the nation.

Lisa (Hein) Creekmore (G96) and Larry Creekmore, a boy, Tate Parker, July 4, 2011, in Port Orchard, Wash.

Amy (Varin) Hoppock (G97) and Todd Hoppock, a girl, Delana Ruth, Jan. 4, 2011, in Boise, Idaho.

Kelly (Anderson) McDonald (G97, MEd00) and Ryan McDonald, a boy, Wyatt Scott, Nov. 14, 2010, in Portland.

Tami (Ingraham) Thompson (G97) and Ron Thompson, a girl, Sarah Grace, April 30, 2011, in Kirkland, Wash.

Darci (Parmley) Wilson (G97) and Brady Wilson, a boy, McGregor Donan, April 21, 2011, in Portland.

Barbara (Brewer) Zuercher (G00, MAT02) and Kevin Zuercher (SPS08), a girl, Caitlyn Grace, Aug. 7, 2011, in Portland.

Karyn (Starr) Meier (G01) and Paul Meier, a girl, Jade Mindy Joy, Dec. 7, 2010, in Portland.

Jason Harper (G02) and Amy Harper, a boy, Hudson Dale, June 1, 2011, in Edmonds, Wash.

Abigail (Foster) Harris (G02, MAT04) and Andrew Harris (G03), a boy, James Andrew, Jan. 16, 2011, in Portland.

Bret Lytle (G02) and Karen (Glover) Lytle (G02), a boy, Brayden Andrew, Jan. 16, 2011, in Salem, Ore.

Lisa (Shafer) Backman (G03) and Ryan Backman (G03), a girl, Elliana Hope, June 23, 2011, in Portland.

Jessica (Lebold) Kouka (G03) and Esperance Kouka, a girl, Maria Illeanna, Feb. 5, 2011, in Salem, Ore.

Ursa Shaw (MAT03) and Jay Shaw, a girl, Adelaide Kiran, June 30, 2011, in Newberg.

Elizabeth (Patton) Waters (G03) and Chris Waters (O4), a girl, Alethea Marie, March 22, 2011, in Pasadena, Calif.

Katie (Grabner) Briedwell (G04) and Micah Briedwell, a boy, Nathan John, Feb. 22, 2011, in McMinnville, Ore.

Jesse Dillow (G04) and Liz Dillow (G06), a girl, Elsie Rose, June 27, 2011, in Newberg.

Stephanie (Selid) Ostrom (G04) and Andy Ostrom, a boy, Owen Mark, April 29, 2011, in Portland.

Amanda (Keaton) Slagle (G05) and Brian Slagle (G05), a girl, Lila Grace, Dec. 26, 2010, in Newberg.
Andy Byerley (MAT07) and Andrea Byerley (MA11), a girl, Lydia Grace, June 6, 2011, in Clackamas, Ore.

Elizabeth (Rodman) Larson (G07) and Evan Larson, a boy, Julien Mitchell, March 25, 2011, in McMinnville, Ore.

Tara (Strever) Beanblossom (G08) and Jordan Beanblossom (G10), a boy, Ewan Patrick, Aug. 11, 2011, in Clackamas, Ore.

Heidi Whipple (G08) and Dir’k Zizka, a girl, Zora Jane, Jan. 9, 2011, in Portland.

Sarah (Wilson) Peterson (G09) and Brian Peterson, a boy, Wyatt Kelly, May 25, 2011, in Salem, Ore.

Kenny Turk (G09) and Melony Turk, a boy, Parker Lee, Feb. 15, 2011, in Beaverton, Ore.

IN MEMORY
Marguerite (Heacock) Eichenberger (n38), June 18, 2011, in Fountain Valley, Calif.
Muriel Ostrin (n55), May 5, 2011, in Seattle.
Basil Carr (n59), July 4, 2011, in Westport, Ore.
Dianna (Templer) Kennison (G66), July 4, 2011, in Florence, Ore.
Jerald Petersen (SPS89), June 3, 2011, in Ridgefield, Wash.
Judy Luther (SPS00), July 21, 2011, in Portland.

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George Fox University’s Annual Golf Tournament
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Christmas Concert
December 9-10, 7:30 p.m.
December 11, 2:30 p.m.
This year’s Christmas Concert will feature the university’s Concert Choir, Women’s Chorale, and Symphonic Band and Strings. Celebrate the Christmas season through the singing of familiar carols, new arrangements of traditional Christmas music, narration and Scripture reading. For more information and tickets, visit music.georgefox.edu.

To view video of a recent Christmas Concert, visit georgefox.edu/christmasconcert.

Bruin Madness 2
January 14, 2012
The ultimate tailgate party, two big basketball games, and opportunities to reconnect with alumni, parents, friends and students await you at Bruin Madness 2. From the family-friendly KidZone to young alumni night, there is something for everyone.*

Tacoma Regional Event: Bruin Basketball at PLU
February 18, 2012
The Bruin basketball teams are making their annual trip to Tacoma, Wash., and we want you there to cheer them on to victory! Join alumni, parents and friends as we pack the bleachers with a vocal group of Bruin faithful. Alumni relations will host a pre-game reception near the PLU campus.*

Parents Day of Prayer
March 10, 2012
There is something very powerful about a group of parents praying together for their children, no matter the age. Parents are invited to join us on the Newberg campus, or you can request information on our regional gatherings and participate closer to home. We are looking for hosts for our regional gatherings. For more information or to host a regional gathering, contact parent relations at 503-554-2114 or visit georgefox.edu/parents.

Footsteps of Paul Greece Tour
May 27-June 8, 2012
Alumni, parents and friends of George Fox are invited to join us on a 13-day tour of Greece as we follow in Paul’s footsteps and learn firsthand about the early days of the church. Among other highlights, the tour will include a four-day cruise through the Greek Isles. For more information and to reserve your spot on the tour, contact alumni relations at alumni@georgefox.edu or 503-554-2131.

Golf Tournament
July 11, 2012
Join fellow golfers for George Fox University’s Annual Golf Tournament at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Ore. We are seeking sponsors and players for the tournament, which supports George Fox athletics. Many sponsorship levels are available. For more information, visit golf.georgefox.edu.

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