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Give us your best shot
Readers’ photo contest call for entries

>> The George Fox Journal invites you to submit photographs that convey the university’s hallmark theme, “a matter of mind and spirit.” The university adopted this theme during the development of its marketing plan initiated in 2002.

Our world is changing
ty. Not only is it becoming smaller it is also becoming “flatter.” These changes allow individuals and businesses from around the world to collaborate and compete in entirely new ways that some people see as opportunities and others view as threats.

For Christian institutions, globalization is not new. The church has long had an inclusive view of the world motivated by our deep commitment to evangelism. Recently I visited with an alumnus who has spent his life in distant parts of the world, including Vietnam, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan. His view of the world is certainly influenced by places he has lived and his commitment to serve poor and needy people.

How does George Fox University respond and contribute to the contemporary view of globaliza-
tion—the creation of a world that has become both our partner and our competitor? Distances and national borders present new issues that require new thinking.

For a Christ-centered university, this new world brings wonderful opportunities. We continue to be motivated by Jesus’ command to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19), but today we have more capability to reach other nations and work with them as partners rather than come as the “powerful force from the West” as we are too often perceived.

George Fox is working to enhance the opportunities through increased international diversity. We recently hired a Chinese national, Thomas Peng, who has a George Fox master’s degree and a doctorate in cross-cultural communication. He will work to bring to the university a significant number of students from mainland China. We hope this will result in the formation of a Chinese studies center here and eventually a study center in China. These centers will serve our students in business communication, political science, and ministry.

We are excited about the increased positive, cross-cultural relationships globalization brings. Unfortunately, we also seem to find more expressions of international hatred. As a result, our world needs not only entrepreneurs, but also many servants and healers. George Fox University students continue to respond to God’s call in such capacities, as evidenced by regular serve trips our students take and the missions activities of our alumni, such as Ron Hays (page 16) who has dedicated his life to caring for impoverished people internationally and at home.

The new flat world is encouraging, but also challenging. This world will require the university to make many changes. But as a Christ-centered university, we have powerful motivation to enter eagerly into the globalization that brings the people of the world together. George Fox is preparing students to serve God effectively and powerfully in today’s changed world.

It’s a flat world after all
After spending nine years leading Oregon’s fastest-growing university, George Fox President David Brandt will retire June 30. Brandt, the university’s 11th president, concludes a four-decade career in Christian higher education.

Brandt has guided the university in the expansion of programs, facilities and locations. During his tenure, the university has grown from 2,345 students to 3,185. George Fox has transformed from a primarily undergraduate institution into a university with nearly equal graduate and undergraduate populations. Brandt has overseen an academic restructuring that created the position of provost and divided the university into six schools, each led by a dean. Eleven new undergraduate programs have been added, including engineering, nursing, political science, and theatre. Six new graduate programs were started, including doctorates in education and management. Specialized accreditations have been attained for athletic training, engineering, and social work programs. Brandt oversaw the 2001 construction of the $7 million Stevens Center, the 2004 addition/renovation of historic Wood-Mar Hall, the 2006 renovation of Hoover Academic Building, and the 2006 construction of Le Shana Residence Hall. He also commissioned the award-winning architectural firm ZGF to create a 40-year master plan for the Newberg campus in 2004.

Brandt announced his decision to the George Fox Board of Trustees at its annual fall meeting held in October. He and his wife, Melva, will live in Pennsylvania near their two sons and five grandchildren.

President David Brandt announces retirement

Hail to the chief | The university will honor Dave and Melva Brandt for their nine years of service with several send-off events, including: the Farewell Gala in downtown Portland in June (see ad, page 5); a community open house for selected community leaders of Newberg on May 24; and a Boise Center reception for Boise employees, alumni, and other guests on May 18. For more information about these and additional retirement events, log on to georgefox.edu/presidentialfarewell.

Thank-you notes | Well wishers are invited to e-mail or mail their greetings to David and Melva Brandt at thanksdave@georgefox.edu or 414 N. Meridian St. #6049, Newberg, OR 97132. Notes will be compiled and presented to the Brandts at the June 9 Farewell Gala.

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Board seeks new president

The George Fox Board of Trustees has begun the process of seeking a new president. A search committee representing trustees, faculty, staff, and students is reviewing candidates. Kent Thornburg (’67) serves as chair. After the search committee does its work, the board will make the final decision. Board chair Barbara Palmer says the committee is on track to meet its goal of selecting finalists this spring. “I am encouraged by the quality of the applicants in our pool,” she says. “I appreciate your prayer for this committee and our candidates.”

For updates on the process go online to georgefox.edu/presidentialsearch.

Brandt Art Fund | In honor of David and Melva Brandt’s service to George Fox and their longtime interest in fine art, the board of trustees has established the Brandt Art Collection Fund to fund the acquisition of art and other related projects. 503-554-2115
Equality Ride plans visits

The Soulforce Equality Ride, a group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and activist allies, has included George Fox University in its list of 32 Christian colleges and universities it intends to visit this spring. The stated purpose of Soulforce is “freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppression through the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance.”

The colleges to be visited — including Notre Dame University, Baylor University, and Seattle-Pacific University — have policies that reflect the traditional, orthodox Christian position on homosexuality. The April 5 visit to George Fox will be the group’s eighth stop on its cross-country itinerary. About 25 riders are expected. Brad Lau, vice president of student life, says while the university disagrees with the group’s views on homosexuality, Equality Ride will be met with gracious hospitality. “Our goal is to engage in a civil discourse characterized by humility, love and peace, but also firmly planted in scriptural truth.”

R yan Jenkins, a freshman from Hillsboro, Ore., was one of four Oregon students selected to sing in the National Choir this year. The American National Association for Music Education panel in Virginia selected the university’s Symphonic Band and Concert Choir to perform at the All Northwest Division Biennial Conference in Portland in February. Only five colleges from six states — Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Montana and Wyoming — performed at the event, and George Fox was the only school to have both its choir and band chosen.

Schools sent recordings to Virginia for review in a blind audition. Among others picked were chamber choirs from the University of Oregon and Eastern Washington University. The February event drew high school choral and band directors from throughout the Northwest. “This really got our name out there,” said Loren Wenz, choir director and chair of the Department of Performing Arts. Many in the Northwest music community who hadn’t heard of us before know who we are now.”

Jenkins will sing tenor in the Multicultural Honor Choir. The repertoire will include songs in Arabic, Delaware, Spanish, Tagalog, and English.

Parting is such sweet sorrow

Colleen Richmond loved life, literature, and laughter. With her death Jan. 26 — after a near two-year battle with cancer — the university lost a colleague, mentor, poet, and beloved friend.

The witty and warm associate professor of writing/literature left a legacy of compassion and spiritual depth. She was also known for fun outfits — T-shirts with Shakespeare stuff on them,” professor Deb Warden recalls — and a wry sense of humor.

An instructor at the university since 1992, Richmond was humble and quick to offer a word of encouragement. “I couldn’t wait to get my mail as a student because of the witty comments she would write on my papers.” former student Lanette Smith says.

She also was a lover of the written word and of the students and colleagues with whom she shared that love. “Colleen absolutely glowed when teaching about literature,” says former student and current education professor Gennie Harris. “She also did a good job of challenging students. I remember turning in a paper that didn’t meet her expectations. An A-minus wasn’t good enough; she knew I could achieve more.”

Richmond died at home at age 54 with husband Keith and daughters Holly and Shannon by her side. The university honored her memory with a service Feb. 8, at which colleague Kendra Irons, assistant professor of religious studies, shared: “Little did I know when I met her, how much she would teach me about language, life . . . and alliteration.”

Vatican visit

Paul Anderson, professor of biblical and Quaker studies, greets Pope Benedict XVI at the Conference of Secretaries of World Christian Communities held last fall in Rome. Anderson joined three dozen Christian leaders representing 1.8 billion Christians to discuss “visions for Christian unity.” Back in the United States, Anderson is working with eight denominational leaders as the director of the George Fox University Congregational Discernment Project (discernment.georgefox.edu). The project is designed to help Christian congregations find ways to come to unity around a common sense of Christ’s leading — regardless of church polity and organizational structure.

High notes for music department

Ryan Jenkins, a freshman from Hillsboro, Ore., was one of four Oregon students selected to sing in the National Choir this year.
A force to reckon with
Professor Lon Fendall releases a book about William Wilberforce as a major motion picture tells his story

Two hundred years ago this March, the British Empire outlawed the trade of slaves. Leading the antislavery movement was William Wilberforce, a recently forgotten evangelical Christian reformer who battled strong political opposition that predicted economic disaster for England.

“You may choose to look the other way but you can never again say you did not know.”

British parliamentarian William Wilberforce spent 19 years arguing for the abolition of the slave trade. The 18th century reformer is the subject of a book by professor Lon Fendall.

Men on a mission
The recently released movie Amazing Grace tells the stories of Christian reformer William Wilberforce (left), John Newton (right), the author of the hymn, and John Newton (right), the author of the hymn.

Unsung hero
A recent book by religion professor Irvin Breindlinger calls attention to one of the first Americans to argue for the end of slavery.

Brendlinger argues that a little-known Philadelphia Quaker was probably the most significant force in advancing the cause against slavery and the slave trade in the 18th century. To Be Silent Would Be Criminal: The Antislavery Influence and Writings of Anthony Benezet was released in October. Breindlinger’s book Social Justice Through the Eyes of Wesley, John Wesley's Theological Challenge to Slavery became available in January.

Perfect start for baseball

With a lineup featuring six returning starters, the Bruins are picked to win a sixth straight Northwest Conference championship in a preseason poll of the league’s coaches.

Anchoring the Bruins are senior Dan Wentzell (left) and John Newton (right), the author of the hymn.

Women’s basketball: youth served with conference title

Before the season began, head coach Scott Rueck thought there was a chance his young team could start 0-9. His squad had lost eight letterwinners and three starters from last year’s 19-6 team, including Kim Leith, the former Northwest Conference Player of the Year. His starting point guard was a freshman and his starting center had averaged just 3.8 points a game.

Turns out, it was a winning combination. With just one senior, the Bruins won their fourth Northwest Conference championship in eight years, sharing the title with the University of Puget Sound. After running past No. 23 Gustavus Adolphus College 61-47 in the first round of the NCAA tournament, George Fox ended its season with a 51-48 loss to UPS, the Bruins’ first loss to the Loggers in four games this season. George Fox finished 19-7 overall; its 14th consecutive winning season.

Rueck won his fourth conference coach of the year honor and junior forward Katy Campbell (11.4 ppg, 8.9 rpg) was named conference player of the year. Senior guard Robin Taylor (13.2 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 2.4 apg) earned first-team conference honors. Junior center Melissa Marek-Farris (11.4 ppg, 6.8 rpg) anchored the league-leading Bruin defense, swatting a conference-leading 2.6 blocks per game. Rueck picked up his 200th win on Feb. 16. His 12-year record is 202-80.

Peer recognition

Mark McMinn, professor of psychology in George Fox’s Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology, received this year’s Narramore Award for Excellence in the Integration of Psychology and Theology.

The Christian Association for Psychological Studies gives this peer-review award.

McMinn has published books and articles in both Christian and wider academic arenas; his research interests include clergy health and the integration of psychology and Christianity. His new book, Integrative Psychotherapy: Toward a Comprehensive Christian Approach, coauthored with psychology professor Clark D. Campbell, will be released by InterVarsity Press in April.

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The bones — skull, ribs, pelvis, femurs, knee caps — lay anatomically aligned on a table in the morgue operated by the Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala. Patrick Stone, clinical psychologist and George Fox adjunct professor, watches as a technician analyzes the remains for clues to an identity and cause of death. Struggling to wear his ‘clinical hat,’ he wonders aloud how she and other forensic scientists can do this gruesome work day after day. The scientist tells Stone she knows they all must be a little crazy, but they are driven to help their countrymen recover loved ones and expose the atrocities committed during the country’s 36-year civil war when more than 200,000 Guatemalans “disappeared” and were buried in mass graves.

Stone, too, is there to bear witness and publicly acknowledge their suffering. A former infantry soldier who served in Vietnam, he is a lifelong student of wartime trauma survival and a seasoned counselor to veterans. He is driven by a yearning for restitution that began 37 years ago during the Vietnam War. Then 20 years old, Stone was a squad leader of 12 men in the jungles of the country’s central highlands. During one engagement, he fired a rifle grenade that killed a teenaged Vietcong soldier. That moment, he says, altered his life — as taking a life or engaging in combat does for any soldier.

“The real truth is you are a changed person,” says Stone. “You become acutely aware of evil. You gain an understanding of your basic instincts and of what humans can do to each other.” He also carries an ever-present sadness for the life he took. Stone works tirelessly for restitution — trying to understand the psychological aftermath of war.

Psychology professor and Vietnam veteran
Patrick Stone offers advice for those who want to help traumatized soldiers

On Patrick Stone’s 20th birthday, he took this photo in Vietnam looking east toward the South China Sea. The image has become his personal memorial of lives and innocence lost amid the bloodshed of the Vietnam War.
and to help those who have been traumatized to recover.

Stone’s quest for reconciliation has compelled him to travel the world — to Guatemala to observe how it’s recovering from its war trauma, to Kenya where he taught at Daystar University and studied tribal communities, and back to Vietnam where he visited the likely graveyard of the man he killed and met a village elder who probably fought against him.

He also helps traumatized combat veterans find new paths forward. Stone has spent thousands of hours counseling veterans on his own and collaborates with advocates for widespread support. “There are many governmental resources for veterans, but the critical unmet needs are social and psychological — in the community where people live their daily lives,” says Stone, who served as an advisor to the U.S. Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on mental health care delivery systems in 2003-04.

The cruelty of war

Some moral decisions made in the battle field take a lifetime to untangle. For this, he says, veterans need care providers willing to see the horrors of war through the eyes of combat soldiers — to help them view their journeys as a spiritual quest as they rebuild their lives.

Stone suggests both empathy and humility are in order as we hear their stories. “Many of us don’t know the horrific choices that are commonplace in other parts of the world. And we don’t really know how we would respond unless we’re in those shoes,” he says.

While in Africa, Stone met a young Eritrian woman who was raised in Ethiopia, despite her dual citizenship. During one operation, her squad captured teenage enemy soldiers and didn’t have resources to keep them alive by Geneva Convention standards. So her sergeant forced each member of the squad to lead a captive into the desert with a single bullet in their gun — to kill their enemies or themselves. Knowing in the end her captive would be killed either way, she shot the young man and was haunted by nightmares for years.

“We don’t grasp the immediacy of these dilemmas,” he says. “But for many returning soldiers, these types of graviting decisions have been an immediate part of their lives — whether to shoot the driver of a speeding car or an approaching child, for example. Then they must integrate these memories throughout the rest of their lives.”

Supporting the troops

As backing for the Iraq War diminishes, most Americans are distinguishing between their support for veterans and the war. That’s good but it’s best to not immediately express anti-war sentiments to returning veterans, he says. One Iraq War vet complained to Stone. “The last year my life was on the line. I’ve seen my friends killed. And they are going to tell me they’re against the war in the safety of being here after I’ve risked my life.”

Some soldiers do want to talk right away about their political and spiritual beliefs about war, he says. But most 18- and 19-year olds are not immediately ready.

In the helper context, what I bring to these relationships in terms of my policy and spiritual beliefs is irrelevant. They don’t care about my beliefs; they just know what they’ve been through. My beliefs can’t be the start of the conversation.”

The helper’s role

For people who want to provide support. Stone offers the following advice:

For individuals

Educate yourself about what it really is like for people you’re helping. Try to understand what these men and women have endured and prepare yourself to emotionally come alongside this person. Let their stories soak in.

“Listening to a veteran is not an emotional exercise; it’s an emotionally engaging experience,” Stone says. Listen. Many people who would like to help are afraid they won’t know what to say. Don’t let your emotions get in the way. Let it be about supporting the other person, not your reactions. Take the person to coffee. Get to know him or her.

For the time, it’s best to set aside your own political and spiritual convictions and just listen. “We should not try to convert war veterans to becoming anti-war activists — maybe later, but not immediately during their adjustment home,” he says.

Expect honest answers. Asking how a veteran is doing is not a casual, friendly question. If you’re not prepared for a candid answer, don’t ask. One Iraq War veteran who recently returned told Stone.

Friends in the field

As a Quaker-founded institution, George Fox University aligns with the Friends Church in its commitment to seeking nonviolent solutions for resolving conflict.

Despite their opposition to war, Quakers have long cared for persons traumatized or displaced by war, says Professor of Psychology Kathleen Gathercoal, an expert on Friends’ contributions to the field of mental health. Whether doing relief work in villages devastated in the Prussian War or working as medics in World War II, Friends have provided humanitarian services while also standing witness against the violence, she says.

“War has profound effects on the soul of the soldier,” Gathercoal says. Providing care to soldiers is a practical expression of our faith and hope in the transforming power of God’s love.

There is no clash between espousing pacifism and ministering to victims or participants of war, says Lon Fendall, director of the university’s Center for Peace and Justice. “In the face of any human suffering, we ask: ‘Who is hurting? How can we help?’

Friends are eager to help victims on both sides of wars, for example, going out of their way to help the Vietcong in the Vietnam War or helping Iraqis families look for their missing loved ones, as alumnus Matt Chandler (G03) did during his term with Christian Peacemaker Teams.

Herbert Hoover — the most famous Quaker associated with the university — was heroic in leading post-World War I recovery efforts. Many wounded and displaced people continued to suffer after the war ended. Fendall says Hoover did remarkable things to mobilize public and private resources to respond to the enormous need — without respect to which side of the war these people were on, he says.

“The need to alleviate suffering is a timeless principle,” Fendall says. “People of different views on war could agree with that.”

For university resources on peacemaking and conflict management visit georgefox.edu/effects/peace-justice.
Iraq War veteran returns from horrific war experiences to face alienation back home

Two years after Andrea Westfall returned from her tour in Iraq, she nearly killed a dog that attacked her dog as she walked through a park. It was a snowy day, a world away from the Syrian Desert, but she spun into combat mode and almost pulled the other dog’s jaws apart. She then crawled into the backseat of her car and, for at least 20 minutes, sat in a virtual trance.

“When I started coming back to reality, I noticed my friends out of the corner of my eye standing outside and began to realize nobody’s asked me if I’m OK,” she says. “They occasionally looked over at me, but just kept to themselves. Another two hours went by and no one said anything to me.”

When she confronted them about it later, a friend answered, “We didn’t know what to do, so we just left you alone.” This was the common response. Westfall encountered upon her return from nine grisly months working as a flight medic in the Iraq War — the painful, isolating response.

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“In that moment, it was about the individual. Don’t be critical or take political pot shots. A traumatized person is in a self-centered state. He or she may not be able to handle anything beyond dealing with the trauma,” Westfall says. “People started to realize I was different and were uncomfortable around me, so they just ignored me. I felt alone and ostracized, which made everything even more devastating.”

Westfall says people who want to be supportive should trust their common sense. “Think of any situation when you were hurting and remember what you wanted. Do that,” she says. “Be available — buy someone a cup of coffee or go on a walk with them. Let them talk and be willing to listen to the ranting and hard questions. Showing empathy to the pain and suffering can make all the difference.”

Westfall, 38, graduated from George Fox last winter with a bachelor’s degree in social and behavioral studies. She now works with Campus Crusade for Christ’s Military Ministry, training churches how to support veterans and their families. In February, she moved near the University of Texas in Austin, where she plans to study for a master of social work degree.

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A painful homecoming

Iraq War veteran returns from horrific war experiences to face alienation back home

A flight medic with the Oregon Army National Guard, Sgt. Andrea Westfall tried to numb the pain of isolation and images of injured soldiers with alcohol when she first returned home. She now works to help churches train members to better support veterans’ emotional needs.

Tell them you are struggling, hoping they really wanted to know. But before I could even complete the sentence, they would put me on the arm and ask

Are you seeing someone?

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The road home

The greatest factor in war veterans’ level of traumatization depends on the intensity and the duration of their combat experiences — the dose effect. Most return home able to lead fulfilling productive lives. Even those with serious symptoms often function well especially if they are well supported when they return.

Veterans who remain most troubled tend to be those who give in to addiction or become isolated from social support. Stone says.

The U.S. culture pushes veterans to assimilate quickly back into “normal” life. Likely because most Americans have not been exposed to the types of trauma combat soldiers have experienced. But in many tribal cultures, a returning warrior is given time to return home as a transformed person. Rituals and ceremonies acknowledge the fact that a returning warrior is a changed person.

“The fact is you are changed. It’s important to accept that reality and make a path forward,” he says.

Stone’s path forward includes trying to honor the man he killed by giving back to the world and bearing witness to the consequences of war. As a Christian and a warrior and a person who would like to see all wars end, I encourage veterans and care providers to contribute to God’s kingdom — even in the aftermath of war’s brutality to body and soul,” he says.
At the time, Hays was working in children’s services but previous experience as a paramedic led him to believe that he could have prevented the death of the child in the photograph. “I wasn’t going to stand by and let it happen again,” he says.

Of the many challenges Rwandan refugees faced, waterborne diseases were among the worst. The problem, as Hays saw it, was that such diseases can be treated easily. With hydration and some antibiotics, many would not die from them, he says. As a paramedic, he could start an intravenous drip, which would help those suffering from cholera and shigella recover some of the nutrients they needed. At the very least, he’d be giving them a fighting chance.

Called to action
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People who would have suffered less if they had been cared for properly by the country’s first responders — people who were enduring lives of pain that could have been avoided with some basic education,” Hays says.

He headed up a volunteer team that crafted a 470-page emergency care worker’s manual that’s since been translated into the primary languages of more than one billion people.

Trouble at home
Hays was appalled to learn that while he had been traveling the world, putting out fires, a huge one was blazing through his home state of Oregon. The state was ranked No. 1 in hunger.

It reminded him of a Bible verse: “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Matthew 16:26).

Hays applied for the executive director position at the Marion-Polk Food Share and was hired in August 2005. “Just weeks before Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and other areas of the Gulf Coast, Medical Teams International called him about responding to the area. But Hays needed to focus on the more immediate crisis of his neighbors. It’s a task that isn’t as simple as having handouts when someone needs them. It means building a sustainable system and teaching people how to handle a crisis situation, or food shortage, in their own home,” says Hays.

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This story begins with a photograph: An 11-year-old Rwandan girl, Uwizimana, sits on the ground; an umbrella in her right hand and the lifeless body of her brother, 1-year-old Twizerimana, cradled in her left. Tears streak Uwizimana’s cheeks and more well up in her eyes as she looks up at someone off camera. Twizerimana stares, without focus, into the soft light streaming through the umbrella, his mouth agape as if he’s seeing something new for the first time.

The photograph changed the course of a man’s life.

“My first reaction was, ‘I didn’t get there soon enough,’” says Ron Hays (74), executive director of the Marion-Polk Food Share.

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The stories filled Jim Foster’s head for years — tales of time travel, psychological experiments gone awry, and spaceships. But it took more than three decades to find the courage to put his imagination into words.

Fear of failure
Still, for years, Foster didn’t believe he could be an author. Ironically, a poorly written published short story inspired him to begin submitting short stories for publication in the early 1980s. “I figured, ‘I can write a better story than this,’” he says.

Once he did, there was no slowing him down. In science fiction, Foster discovered the portal to a place he could flesh out all the outlandish, fantastic ideas that came to him. Nothing science fiction is off limits. In his books, man and dinosaur coexist in a modern-day world. A Dr. Frankenstein-like mad scientist creates a super brain, and a religious cult discovers an antigravity device and escapes to another planet. “Honestly, I’m not sure how I come up with this stuff,” he admits. “I might just happen to see a book title or a magazine, and that will trigger an idea for a story.”

One of his novels is set in a world of his own: Inspired by the likes of science-fiction giants Jules Verne and Arthur C. Clarke, Jim Foster delves into worlds populated by dinosaurs and time travelers. “I write books that entertain me. I write what I like to read,” he says.

Like a compelling novel, his life has an ironic twist: Foster, 54, is dean of the School of Behavioral and Health Sciences. At work, it’s academics. At home, action-adventure. Still, the two worlds do occasionally meet. “One of my characters was based on a coworker,” he laughs. “Bits and pieces of people I know show up in the books. Even parts of me show up.”

As dean, Foster oversees the departments of undergraduate psychology, sociology, social work, nursing, and health and human performance. He admits his life is an odd dichotomy, but he also sees a correlation between professor and novelist. “In the 27 years I’ve been here, I’ve graded my fair share of papers. When you read that much, you develop an ear for grammar and for what flows and what doesn’t. Great writing is great writing, whether it’s a psychology paper or a science-fiction story.”

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Foster has a simple formula for writing compelling stories. Write about characters the reader cares about and use words wisely. That’s always a danger with novels—to waste words. Personally, I like to keep the action moving along.

Foster who goes by the pen name James F. David—a moniker he devised to define a satisfied author as one who is not afraid it isn’t good enough. They're afraid it isn't good enough. They just haven't written down their ideas. Or, if they have, they're afraid it isn't good enough. My advice: Write it down and get it out there. You just never know.

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King County chapter of the and served as president of the she obtained her surveyor’s license in 2003 the city of Seattle. She obtained 12 years as a land surveyor for land surveying at Renton previously spent nine years in min- other families in planting a sionaries with Global Partners, cross Blue Shield plans and two owned by an alliance of 15 Blue access to health care for active and retired serv- Department of Defense, the company provides mission since 1997, he previously started churches in San Jose and San Francisco. He moved to the area three years ago and is now an administrator with the Morrow County School District’s English as a second language program. He also serves as a planning com- for the city of Boardman. Sue Ann Collins’ (G02) MAH is specialized transportation trainer for Salem (Ore.) Area Mass Transit. With the district for two years she teaches how to communicate and assist passengers who have mental illness, disabili- ties, or are elderly. She instructs contracted providers, Department of Human Services volunteer drivers, Veterans Administration drivers, and transit operators. David Wood (MAH) has opened a private coun- seling service in Salem, Ore. Licensed by the state as a marriage and family therapist, he specializes in marriage and individual adult therapy. Neil Carlsson (K02) and Kaylee (Baron) Cantrall (G02) are in Palmada, Peru. Working with Food for the Hungry, they began in October. He teaches English and Bible in a community high school and she helps with health education of the sponsored children in the sur- rounding communities. Bryan Free (G02) has released two CDs, Prisoner of Christ in 2004 and Last in 2006. He was one of six finalists from 400 applicants in a recent independent songwriters showcase in Los Angeles. Prase is coming to his songwrit- ing, solo singing, and keyboard work. Portland State University’s local newspaper in its Nov. 22, 2006, edition said he has music that is ‘‘saint-song singing, crossing with the greatest of ease and tackling personal issues and conflicts with such honey and insight that it’s truly a wonder he isn’t much more famous. But he is.’’ Columnist Peter Swensen said Free would ‘‘definitely be one of the top con- tenders’ on list of people or bands named ‘the best in town.’’ Eugene Hodges (G02) MA10 teaches fifth grade at the American School Foundation of Guadalajara in Mexico. Rick Johnson (GSPS) is founder of Better Dads, a fatherhood skills program designed to inspire and equip men to be more engaged in the lives of their children. A graduate and certi- fied trainer with the National Center for Fathering, he develops and delivers parent- training workshops across the Northwest for businesses, churches, civic groups, and social service agencies. He has published two books. That’s My Son – Hope Moms Can Influence Boys to Become Men of Character was published last year, and Better Dads, Stronger Sons just released. Jeff Kirby (KL00) and Sarah (Westfall) Kirby (KL00) have moved to Pennsylvania. Where he is student activities director at Geneva College.
in Beaver Falls and she has joined the staff of the Chippewa Evangelical Free Church in Chippewa Township. In May, he received a master of science degree in educational administration from Taylor University, where he coordinated orientation and welcoming programs for freshmen and transfer students and she served as office manager for the university’s reaffirmation and accreditation program.

Valerie Deruyer (G03) is manager and day-shift supervisor for the café in George Fox’s new David and Becky Le Shana Residence Hall. Bon Appetit Management Company operates the café and offers espresso drinks, soups, salads, sandwiches, and convenience store items.

Camille Hearne (G04) is back in her hometown of Halfway, Ore., as mental health therapist at the Pine Eagle Clinic. She is a contract employee with Mountain Valley Mental Health in Baker City. Previously she worked for May Day, a crisis intervention program for sexual assault and domestic violence victims in Baker City, and at Mountain Valley Mental Health as the development disabilities services coordinator.

Josh Drake (G04) is youth minister at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Longview, Wash.

Kyle Johnson (G04) teaches language arts at Maple Hill ( Ore.), High School.

Gabriel Pinski (MDiv04) is now manager of foundation and corporate support for Catholic Charities USA, the fourth largest charity in the U.S. with 1700 local agencies and institutions nationwide. Headquartered in Alexandria, Va., it works to reduce poverty by half by 2020. Previously Pinski was director of grants and outreach for Lilya, Greater Washington.

Christy (Miller) Rowell (G04) in August received a master of science degree in nursing from Vanderbuilt University School of Nursing.

Mandy LaDeth (MDiv04) is now director at Gladstone ( Ore.) middle and high schools.

Jennifer Moore (BBA04) in December became executive director of United Way of Benton and Lincoln counties ( Ore.). Previously she was campaign director for United Way of nearby Linn County for four years.

Sandy Pate (MAT06) teaches reading and math to third and fourth-grade students at River Grove Elementary School part of the Lake Oswego ( Or.) School District.

Kaycie Thompson (MAT06) is teaching eighth-grade math at Jackson County Middle School in Madras, Ore.

Ary (Harris) Toiney (G06) teaches at June Elementary School in Kotzebue, Alaska.

Westmount bound

Westmount College named Eagle Boston (G31) its eighth president in 2006. For the past seven years, Boston served as president of Spring Arbor University, where he was instrumental in improving campus facilities through a $45 million capital campaign. Prior to leading Spring Arbor, Boston served as dean of the graduate school of theoi- ry at Azusa Pacific University. He and his wife, Pam (Bogan) (Or.), have three children: Anna (15), Elizabeth (12), and Ricky (10).

Jack Rea (’70)
Christian Service Award

Jack Rea’s ministry spans more than 30 years and two conti- nents. He and his wife, Celesta, currently live in Hong Kong, where Jackson serves as provost for the United Wesleyan Graduate Institute. He has pastored a church in Ohio, served as a missionary in Taiwan, and worked as general superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of Friends, overseeing a six-state area. He also worked at the Houston Graduate School of Theology and formed the Houston-based Coalition for Hispanic Ministries.

Sam Farmer (1952-54, ’92)
Outstanding Alumna

Sam Farmer has served the university since 1988, when he joined George Fox as vice president for development. He continues to volunteer as an assistant to the president and assists local organizations, including the Friendsview Retirement Community Association and the Che- halson Valley Chamber of Commerce. Before arriving, Farmer worked for 27 years with Custom Food Products, a Chicago-based company. He has helped lay the foundations of several mission enterprises, invested in the lives of mission families, and partici- pated in mission activities around the world.

Harold Thomas (’69), Nancy Thomas (’67)
Heritage Award

Harold and Nancy Thomas have dedicated their lives to mis- sionary service. They served the Ayamara people of Bolivia, South America, from 1972 to 1989 before cooperating with the Bolivian Friends Church in theological education, leadership training, social development projects, and church planting. From 1999 until recently they served as founders and codirectors of the Center for Intercultural Studies, a master’s degree missiological program at the Bolivian Evangelical University in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. They continue to work as missionaries appointed by Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church.

Jimmi Nicole Sommer (’97)
Outstanding Recent Alumna

Jimmi Sommer has a passion to serve, volunteering in community organizations that range from the Junior League of Boise to the Idaho Foreign Film Festival. Last year, she became the Twin Falls regional direc- tor for U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo, rep- resenting him in an eight-county region in southeastern Idaho. She graduated from George Fox with a degree in international studies and earned a master of public administra- tion degree from Boise State University in 2001.

John H. Connor (’77)
George Fox Evangelical Seminary Alumnus of the Year

John Connor and his wife, Marj, work with the Department of World Missions of the Wesleyan Church, an organization they joined in 1970. John was a principal at the Pilgrim Wesleyan Seminary in Zambia, Africa, taught theology in the Philippines and Korea, and was a consultant for church development in 26 countries with Global Partners, a mission arm of the Wesleyan Church. He has written three books and, as director of the JESUS Film Partnership, trains teams to use the film for evangelism and church planting.

For more information about the alumni awards, go to georgefox.edu/alumni/programs/awards

A church challenge

C regg Lamm’s philosophy of ministry is simple: ‘As followers of Jesus Christ, let’s be an example of doing good ways lifelong, not just within its Feb. 26 issue. “If that money is just sitting there, why not even take a little bit of it and do something like this? I want to make of it and do something like this? I want to make of it and do something like this? I want to make it and do something like this? I want to make it and do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this? I want to do something like this?” He says of his new job. Lamm shares his thoughts about faith, living, and learning at stayinthecourse.blogspot.com.
cost psychotherapy. Also on staff is Jeff Nelson (MA04, right). He and Ridener are both students in George Fox’s PsyD program. “Our goal is to provide hope to those we serve,” says Ridener. Integrating spiritual issues into therapy is a key element of their work.

When his home group from Auburn, Wash., convened June 16, 2006, in Missoula, Mont., he and Brian Goff (BA90, left) opened the doors of Evergreen Clinical last July 6, 2006, in Bend, Ore. Jonathan Ridenour (MA06, center) and Mary Peterson, and Clark Campbell helped Ridenour apply for a grant, provided informal

Lisa Wilson (MA91) and George Goodnode (MA92) served as interns. The first group met Sept. 9, 2006, in Salem Ore. Lauren Carson, an intern, helped form the clinic.

Baboula for a research trip to Latvia for "The Persuasion of Water." She fears a misstep. “I’d plan, she says, is a sec-

"The Russian Dreambook of Little Peach" was a finalist for the National Book Award, the PEN/Faulkner Award was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, and she is a finalist for the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for the Short Story. Her first book, Sari (Timo) Gibson (G08) and Joel Gibson (G10) eds. Carolee Jacobs, March 23, 2006, in McMinnville, Ore.

Auburn, Wash.

2006, in Olympia, Wash.

and Brian Goff (BA90, left) opened the doors of Evergreen Clinical last summer, providing uninsured and underinsured Portlanders with low-
Amazing grace ... and open eyes

by Ire Briendinger

T he powerful film Amazing Grace has made people aware that John Newton wrote the hymn Amazing Grace and that he was the ‘converted slave trader,’ become pastor. He is colorful, even more than the film portrays Rough. Yes! He grew up on the sea (his dad was a sea captain) joined the navy in his late teens. Rejected authority, went AWOL, was caught, but was such a problem that his commander discharged him to the captain of a slave ship. He later became a slave himself for 18 months. Eventually, he served as first mate on a slaver and then led three slaving voyages as captain. He handled the rough side of life with aplomb.

But he was also tender, faithful, and relational. Even in his ‘sinful’ period in Africa his childhood sweetheart, Mary Catlett, remained in his heart, and he knew sweeter or more frequent hours of divine communion than I have ever known. He never did leave the slave trade because of his conversion. In fact, he became a slave trader after his conversion(directly contrary to the prevailing story). He left slaving not for reasons of conscience, but illness.

Newton was spiritually sensitive. Amazing Grace was only one of his many hymns. Another is How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds in a Believer’s Ear. After coming to faith in Christ, his journals clearly reflect this sensitivity: ‘I never knew sweeter or more frequent hours of divine communion’ and ‘I have wandered through the woods, reflecting on the singular goodness of the Lord on me.’

But what is so enigmatic about him? Just this. Newton did not leave the slave trade because of his conversion. In fact, he became a slave trader after his conversion. In relation to Christ, and he left slaving not for reasons of conscience, but illness. The enigma intensifies. The above journal entries were written on slaving voyages and the hymn How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds was probably written on a slave ship with slaves stowed in the hold. He believed his slavery job was ‘the appointment Providence had marked out’ for him. That, he reasoned, was why his life had been spared through slave insurrections and storms at sea. He did not write against the slave trade until 34 years after befriending it and he never wrote against slavery itself. I share Newton’s journey not to demean him, but to learn. What do I learn from Newton? That it is so natural to be blinded by our culture, even as Christians who love God. What do I learn about myself? That I am no different from Newton. I too am blind about the ways I contribute to harming others and my world. He later lamented that he had done these horrid things with a clear conscience. If I stop there, I’m safe; it’s Newton’s problem. But I won’t stop there. I must ask what cultural blindness might I wake up in 20 years? What blindness will the church awaken to? How can my cultural blinders be removed? What actions should I take?

This may be a good time to ponder anew the heart of God who asks us to break the bonds of injustice, share our bread with the hungry, clothe the naked, set the oppressed free, steward the earth love our neighbors. Amazing grace doesn’t stop with my salvation. It is not for me to set the oppressed free, steward the earth, love my neighbors. It is for me to know that my culture makes me unaware of. How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds in a Believer’s Ear.

Newton shared the Great command and the Great Commission with Christ. He went about loving God. What do I learn about myself? What actions should I take? What cultural blinders be removed? What should I be in the world? What should I do?

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Dynamic duo

Tell us more . . .

One day each year, President David Brandt (above) traded his suit and tie for a bright tie-dye T-shirt. Can you identify the cause of this transformation? We’re also interested in any favorite memories you have of our retiring president. All responses will be entered in a drawing for a $50 gift certificate from the University Store. Submit entries to journal@georgefox.edu or mail them to Journal, George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St. #6069, Newberg, OR 97132.

The fall 2006 issue of Journal included this photo of arguably the two most famous political figures in Oregon history. Both have ties to George Fox University. They are (left) Mark O. Hatfield, future Oregon governor and U.S. senator, and Herbert Hoover, the nation’s 31st president. The two leaders were photographed Aug. 10, 1955, when Hoover returned to Newberg on his 81st birthday to dedicate his boyhood home as a national historic site. Hoover lived in Newberg from 1884 to 1889 and attended Friends Pacific Academy, the forerunner to George Fox University. At the time of the photo, Hatfield was a state senator and the dean of students at Willamette University. Hatfield has been a member of the George Fox Board of Trustees and today teaches classes part-time on campus.

Many of you answered our call to identify these two statesmen. You can read some memories of the day and the men on page 2. Congratulations to Vic Napier (MBA ’04) who received a $50 gift certificate to the George Fox University Store for correctly identifying the two men. Napier said Hoover was obvious, but it took some time to identify Hatfield. “He’s just a kid!” Napier wrote.

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