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Written over many years, the George Fox story retains an unchanging central theme—high quality, Christ-centered education. In the next chapter, the university will broaden its scope in order to better equip a growing and changing population of students. This chapter includes four major projects:

Secure start-up funds for the nursing program $1.4 million

George Fox is responding to the nursing shortfall by starting a baccalaureate program in 2004 that will produce up to 40 nursing graduates each year beginning in 2008.

Pay for the acquisition of adjacent property $3 million

The acquisition of an eight-acre piece of property currently occupied by Providence Newberg Hospital is central to the university’s master plan. George Fox has agreed to its purchase, with payment due August 2006.

Renovate and expand Hoover Academic Building $4 million

To accommodate the nursing program, the university plans to begin renovation of the Hoover Academic Building by May 2005. The expansion will add 14,500 square feet.

Construct a new residence hall $5 million

The university’s record enrollment of 3,034 pushed the school’s residence halls to capacity. The addition of a new facility by fall 2006 will ensure space for more students.

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Readers Forum

>> As a proud alumna of George Fox College, class of 1984, I enjoy reading LIFE to stay in touch with the university. I was shocked and deeply upset upon reading the homophobic and bigoted “The Gay Marriage Divide,” featured on the editorial page of the Summer 2004 issue. As a lesbian and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church USA, I consider the article a direct attack on me and the hundreds and perhaps thousands of gay and lesbian students, faculty, and staff who have been associated with GFU.

I was shocked to read the article because, as a holder of a Ph.D. in American women’s history, I know that Quakers have historically been on the forefront of working for civil rights for all people, whether it was the right for women to speak publicly in the 17th century or the abolition of slavery in the 19th century.

The “inner light” has led some Quakers to the understanding that all life-giving love comes from God. Discrimination against gays and lesbians is the last frontier of bigotry in the United States. Quakers should be using all of their resources to help secure the basic civil rights of all Americans, rather than spewing hatred.

Marriage is a civil contract between two people: it is not a sacrament in Protestant churches in the United States. Gay and lesbian people simply ask to have our basic civil rights upheld. Marriage is a legal contract that confers more than 1,000 benefits, including health-care benefits, social security, pension benefits, tax advantages, and hospital visitation rights. It is morally and ethically wrong for the majority of Americans to discriminate against a minority group because of bigotry, whether cloaked in religion or not.

The Rev. Michelle J. Stecker 1984
TOLEDO, OHIO

>> I recently retired as a Friends pastor and have moved to Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg. I just want to thank Janis Balda for her thoughtful and courageous article in LIFE regarding the “Gay Marriage Divide.” Ms. Balda’s perspective brings much-needed balance and will be most helpful as this issue is discussed in the future.

I hope Ms. Balda will continue to help us to keep a proper perspective and refrain from lashing out at others. We need to be reminded that “the threat of our society is not gay marriage but the potential destruction of the institution of family.”

Orville Winters 1955
NEWBERG, OREGON

>> Janis Balda says the threat of society is not gay marriage in and of itself, but the “destruction of the institution of family.” I am assuming her definition of “family” is one man, one woman, and children. But in this day and age such a definition is antiquated. Families come in many shapes, sizes, and colors. They come with one parent, or two, or none at all. Some have two mommies or two daddies. Does it truly destroy the institution of family to have two people of the same sex yearn for the right to provide security and protection under the law for those they love?

I do not believe such “values as commitment, fidelity, and maturity” are as disregarded or outdated as Ms. Balda thinks. I find in my circle of gay and straight friends that commitment, fidelity, and maturity are values held to the highest standard, as well as deep faith and love for God.

I am sorry Ms. Balda does not feel that all of humanity should be treated equally, and it disheartens me to know that so many feel as Ms. Balda does; that it is their place and their right to stand in judgment of those with whom they take issue. Stand in judgment of me if you will, but I answer to God alone.

Sara Stansell 1994
PORTLAND, OREGON

EDITOR’S NOTE

George Fox University belongs to Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, a branch of the Quaker movement affiliated with Evangelical Friends International. The university’s policy on same-sex marriages, based on NWYM tenets, is as follows:

“At George Fox University, we hold that all persons are created in the divine image. We also hold that sexual intimacy is reserved for marriage, which according to scripture is to be shared in loving faithfulness between a man and a woman. (For further reference, see ‘Faith and Practice’ of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends at www.nwfriends.org.)”

Please send letters to Journal, George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St. #6069, Newberg, OR 97132. You may also write to journal@georgefox.edu. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Please include an address and daytime phone number.
Keeping Relevant for the Future

The George Fox University story has been told since 1885. The founding vision was for a Quaker academy. It took only a few years for that vision to grow to include higher education. By the late 1940s, the college formally took on the identity of George Fox, the founder of the Quaker movement in central England. Only since 1996 have we been George Fox University. We have a rich heritage, but it is a heritage that has changed and grown over these almost 120 years, while always being unabashedly Christ-centered.

Discussion about changes at George Fox usually revolves around the topic of size—we have grown and now serve more than 3,000 students. We have multiple campuses, multiple schools in the university, and more employees than in the past. Size, however, is only one measure of an institution. The qualitative changes truly define an organization. George Fox’s institutional history, written by history professor Ralph Beebe in honor of our 100th year as an institution of higher education in 1991, identifies several important eras that define George Fox University.

Now the university, once again, is poised to write another defining chapter in its history. In the fall of 2006 we will begin to offer nursing courses to students who this fall began their George Fox education as prenursing students. When those students graduate in 2008, we will be prepared to complete the nursing accreditation process. We also are seeking professional accreditation in several additional areas, including social work and engineering.

I am excited about these changes. I believe they will further enhance the education we offer our students and will maintain, as strongly as ever, our commitment to a high quality, Christ-centered education. The centrality of technology in our society and the great need for health care professionals gives strong support to the relevance of our new curricular choices. George Fox University needs to be an integral part of the world to bring Christ to our society from all directions.

To accomplish and enhance these new programs, we are launching "A Defining Chapter," a set of projects to be completed by August 2006. The nursing program requires start-up funds, and we need to provide space for the nursing program by renovating and expanding the Hoover Academic Building. We must provide adequate residence space for additional students, and we must provide funding to purchase the current Providence Newberg Hospital, adjacent to the campus to the east. These projects will require a combination of funds raised from our friends and some bond funding.

I invite you to help us write this new chapter to assure the continued relevance of George Fox University at a defining time in our history.

Dr. David Brandt
President
Dave's To-Do List: An Update

In fall of 2002, the George Fox board of trustees and President David Brandt agreed on six goals for strengthening the university as part of a three-year strategic plan. The cover story of the January 2003 university publication LIFE called the six goals "Dave's To-Do List." Two years later, here's the progress report:

1. **Establish and improve the financial health of the university.** When undergraduate enrollment is healthy, the George Fox budget has been healthy. By averaging six percent growth a year, the university is succeeding in its efforts to stabilize traditional undergraduate enrollment.

   Several new marketing initiatives are under way, including new institutional and sports logos, a Web site redesign, and creation of new admissions publications and a university magazine.

   To ease the university's dependence upon tuition revenue, administrators continue to build relationships with prospective major donors. This summer, longtime friend Edgar McDowell left a gift of nearly $1 million to the university.

   This fall, the university also is taking advantage of low interest rates to refinance capital borrowings.

2. **Develop an operational definition of quality.** The university administration is increasing the use of quantitative data to evaluate new and existing programs. Two years were spent reviewing programs and setting goals while producing a 500-page self-study report for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

This summer, the accreditation committee reaffirmed the university's accreditation and commended the university for its "unified commitment to mission."

3. **Complete several important current initiatives.** George Fox continues to pursue strategies to fund a new outdoor athletic field complex. A track oval and soccer, baseball, and softball fields will be constructed near the Newberg campus on property donated by Newberg business owners Joan and Ken Austin. The university's plan to create a science education center to provide support to local K-12 schools is on hold.

4. **Bring health care programs to George Fox.** The university last March announced a new bachelor's degree in nursing. The Oregon State Board of Nursing granted developmental approval for the program, and Ronald Mitchell, former director of the Idaho State University nursing program, was hired as program director. The first nursing students are expected to graduate in spring 2008. This fall, the university admitted more than 30 freshmen who expressed interest in the major.

   Administrators also investigated the feasibility of a pharmacy program but have not established a timeline.

5. **Investigate the possible acquisition of the property belonging to Providence Newberg Hospital.** George Fox officials last spring signed a letter of intent to purchase Providence Newberg Hospital and its eight acres of property adjacent to the Newberg campus. The $3 million sale became possible after Providence began constructing a replacement hospital in...
east Newberg. George Fox is scheduled to take occupancy in August 2006. Long-term plans for the property include construction of a new entry to the campus and a second academic quadrangle for professional and graduate programs. Plans also call for a new library/information center at the edge of Hess Creek Canyon.

Prepare a new campus plan. George Fox is now finalizing a master plan for the Newberg campus. It includes plans for the hospital property and Hess Creek Canyon, which will be developed into a campus centerpiece with walking trails, bridges, and facilities overlooking the natural landscape. Plans for the Portland, Salem, and Boise facilities are being developed. Assisting with the project is national architectural, planning, and interior design firm Zimmer Gunsul Frasca partnership (ZGF) of Portland.

A Defining Chapter in the George Fox Story

After reviewing the progress of the strategic plan in October, the board of trustees approved a funding plan to ensure its success. In the next two years, George Fox plans to spend $134 million on four major projects (see details on inside cover of magazine). Of that total, $54 million is to be raised from foundations and private donations. The remainder will be funded through bond issue.

Defining Chapter Projects

- Fund hospital property purchase $3 million
- Launch new bachelor of science in nursing program $1.4 million
- Renovate and expand Hoover Academic Building $4 million
- Construct new residence hall $5 million

Enrollment Breaks 3,000

Nursing and engineering programs help spur 18th consecutive year of growth

A record incoming freshman class packed residence halls and pushed George Fox University enrollment to 3,034 students this fall. The overall 4.2 percent enrollment increase from last fall gives George Fox its 18th consecutive year of enrollment growth.

"Our growing academic reputation and our new undergraduate programs are fueling our growth," says Dana Miller, vice president for marketing and advancement.

The university enrolled 396 first-time freshmen, a 15.1 percent increase from last year. Of the 527 new traditional undergraduate students, more than 70 expressed interest in pursuing the university’s new bachelor’s degrees in nursing or engineering.

With on-campus housing filled to near capacity, administrators are planning the construction of a new residence hall by fall 2006.

This fall, the university has 1,042 graduate students, 230 seminary students, and 1,762 undergraduate students, including 274 in adult professional studies programs.

Last fall, George Fox had 2,913 students. In 1986, enrollment was 549.

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George Fox climbs in rankings

George Fox University climbed again in the 2005 ranking of “America’s Best Colleges” by U.S. News & World Report magazine. The university moved to 15th in the top tier of the “Best Universities – Masters” west region category. It was ranked 18th a year ago. George Fox also is ranked in the magazine’s listing of “Best Values: Great schools at great prices.”

And, in a new recognition, George Fox received “Best in the West” designation by The Princeton Review. George Fox is one of 102 schools surveyed for the first time, and its closest constituents — its students — gave the university high marks.

The Princeton Review rankings consider academics, quality of life, admissions selectivity, and financial aid. George Fox students were invited to participate in an online survey hosted by the magazine. They were asked to voice their opinions about the university, with questions in each category.

The 2005 student opinion data is available at www.PrincetonReview.com. The U.S. News rankings — including the component information on each college’s score — are available online at www.usnews.com.

Governor and mayor honor Bruins
Mayor proclaims ‘Bruin Baseball Day’

Students filled Bauman Auditorium on the first day of school and enthusiastically greeted President David Brandt as he introduced two special guests: Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski and Newberg Mayor Bob Stewart.

Both were on hand to congratulate student-athlete Matt Gassaway, who last spring claimed a javelin national championship, and the George Fox baseball team in the wake of the squad’s 2004 NCAA Division III World Series title.

Stewart proclaimed the day ‘George Fox Bruin Baseball Day’ in Newberg. Kulongoski spoke of his love of baseball and the connection the Bruin players will always have with one another. “Years from now, whenever you get together, you will replay these games in your minds,” he said.

The Bruin baseball team (40-10 overall, 20-4 conference) earned the national title after the spring term ended. Leading the team was junior right-handed pitcher Scott Hyde. A First Team All-American, Hyde finished the season 14-1 with 191 strikeouts, the second-highest single-season total in Division III history.

Hyde was selected in the seventh round of the Major League Baseball draft by the New York Mets. Hyde spent the summer pitching for the Mets’ Class A affiliate in Brooklyn.

The Bruins’ run to a national title earned head coach Pat Bailey National Coach of the Year honors at the Division III level.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski, Bob Stewart, and David Brandt celebrate George Fox’s 2004 baseball title.
Beyond Campus Borders
Nearly 1,400 George Fox students volunteer throughout the region on the university's sixth annual Serve Day

George Fox students and faculty brought color into the children's service at North Valley Friends Church in Newberg.

Church members wanted the kids to enjoy their own special form of worship. So during the university's sixth annual Serve Day, they enlisted the help of students, faculty, staff members, and even alumni to paint a children's mural and build benches where the kids gather to worship. The 60 workers also swarmed the church grounds and interior to deep clean, paint exterior walls, and spread bark dust.

In all, nearly 1,400 participants spread out to 66 locations in Newberg and surrounding Yamhill County, and into Washington, Multnomah, and Clackamas counties.

According to Campus Compact, a national coalition that promotes community service in higher education, George Fox was the first in the nation to shut down for an entire day of service.

"It's an awesome way to show love for the community and our love for God, to serve as Jesus did," says sophomore Michele Stewart, who served at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Newberg.

Board adds members

Five join board of trustees: Palmer appointed as chair

The board of trustees added five members and elected board member Barbara Palmer as its new chair. New to the board are Stan Leach, Steve Fellows, Steve Jabusch, Jim LeShana, and Colin Saxton.

- Palmer first joined the board as a trustee in 1994. She is a senior vice president for Bank of America in Portland.
- Leach, a resident of Placentia, Calif., serves as the superintendent of Evangelical Friends Church Southwest and serves as a church-planting missionary in Guatemala and Honduras.
- Fellows ('76), George Fox University's Alumnus of the Year in 2004, previously served on the board of trustees from 1986 to 1995. He is the executive vice president of operations for the Cottage Health System in Santa Barbara, Calif.
- Jabusch is the vice president of PNE Corp. and general manager for PNE Construction, based in Longview, Wash. He is also the chairman of Victory Ministries, a youth outreach program.
- LeShana, a resident of Placentia, Calif., is the senior pastor at Rose Drive Friends Church in Yorba Linda, Calif.
- Saxton, a fifth new board member, is the superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Former chair Kent Thornburg, a board member since 1983, is now a trustee and chair of the personnel subcommittee.

The board of trustees includes 39 active members.
Peace Center carries on under new name

The name has changed, but the mission of the Center for Peace and Justice remains the same: to inform George Fox students of peace and justice issues and provide opportunities for practical application.

The center, created in December of 1984 as the Center for Peace Learning, also changed leadership. Lon Fendall, who directed the center from 1985 to 1989, returned to oversee both the Center for Peace and Justice and its newly created sister program, the Center for Global Studies.

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The cost is $330 for one hour of academic credit or $170 for audit or certificate credit. For more information, contact the seminary at 503-554-6122.

Gift to honor Hoover friendship
A million-dollar tribute – Edgar McDowell recognizes George Fox connection

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Hoover, the nation’s 31st president, lived in Newberg as a boy and attended Friends Pacific Academy, which became George Fox University. McDowell called being with Hoover the night of his election “the single most thrilling experience of my life.”

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Karissa Edwards, top left

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Hip-hop rings from David Mathiang's glowing cell phone. "What's up, homie?" he answers.
He holds the small device to his ear, pressing in on three sparkling earrings.
"Just chillin," he replies to the caller.
Mathiang knows how to chill. Walking across the George Fox campus in his baby-blue Michael Jordan basketball gear, he draws scores of smiles and friendly head nods. Some stop to offer him "props," touching their white clenched fist to his black fist in an urban sign of mutual respect.
With his own home torn from him years ago, Mathiang has made himself at home wherever he has gone.

Michael Chuol, at five-and-a-half feet tall, is 103 pounds of skin and smile. If his lean runner's physique wasn't obvious beneath the green suit he wore on the first day of George Fox classes, his athletic achievements were clear. Bright yellow decals -- symbols of varsity letters earned in high school cross country and track -- were sewn on the lapels of the suit.
When President David Brandt gave his welcoming address that first day, Chuol appeared to be the only student taking notes. Brandt spoke on authenticity and courage.
Chuol, like Mathiang, knows something about courage.
Chuol was a young boy when war reached his Dinka village in southern Sudan.

"I remember the sound of guns," says Chuol. "People were running. My uncle grabbed my hand and said, 'We go.' I thought we would go and come back."

They never returned.

Mathiang thinks he was 4 years old the night Arab soldiers came shooting the men and taking the women. He ran into the bush. He hasn't seen his parents since.

It was 1987 in southern Sudan, where the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) battled the Islamic Sudanese government in a decades-long civil war. Government-backed Arab militia frequently raided the villages of the semi-nomadic cattle-herding Dinka and Nuer tribes. The U.S. State Department estimates that war, famine, and disease in the region killed more than 2 million people and displaced another 4 million.

Mathiang and his 8-year-old cousin joined a group of boys that also had escaped. Directed by the SPLA, they began walking east toward safety in Ethiopia. "We hid in the bush and walked at night," says Mathiang. They feared the helicopters. "If they see people, they drop bombs."

Nonprofit organization Save the Children estimates 15,000 unaccompanied children — mostly young boys — walked hundreds of miles to Pignudo, Ethiopia. Many boys walked barefoot and survived by foraging for leaves and berries. Some of the weakest were killed by lions.

The journey took two to three months. As they crossed the dry terrain, Mathiang remembers receiving his water ration in a bottle cap. "I fell on ground crying," he says. "I wanted more."

Food was scarce. "They gave it out little bit by little bit," says Mathiang. "You don't know when you'll get more."

*The Boston Globe* reported that when the refugees reached Ethiopia, about 300 adults looked after 33,000 boys. Relief workers named them the Lost Boys of Sudan after Peter Pan's Lost Boys, a group of orphans who cared for themselves in Neverland.

### Refuge in Ethiopia

Chuol arrived in Pignudo, Ethiopia, with his uncle and cousin. "We walked," he says. "Sometimes my uncle carried me a couple miles. We don't carry anything."

A refugee camp was established with limited outside assistance. "The first year was bad," says Chuol. "We had no food."

He survived on fruit and the fish they caught in the river.

Mathiang remembers selling his extra clothes at the market to buy food.

"We had school, but a lot of disease," said Chuol. Malnourished children suffered from diarrhea, hookworm anemia, malaria, and tropical ulcers.

In 1991, the Ethiopian dictator fell and the Sudanese refugees were evicted. Ethiopian militia drove the column of boys into the flooded, fast-flowing, and crocodile-infested Gilo River on the Sudan border. Mathiang remembers hanging onto an inner tube with another young boy while the boy's father pushed them across the river. Mathiang estimates that 1,000 boys died that day. Chuol's uncle drowned.

Across the border in Sudan, the boys were attacked by local tribesmen and bombed by the Sudanese military. They fled the country again.

### Kakuma Refugee Camp

About 11,000 Lost Boys reached Kenya by 1992. Small huts made of branches and plastic sheets provided shelter. Eventually, more than 60,000 refugees from all over Africa settled in Kakuma Refugee Camp. The United Nations and international aid organizations provided assistance. The boys ate meals twice a day and attended school under the trees.
while brick structures were constructed. Chuol was hired by an aid agency to make soap.

Even Kenya wasn't a safe haven. Outsiders repeatedly raided the camp. "There was a lot of looting," says Chuol. "They come at night. They knock. When you show your face, they point a gun at you and tell you to give money. If you don't, they're going to kill one of you for an example."

The SPLA recruited soldiers at the camp. Both Mathiang and Chuol remember a doctor who preached that the boys should join the rebels and fight in the name of God. There were few options. "It's not easy to get a job," says Mathiang. "If you have good grades, you can be a teacher for primary or seventh or eighth grade. Other than that, there's nowhere to go."

But they heard America and Australia would take refugees. "We could study and there would be no war any more," says Chuol. "That would be great. There would be a lot of opportunity and a lot of jobs. My goal is to have a job."

"They said going to America is like going to heaven," said Mathiang. "All my ancestors; no one come to America. It's God's plan. Not my plan."

Pictures of America intrigued them: Washington D.C., landmarks, schools, shopping malls, and a massive river called the Mississippi that looked like the Nile. "I thought, we can go swimming sometime," said Chuol.

Coming to America


Representatives of Catholic Community Services of Western Washington met Chuol at the airport. "They gave us a lot of clothes and a lot of food." His new foster parents took him home to Yelm, Wash., near Olympia. He started his American education as a high school sophomore and found there indeed were jobs in America. Rite Aid and Safeway hired him to bag groceries, gather carts, and help customers.

Lutheran Social Services placed Mathiang with foster parents in Seattle. He enrolled in high school and started working at the seafood counter at Albertsons grocery store. Some coworkers thought he was from Jamaica. Most didn't know where Sudan was.
Running for Recognition

In Kenya, boys play soccer. In America, Chuol and Mathiang say running brings more recognition.

As a senior, Mathiang and his high school coach organized a Rotary-sponsored run that raised $5,000 for books and medicine that went back to the Kakuma Refugee Camp. Twenty-five runners from different high schools ran for an hour. Mathiang ran 34 laps, more than anyone else.

Chuol competed in school and won numerous community five-kilometer races. He trained by running between his foster parents' home and school, a distance of nine miles. Running in the 2002 Seattle half-marathon, Chuol finished 10th out of more than 2,000 male runners.

Both graduated from high school in 2003. Mathiang went to community college in Seattle. Chuol spent a semester at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash. He says he doesn't want to see snow again.

After unknowingly shadowing each other from Sudan to Ethiopia to Kenya to America, Mathiang and Chuol again found their journeys united. Independently, they enrolled at George Fox, a Christian university where they could run competitively. They now share an on-campus apartment.

Bling Bling

Even when he runs, Mathiang wears a simple shell necklace given to him by a girl in Kenya. "Remember who I am," she told him.

Off the track, Mathiang dresses in baggy clothing, basketball gear, and often a necklace with a large silver cross. "I got a lot of jewelry," he says. "I call it bling bling."

Mathiang's Sudanese cousin doesn't like Mathiang's style. He thinks people who wear urban hip-hop clothing have a bad attitude. Mathiang disagrees and pulls out a photo of himself in Kenya wearing baggy jeans. "I've been doing this since I was a kid," he says. "In Kenya, there's a lot of Michael Jordan jerseys. Different situation, clothes the same."

Chuol's wardrobe is less trendy and includes colorful African patterns.

"People are different," says Mathiang. "We are unique. He's got his own style. He looks better in what he wears and I look better in what I wear."

Mathiang often listens to rap. Chuol says he doesn't have any favorite music, but when he and Mathiang watched a video documentary that showed a celebration at the Kakuma Refugee Camp, Chuol cheerfully sang along in Dinka. Mathiang watched silently.

Is Mathiang more American? "I don't know," he says. "I can't say 'yes,' because Michael has been here four years like I am. If I am Americanized, he should be too."

Lost Boys

Even after four years, people still occasionally call them Lost Boys. Neither has seen the Peter Pan movie or understands the Lost Boys reference. Chuol doesn't like to be called a Lost Boy.

"They call them Lost Boys because the majority at that time lost their parents," says Mathiang. "To some people it is offensive," he says. "Me, I don't care. My parents still alive."
Chuol and Mathiang share the same hometown, a similar tragic childhood journey, and the same birthday: Jan. 1, 1983. It was assigned to them by aid workers in Kenya.

In August, Mathiang spoke to his father for the first time in 17 years. His cousin returned to Africa and found Mathiang’s family. His father called, “I was so excited,” says Mathiang. “So happy.”

His father is a farmer who raises maize and grain sorghum. He also is wealthy in cattle and thus could afford the dowries for his four wives. His family has two homes—a brick home in the city of Bor and a grass hut in the village. Mathiang thinks he has about 10 sisters. “I’m the firstborn,” he says. “When I left, there were like five.”

Chuol doesn’t like to talk about his family. “You don’t have to write everything about that,” he says.

On less personal topics such as running or school, Chuol can talk at length. His professors say he is well-liked and has a “sweet spirit.” Strong opinions do emerge—he’s not happy to be placed in English as a Second Language classes. He studied English in Africa. “I don’t want to do it here,” he says. “To communicate is enough.” He’s irritated with all the meetings he’s called to with administrators who talk to him about his class work and assessment tests. It discourages him.

In cross country practice, Chuol often ignores the prescribed workout. “Michael is just serious,” says Mathiang. “He runs very hard and leaves everybody behind. He doesn’t like staying in the group. He has his own idea.”

“I run hard, the way I’m going to race,” says Chuol. “Keep doing that. Get better and better.”

At a recent meet, Chuol arrived at the course just as the rest of the team was leaving for a warm-up run. Chuol ran his warm-up alone. After the race, he cooled down with one other runner and stood alone cheering on the George Fox women’s team during their race.

Chuol’s 25:33.2 time at the eight-kilometer distance is the fastest on the team and the 14th fastest ever by a George Fox runner. As a freshman, he competed at the NCAA Div. II national cross country championships. This year, he finished ninth at the West regional championships.

English as a Fourth Language

Athletic success is coming easier than academic success. English is their fourth language following Dinka, their native tribal tongue; Arabic, the national language of Sudan; and Kiswahili, the Kenyan language. Chuol says his goal is to pass his classes. It’s hard. Classes that seemed easy at first are becoming difficult.

Their finances are limited. Individuals have donated money to help with some of their tuition and living expenses, but both are taking out loans. Their status as student-athletes restricts the university from providing extraordinary financial assistance. NCAA Div. III institutions such as George Fox are not allowed to award student-athletes more financial aid than an average student.

If they can pass their classes, they’ll consider their next steps. Mathiang wanted to be a geologist, but George Fox doesn’t offer the major. Now he leans toward social work and he likes the idea of working overseas for the U.S. government.

Chuol talks of going to pilot school. “Maybe God send me to do it,” he says.

Next year they both become U.S. citizens. Then, they both hope to return to Kenya to visit. “I will go back for a visit, but I don’t want to stay,” says Mathiang.

Neither has returned to their birthplace in Sudan. “There is no reason,” says Chuol.
River of Fire

Anagama kiln teaches lessons, both material and spiritual

Mark Terry sees beauty in imperfection. Uniformity, by contrast, became the ideal for pottery as a result of mass production – not the imaginations of artists, says Terry, George Fox associate professor of art. “Part of me likes how this stands in defiance of that,” he says, looking toward a hillside inferno firing pots in the night at more than 2,000 degrees. A wood-fired kiln finishes the pots as it wills – individually. “You give up your work like a sacrifice and let the kiln play its part.”

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Photos by Forrest Burrows
In September, Mark Terry served as a panelist at the International Wood Firing Conference in Iowa. Several of his works, including this one, were displayed at a related exhibition where a prominent collector bought every piece.

Mark Terry holds out a pot, illuminated by flames surging through the kiln's door as it is stoked. He notes the pot's freckling from ashes, its rough texture, and the blush curling around its uneven form. "What's attractive about this is it's unique and real and beautiful," he says.

Not unlike people and their imperfections, he notes.

Terry immerses George Fox students into this art form several times a year when they fire their unglazed pots in his wood-fired kiln, the Noble Hill Anagama. Terry built the kiln two years ago—fashioned after the medieval anagama kilns of Korea—on his parents' 17-acre Christmas tree farm in Forest Grove, Ore.

He wants George Fox students to enjoy the ancient art form he and a few of his students have experienced yearly at the East Creek Anagama Kiln in Willamina, Ore., which was designed by master potter Katsuyuki Sakazume. Terry's 125-cubic-foot kiln is modeled after this "hill-climbing" kiln and is one of only a handful of anagama kilns in Oregon.

Terry says the wood-fired kilns enable him to teach through a more holistic and engaged process. Most firings, which use electric or gas kilns with high-tech instrumentation, are easily controlled by one person, so the average student doesn't experience the firing process. They create their pottery and set it on a shelf; they return later and see their fired pots on the "done" shelf.

"I think there's something incredibly beautiful and harmonious about an anagama firing that gets lost by all the technology," Terry says. "This is so close to the roots of the medium. You have to read the kiln, the fire, smells, sound, and colors and take action. It's all very interactive and physical. Most of this is a lost tradition."

On this night, George Fox students gather for the third and final night of the firing. The blaze is so bright the stokers must wear sunglasses to see inside, where pots glow as ghosts amid the fiery torrent. No one near the kiln wears a coat. They work to the sounds of crickets, the roar of the fire, and buzz of conversation.
Mark Terry reveres the earthy, labor intensive wood-firing methods of ancient Korea. Potters take turns working four-hour shifts during the nonstop three day process. The wood firing process requires sacrifice and community - an enriching experience for loner artist types. The Noble Hill Anagama was built on a 17 acre Christmas tree farm owned by Terry's parents in Forest Grove.
"We are all created in the image of God," Terry says. "The part of him most of us can most easily grasp is God as the creator. I think we are all innately creative. We are emulating him anytime we sit down to create."

"It's magic. The organic feeling of firing these pieces," says sophomore art major Patrick McKinney. "We rely on fundamental aspects of nature. We are involved in the metamorphosis that the pottery goes through. It's communal - we all have a common goal."

Catie Hager, also a sophomore art major, stands between a woodpile and the kiln and studies its flue, her face flushed from the heat. She is one of two stokers working a four-hour shift during the nonstop three-day process. When the flames subside, she and her stoking partner open the side ports and release small logs from their welder's gloves. The moment is executed in careful unison to prevent the fire's back draft from hitting either student. The kiln hisses with the addition of new fuel.

"There is so much joy in getting together with people who love doing the same thing," says Elizabeth Voth, a junior art major. "There is so much energy and affirmation that people share. Everyone has sacrificed a lot to do this."

Voth has decided the wood firing process will become a lifelong pursuit for her. "Anagama has taught me a lot about perseverance. I've come to trust my creativity and resiliency more, no matter what happens. I would love the mentors in my life to be those who value the processes and elements of anagama."

Terry considers creativity a type of prayer language, making the arts all the more relevant in a Christian university. "We are all created in the image of God," he says. "The part of him most of us can most easily grasp is God as the creator. I think we are all innately creative. We are emulating him anytime we sit down to create."

Creating is a worthy pursuit apart from any connection to marketability or job-training, he says. At the same time, creativity is a valued asset in the business world. He has learned that a master's in fine arts is becoming one of the pursued degrees for top management positions according to Michele Wayte, associate professor of marketing.

Terry compares anagama firing to the process of childbirth - preparation, followed by labor that intensifies until the process peaks with the delivery of new life. In this case, the kiln delivers its pots. "I think this is a powerful observation for the students," he says.

The last pyrometric cone melts, indicating the kiln has reached nearly 2,500 degrees. The weary artists will now go home and return a week later to see how the pots reflect the ashes and flames. Some pots will be cracked, slumped, or fallen over. Those that survive will be transmuted into something imperfect, individual - and beautiful.

Perhaps, too, some students will be changed.
From Lockout to Open Doors

The Beginning

George Fox alum Ken Carter wasn't looking for fame or even attention. He only did what he felt was right.

Still, a national spotlight hit Carter in 1999, when, as the head basketball coach at Richmond High School in Richmond, Calif., he locked out his entire undefeated team upon discovering 15 of his 45 players were not honoring contracts they had signed.

"I put a chain on the gym door with a sign telling them to meet me in the library," Carter recalls. "At the time, all three levels of our program - the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity - were undefeated. We were just coming off a big tournament victory. They figured I had cancelled practice to reward them for a job well done. They walked into the library expecting one thing, and they got something else."

Carter's message was simple: Athletes aren't exempt from abiding by the rules and succeeding in the classroom just because they can wow crowds and win ball games.

"We had failed as a program," says Carter, a George Fox student in the early 1980s. "We never released the names of those 15 kids because we had failed. The contract called for players to turn in all homework, not be tardy to class, sit in the front row in each of their classes, and to be good examples and leaders on campus. They were strict rules, and because of them some of the school's best athletes didn't want to play for me. But they were the rules, and I wasn't going to back down."

His stand triggered an outcry from parents and the community. "A lot of people were furious," Carter recalls. The Oilers were 13-0 at the time of the lockout, and Carter's decision cost the program two forfeits and the possibility of an unbeaten season. The coach didn't allow access to the gym for one week; during a second week, the team was permitted to play its two scheduled games (both victories) but not practice.

Richmond went on to reach the state tournament and advance to the second round before getting beat, but the biggest victory wasn't won on the basketball court. Carter was flooded with letters of support from all over the country. Calls came from Rush Limbaugh, CNN, Sports Illustrated, the Los Angeles Times, People magazine, USA Today, and "The Today Show."

And the coup de grace: In January, a major motion picture about Carter's stance will be released by Paramount with Samuel L. Jackson playing the lead.

The Aftermath

Carter, now 44, never saw all the publicity coming.

"I think it was just something America needed to see," he says. "Here was a coach making a stand, telling his athletes they needed to keep their grades up."

His message - that athletes had to study and not count on athletic potential as the only ticket out of inner-city life - struck a chord. Every one of his players at Richmond, where he coached from 1997 to 2002, graduated. And, remarkably, he says he never had to ante up money for another of his contract's stipulations: If a player didn't receive an athletic or academic college scholarship offer, Carter would pay his way though college.

Carter's legacy can be seen in New Orleans, where former player Chris Gibson
attended Tulane and has plans to open a hotel. It can be found in Oakland, where Courtney Anderson, a member of that 1999 Richmond team, is suiting up for the Oakland Raiders of the NFL. And it can be seen in his son, Damien, who was accepted to West Point Academy upon graduation.

"I believe there are three things you need to do to change a person – put something in their hand (a contract), put something in their head (knowledge), and touch their heart." Carter says "The kids I was dealing with were inner-city kids, and most of them were coming from single-parent homes. We exposed them to the real world of business, taking them on trips to Silicon Valley. We planted ideas in their heads. We encouraged them to think big and dream big."

Carter parlayed his business knowledge into success back home in Richmond, where he owned four businesses at one time – a sporting goods store, a T-shirt business, a hair salon, and a barbershop. He has since sold them, but keeps busy as an author of educational books, motivational speaker, and coach of the L.A. Rumble, a SlamBall basketball franchise. He also oversees the Coach Carter Foundation, a nonprofit mentoring program for minority youths.

The
George Fox Influence

Carter, one of nine children, was born in Mississippi before moving to California in the seventh grade. He played basketball for the same Richmond High School program he would later coach, earning all-league honors after averaging 23.3 points a game his senior season. He graduated as the school's all-time record holder in scoring, assists, and steals – records that would not be broken until his son, Damien, came along 23 years later and broke them all.

Upon graduating from Richmond in 1977, the young Carter, then known as "Kennie," attended San Francisco State University and Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Calif. It was his play at Contra Costa that caught the attention of George Fox basketball coach Sam Willard, who recruited the quick, 5-foot-10 guard to run the Bruins' backcourt for the 1980-81 season.

"It was a good situation for me," Carter said of his George Fox experience. "It was good to go to a small-town city like Newberg. The structure was nice, and they treated me well there. I was only there about a year-and-a-half, but I left there feeling like I was one of the smartest men in America."

He credits his business instructors, most notably Roger Crabb, for opening his eyes to business possibilities and giving him a fresh perspective.

"Dr. Crabb told us, 'You can make a living working for someone else, but you can create a lifestyle if you own your own business,'" Carter says. "Dr. Crabb's helped me develop a different way of thinking, and once you change someone's vision of the world, he is never the same."

Ashanti sends a message to student-athletes around the world.

"It's a story about real people finding real solutions to real problems," he says. "It's got something for everyone. All the players from the 1999 team are in it – they're in the crowd during games – and it really does a good job of telling the story."

Visit www.coachcarter.com for more on Carter.
**Alumni Connections**

Margaret (Shattuck) (G51) and Gerald (G52) Lemmons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 6. Both taught in the Kelso, Wash. School District for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He also coached basketball for Kelso High for 20 years. She became an honorary George Fox trustee in October after 24 years as an active board member.

Victor (n56) and Lois (Bain) (n55) Barnick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 5, 2004. They live in Salem, Ore.

Jon Newkirk (G66) became director of the Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center Oct. 4, 2004. Newkirk served as director of the WSU Western Center for Risk Management Education since 2001 and has been a member of the WSU Extension faculty for 14 years.

Marvene (Brueder) Burns (G71) lives in Tega Cay, S.C., with her husband, Bill, and a daughter and two sons. She now owns a medical recruiting company, Med-Tec Recruiters, Inc.

Steve Fellows (G76) resigned as president of San Gabriel Valley Medical Center in San Gabriel, Calif., to accept a system position with the Cottage Health System in Santa Barbara, Calif. He is the executive vice president of operations for the system, which includes three hospitals, ambulatory surgery and eye centers, a level II trauma center, and the construction of a new $340 million replacement hospital. He lives in Santa Barbara with his wife, Denice, and daughters.

Nancy (Svenson) Moon (G78) completed an MAT in education and administration at Lewis & Clark College, Portland. She is teaching third grade at Westside Elementary in Madras, Ore.

Corllyn (Orkney) Chambers (G83) has received a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholarship to go to Japan for three weeks in October 2004. She was one of 600 teachers selected nationwide. She is teaching at Dayton (Ore.) Grade School where she is the SMILE club leader. SMILE (Science Mathematics Investigative Learning Experiences) is a grant-funded program that targets students who, statistically, won't go to college.

Joset (Williams) Grenon (n84) is associate director of communications and fundraising at Oaks Christian School in Westlake Village, Calif. She recently returned from a year-long mission in Grand Cayman, working at a Christian mission school.

George Myers (DPS88) is principal consultant for The Common Threads, a leadership and team development consulting business in Seattle.

Dan Blau (DPS89) is the new postmaster in Cave Junction, Ore. He previously served as a city letter carrier for Salem, Ore.

Laura (Inman) Frazier (G91) and her husband, Scott, have moved to Florence, Italy, with their four kids. They are doing church planting with Christian Associates.

Jennifer Hooper (G91) graduated in May 2004 with a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Multnomah Biblical Seminary, Portland. She is planting a church in Northwest Portland.

Brian Martin (G91) is in his 12th year at Intel Hillsboro, Ore. He lives in Portland with his wife, Angel, and their daughter and son.

Chris (G90) and Susan (n92) Patoine live in Roseburg, Ore., where she is an elementary school teacher and he is a business instructor at Umpqua Community College where he received his AA degree before transferring to George Fox. He received an MBA from Portland State University in 1995. They have two daughters and a son.

Daryl Dixon (GFE893) is vice president of business development at the Portland office of Lee Hecht Harrison, a global career services company. He previously served as director of multicultural services at George Fox and was proprietor of Diversity Resource Group, a diversity consulting training practice.

Jason Koop (G93, MAT02) is the new head coach for the Carson City (Nev.) High School boys' soccer team. Last season he served as the assistant coach for the girls' team, which finished as the Northern 4A runner-up. This past summer he served as an assistant coach and goal keeper coach for the Nevada Wonders. He teaches fifth grade in Carson City.

Heide (Keller) Nichol (G93) was featured in a Salem, Ore., The Statesman Journal article, "Getting back to the top." She is in her fourth year as head women's varsity volleyball at Sweet Home (Ore.) High School. She lives in Sweet Home with her husband, Dustin, and their four children.

Derrick Watson (G93) is the new director of the center for service learning and career development at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.

Corrine (Batishko) Busch (G94) is a self-employed, licensed professional counselor, specializing in eating disorders, women's issues, and body image. She and her husband, Alan, live in Wickenburg, Ariz.

Tricia (Gates) Brown (G96, MA97) recently published two books: Spirit in the Writings of John and Free People: A Christian Response to Global Economics. She lives in Newberg.

Sheri Kindall (G96) is with Corrections Corporation of America in Nashville, Tenn., at the corporate office in the business development support group. She is manager of proposal development and production.

Diana Marr Longmire (G96) is a case manager and volunteer coordinator at Blue Mountain Heart to Heart in Walla Walla, Wash. It is a non-profit agency providing services to people infected with HIV/AIDS. She also is seeing clients through Palouse Counseling.

Thomas Changzheng Peng (GFE996) received a Ph.D. in intercultural studies in June 2004 from Biola University, La Mirada, Calif.

Jake Coleman (G97) is manager at American Mutual Funds in Brea, Calif.

Bob Agnes (MBA98) has been appointed vice president of Asia Pacific sales and sales operations at Tektronix. He will be located at the company's regional headquarters in Shanghai, China. He previously was vice president of monitoring and protocol test product line in Berlin, Germany. Prior to that he was the vice...
Alumni Connections

Marisa Mandujano (G98) is working for Legal Aid Services of Oregon. She was featured in an article, "Legal Aid Services helps farm workers find justice," in El Hispanic News of Portland.

Ryan LeBreton (G99) has joined the Mid-Columbia Vision Center in The Dalles, Ore., where he previously interned nine years ago. He is a doctor of optometry specializing in vision therapy. He and his wife, Lindsey (Kling) (G99), live in The Dalles with their daughter.

David Phillips (DP98) is working with Sun Health in Sun City, Ariz., as project management office manager. He and his wife, Joyce, live in Glendale, Ariz.

Cocav Engman (G00) received a doctor of medicine degree from Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif., in May 2004. She has begun her internal medicine residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover, N.H. After her three-year residency she plans to enter an oncology/hematology fellowship.

Sarah Lawrence (G00) has joined the staff of Reign Ministries Inc., based in Minneapolis, Minn., as a field staff member for the Northwest. She is recruiting students and developing relationships with youth leaders. She lives in Portland when not traveling. Reign Ministries is a state based mission organization that takes high school and college students overseas each summer with a focus on discipleship.

Melody (Talburt) Williams (G00) graduated with a degree in veterinary medicine from Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore., in May 2004. She is a veterinarian at Ark Animal Hospital in Philomath, Ore.

Austin Ashenbrenner (G01) is director of senior high ministries at Sammamish Presbyterian Church in Sammamish, Wash.

Faith Curammeng (G01) is a commercial producer at KIMO-TV, an ABC affiliate, in Anchorage, Alaska.

A Star Down Under

Basketball took former George Fox All-American Kenny Stone ('87) from Newberg to New Zealand. He never left.

The Auckland Stars basketball roster lists Kenny Stone at 2.02 meters and 95 kilograms.

By any measurement, Stone, 39, has grown into a large legend in the small world of New Zealand professional basketball. Since arriving in the South Pacific in 1989, he has won five National Basketball League championships, five all-star team honors, and one league Most Valuable Player award.

Last June, Stone won his first national title as a coach, guiding the Auckland Stars to a championship-game victory over his first New Zealand team, the Nelson Giants.

Like his metric roster measurements, the 6-foot, 6-inch, 210-pound Stone has converted to life Down Under. Stone adjusted to the inconsistent referees, the obnoxious small-town crowds, and the Kiwi English. They call him a basketballer. The former George Fox All-American is now half-Kiwi. He married a local model, Louise Rapley, and now is a naturalized citizen of New Zealand. The couple's third son was born this spring.

Stone set six George Fox school records and an unofficial record for spectacular dunks during his 1983-87 career. The Portland Trail Blazers made him a seventh-round NBA draft pick. Coaches praised his work ethic and skills but expressed concern about his lanky body's ability to endure the rugged NBA schedule. He was released just prior to the start of the season.

With an invitation from the Nelson team, the young man from Winlock, Wash., took his toothy grin and long arms to play basketball in the land of rugby.

When Stone first arrived, he and other Americans dominated the NBL. The level of local play has improved. The New Zealand national team finished fourth at the 2002 World Basketball Championships. Stone was one of four Americans competing for the one "import" spot on that squad. But injuries — Stone has had three major knee surgeries — and job conflicts ended his dream.

The 10-team New Zealand NBL is a world apart from the American NBA. An average crowd is 1,500. Practices are at night because most players also work other jobs or attend school during the four-month, 18-game regular season. In addition to his part-time career as player and coach, Stone has worked in real estate, sports marketing, and currently is a bank manager.

After 15 years. Stone has adopted a bit of a New Zealander twang, but the conversion is not complete.

"I still prefer feet and pounds." — Rob Felton

The Auckland Sunday Star-Times calls George Fox Sports Hall of Famer Kenny Stone one of the "all-time greats of New Zealand's National Basketball League."
Divine Role
Alum Lindsay Younce stars as Saint Thérèse

Lindsay Younce, a 2004 graduate of George Fox, landed the lead role in Thérèse: The Story of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux almost by chance.

During a national talent search for the movie, released last September, more than 100 actresses auditioned to portray Thérèse Martin, a 19th century French girl who became a Carmelite nun at age 15. Though she died of tuberculosis at only 24, her autobiography became a devotional best-seller. She was canonized in 1925.

Initially, director Leonardo Defilippis was not satisfied with the candidates. Then he saw the audition tape of Younce, who had not intended to audition for the part.

"When I heard they would be filming this movie in the area, I called to see if I could just be on the set," Lindsay says. "The person who took the call mistakenly thought I was calling to get an audition."

Before she knew it, Younce had landed her first film role.

The movie was actually completed four years ago after Younce graduated from high school. But because it is an independent film (produced by Luke Films) paid for entirely by donations, it did not gain release until this fall.

Lindsay honed her craft at George Fox, appearing in such plays as A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Crucible, Man of La Mancha, and A Shayna Maidel, to name a few.

"I appreciate the fact George Fox was a Christian university that respected the arts. You don't have to do a 'Christian' play to see God's love come through it," says Younce, who earned a bachelor's degree in writing and literature in 2003 and a master of arts in teaching degree the following year. "The productions respected the art of theatre while still maintaining integrity."

As for the opportunity to play Thérèse, Lindsay approached the role with enthusiasm and reverence.

"I was so excited to get the part, but at the same time it was intimidating," she says. "The magnitude of the whole project was bigger than I expected. The role itself taught me a lot. So much of her life is a mystery, yet her love of God is so clear. She was so free to express herself. She really took to heart the verse that speaks of being like a child to enter the kingdom of God."

"Sean Patterson

Tim Jennings (DPSO1, MBA04) is accounting/finance supervisor for PacifiCorp in Portland.

David Wood (MA01) has joined the counseling staff of Friends of the Family Ministries in Albany, Ore. It is a nonprofit organization with the mission of strengthening marriage and family relationships. He also serves as adjunct instructor for the Western Baptist College adult studies program.

Adrienne Dorsey (GO2) is working for PURE consulting in Los Angeles doing public relations in fashion and working with celebrities. She also is helping launch the high-end denim line, J. Essey.

Jackson Esselman (GO2) is the off-road press relations administrator for American Suzuki Motor Corporation's motorcycle/ATV division in Brea, Calif. He previously worked in the marketing department at the off-road aftermarket company Pro Circuit.

Abbey Godwin (GO2) is teaching high school art two days a week, sharing a full-time position with her mother, for the Pine Eagle School District in Halfway, Ore.

Heather Lilley (GO2) completed a master of education degree at Montana State University, Billings, Mont. during the summer of 2004. She is teaching fourth grade at Heritage Christian School in Fort Collins, Colo.

Amy Little (GO2) is attending pharmacy school at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Jay Peek (DPSO2) has joined the Security Alarm Corp. marketing and design staff in Corvallis, Ore. He previously was a district financial development coordinator for the American Red Cross in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties in Oregon.

Randi Trani (MED02) has been named principal of Corbett, Ore., middle and high schools. He has been teaching for 14 years and previously taught college prep science classes at Newberg High.

Crystal Way (GO2) completed a master of arts in teaching degree at Lewis and Clark College, Portland. She is teaching high school biology and science at Estacada High School, Estacada, Ore.

Marsha Castino (DPS03) has been named executive director of the Community Pregnancy Clinic of Camas Washougal, Wash. The clinic helps women facing unplanned pregnancies by providing free and confidential pregnancy tests and counseling, as well as baby clothes and furnishings. Castino and her husband, Rey, live in Camas, Wash.

Suzanne Santos (GO3) is training and acting at Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre in Blue Lake, Calif.

Emily Condie (GO4) is an intern with the Middle East Studies program, located in Cairo, Egypt. She will interact with 20 students every semes-
Joshua Hunter (G04) is in the master of business administration and master of public policy programs at Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif. Kim (Warrington) (G04) and Jeff McDonough (n04) left Sept. 30, 2004, to teach English in Incheon, South Korea, for one year. Shawn Moore (MBA04) is the site development manager at Hopper, Dennis, Jellison, an engineering and planning company headquartered in Vancouver, Wash. Alison Rice (G04) is teaching fourth grade in the Cordova School District in Alaska. Pauline Tseng (MA04) accepted a position with LifeWorks Northwest (formally known as Tualatin Valley Centers) as a dual diagnosis therapist in Tigard, Ore. She recently completed level one and two eye movement desensitization and reprocessing training.

Sarah Zempel (n04) is a technical assistant with Empire Medicare Services in Syracuse, NY, and is pursuing a career as a corrections officer. Her husband, Bill, is an environmental engineer. Both are professional athletes in the Scottish Heavy Athletics.

MARRIAGES

Ronald Barnick (G54) and Darlene Zeller. Sept. 11, 2004, Salem, Ore.

Denise (Mills) Rickey (G76) and Eric Lyman. June 17, 2004, Newberg.

Roxie Aust (G90, MED96) and Allan Huffaker. June 26, 2004, Corvallis, Ore.

Bonnie Johnson (G93) and Gabriel Parman. March 9, 2003, California City, Calif.

Corrie Batisthko (G94) and Alan Busch. March 20, 2004, Wickenburg, Ariz.

Jennifer Davis (G94) and Jon Duquette. July 24, 2004, Aloha, Ore.

Tory Johnson (G95) and Dana Sandgren. March 6, 2004, Eugene, Ore.

Jay Kuhn (G97) and Tamie Neuman. June 5, 2004, Oregon City, Ore.

Amy Quarles (G97) and Peter Nelson. June 19, 2004, Phoenix, Ariz.

Heidi Houser (G98) and Aaron Vaubel. June 5, 2004, Springfield, Ore.

Kara Collatt (G00) and Jason Moore. April 17, 2004, North Bend, Ore.

Aron Depew (G00) and Amy Schill. June 1, 2004, Loma Linda, Calif.

Todd Hammons (G00) and Molly House. April 2, 2004, Wailea, Maui, Hawaii.

Kerina January (G00) and Billy Gruwell. Sept. 18, 2004, Springfield, Ore.

Anne Jeli (G00) and Rod Stewart. June 5, 2004, Portland.

Forrest Arnold (G01) and Amy Forbes (G01, MA03). July 17, 2004, Jackson, Wyo.

Ramie Boyd (G01) and Nathan Moody (G01). July 31, 2004, Bandon, Ore.

Ryan Cruz (n01) and Stacia Wiggins. July 10, 2004, Peshastin, Wash.

Shara Denniston (G01) and Curtis Bauman. Aug. 21, 2004, Merlin, Ore.

Angela Dierickx (G01) and Jake Petrijanos. July 17, 2004, Forest Grove, Ore.

Shelly Jungwirth (G01) and Bryan Morris. June 19, 2004, Mount Angel, Ore.

Frances Kuntz (G01) and Forrest Towne (G02). Aug. 7, 2004, Missoula, Mont.

Janelle Walker (G01) and Christopher Christensen. Oct. 18, 2003, Springfield, Ore.

Aaron Bliss (G02) and Barbara Brown. Feb. 28, 2004, Beaverton, Ore.

Ryan Dearinger (G02) and Jessica Nelson (G04). July 31, 2004, Gearhart, Ore.

‘The National Champ of Literature’

Gina (Withnell) Ochsner continues to dazzle the literary world. The 1992 George Fox writing/literature graduate’s short story, “The Fractious South,” was published in the Aug. 23 issue of The New Yorker. The national magazine claims heavyweight status in the intellectual and artistic world. Its readers, Ochsner says, are the kind of people who “buy cheeses with names that are hard to pronounce.”

“It’s like winning the national championship of literature,” says Becky Ankeny, professor of English.

Ochsner — an adjunct professor at George Fox — already has won dozens of national and international literary awards, including the Flannery O’Connor Award for her book of short stories, The Necessary Grace to Fall. Another of her stories has been selected for “Best American Non-Required Reading 2004.” an annual collection of short fiction and non-fiction pieces.

What’s next besides raising three children under the age of nine? Her second book, People I Wanted to Be, will be published by Houghton Mifflin in May. She’s also submitting another piece to The New Yorker and has promised a novel to her publisher. — Rob Felton

Accolades keep coming for author Gina Ochsner, who recently was published in The New Yorker.
Top Doc

Mari Kay Evans-Smith ('84) was named one of Portland's top pediatricians in a survey published in the March 2004 issue of Portland Monthly magazine. Evans-Smith, who graduated from George Fox with a bachelor's degree in biology, is a partner with Pediatric Associates. She has been practicing medicine in Portland since 1992.

Evans-Smith also has led several overseas medical missions trips to Third World countries, including Malawi, India, Peru, and Bolivia. She lives in Vancouver, Wash., with her husband, Eric Smith ('84), and their two children, Chelsea, 12, and Isaiah, 10.

Top pediatrician Mari Kay Evans-Smith leads international medical trips.

Benjamin Frieseh (G02) and Angela Nichols (G03). May 22, 2004. Newberg.


Dave Kilian (G02, MAT03) and Nicole Bostic (G04). Dec. 27, 2003. Marysville, Wash.


Ryan Blanchard (G03) and Sarah Von Gunten (n6). July 9, 2004. Portland.

Benjamin McCary (G03) and Chelsea Phillips (G04). July II, 2004. Aurora, Ore.

Gail Smead (MAT03) and Peter Zakovics. May 1, 2004. Las Vegas, Nev.


Kate Brain (G04) and Philip Kangas. July 31, 2004. Rocky Point, Ore.

Mike Christensen (G04) and Devon Marie Denniston. Aug. 14, 2004. Toledo, Wash.


Christine Leis (MAT04) and Andrew Urghal. July 17, 2004. Aurora, Ore.


Sarah Zempel (n04) and Bill Monette Jr. June 5, 2004. Murphy, Ore.

Christy (Matsumura) (G93) and Jeff (G95) Nelson. a boy, Josiah Kai. July 31, 2004. Newberg.

Tom (G93) and Marylys (Stenberg) (G93) Springer. a girl, Elizabeth Diane. Feb. 12, 2004. Portland.

Mike (G93) and Kerri Rasmussen. a boy, Carson Frederick. May 4, 2004. Spokane, Wash.

Aaron (G93) and Laurie (Richards) (G93) Rauch. a girl, Naomi Kay Linnanea. March 17, 2004. Newberg.

Mark (G94) and Maureen Daniels. a girl, Katelyn Maureen. April 29, 2004. Portland.

Jennifer (Eaton) (n94) and Jason Downer. a girl, Emma Sue. June 12, 2004. Moses Lake, Wash.

Michelle (Brown) (G94) and Scott Roberts. a boy, David James. Aug. 19, 2004. North Bend, Ore.


Sarah (Morse) (G95) and Matthew Plies. a boy, Martin Paul. March 25, 2004. Portland.

Tina (Hayes) (G95) and Randy Schmidt. a boy, Kyle Matthew. Nov. 29, 2003. Silverton, Ore.

Sheila (Yoder) (G95) and Andrew Wenger. a boy, Joshua John. May 31, 2004. Brownsville, Ore.

Aaron (G96) and Janey (Townley) (G96) Backer. a boy, Joshua Ian. Sept. 25, 2003. Boise, Idaho.

Scott (G96) and Sarah Mansur. a boy, Tyler Andrew. June 8, 2004. Beaverton, Ore.

Gegi (Bonera) (G96) and George (n98) Ward. a girl, Marie Anne. July 31, 2004. Seattle.

John (G97) and Nikki (Peterson) (G97) Anderson. a boy, Brock Christian. June 6, 2004. Seattle.


Caleb (G97) and Kara (Fouts) (G98, MAT01) Williams. a boy, Britton Henry. Aug. 6, 2004. Salem, Ore.


Katie (Putignano) (G98) and Tim Gale. a girl, Madeline Rose. April 8, 2004. San Dimas, Calif.

BIRTHS

Mark (G80) and Lynn (Watson) (G80). Holiday, a boy, Ethan Dale-Thomas. April 24, 2003. Bend, Ore.

Kelton (Tad) (G81) and Heidi Gehman Cobb. a boy, William Earnest. Feb. 29, 2004. Hartford, Conn.

Christine (Smith) (n88) and Michael Cartwright. a boy, Patrick Lee. Jan. 20, 2004. Fort Worth, Texas.


Rebecca (Nauman) (G99) and James (G99). Steele. a girl, Brenna Elizabeth. Nov. 11, 2003. Silverton, Ore.


Rob (G91) and Susanne Filback. a girl, Anne Rose Mahoney. April 19, 2004. Los Angeles.

Jeremy (G91, MBA96) and Jenny (Gibb) (G92, PsyD01). Huwe. a girl, Marguerite Lynn. Sept. 8, 2004. Sherwood, Ore.

Lisa (Ruvo) (G93) and Jeff Knife. a boy, Jackson Jeffrey. Aug. 6, 2004. Portland.
2005 Honored Alums

Heritage Award: Ron Stansell (‘65)

Ron Stansell has been a professor of religion at George Fox since 1985. Prior to his teaching commitment on campus, Stansell and his wife, Carolyn, dedicated 18 years of their lives (1967 to 1985) as missionaries for Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends (NWYM). He has acted as clerk for NWYM’s missions board, as secretary for Evangelical Friends Mission, and as director for Evangelical Friends International Council.

Outstanding Alumnus: Gary Chenault (‘80)

A native of Indianapolis, Gary graduated from George Fox with a bachelor’s degree in business and economics. He has worked more than 13 years in development and held down several leadership positions, including vice president of resource development for both the Noble of Indiana Foundation and the United Way of Columbia-Willamette. He has served as a board member for several organizations and won awards for his service.

Outstanding Recent Alumnus: Rachelle Staley (‘00)

Upon her graduation from George Fox, Rachelle Staley knew she wanted to be involved in camping, social work, and international studies. That desire led her to a career in international adoptions. For the last four years, Staley has worked for International Family Services, a nonprofit child-placing and humanitarian aid organization. She has overseen its adoption programs in Russia, India, Guatemala, and Kazakhstan.

Seminary Alumna of the Year: Marva Dawn (‘78)

Marva Dawn is a theologian, author, and educator with Christians Equipped for Ministry. She is also a teaching fellow in spiritual theology at Regent College in Vancouver, B.C. Her teaching and preaching take her all over the world; when she is home, she assists local Episcopal, Methodist, and Lutheran churches. Dawn has written almost 20 books and numerous articles for theological and professional journals.

Full-Time Christian Service Award: Ken Johnson (‘72)

Following his graduation from George Fox, Ken Johnson served as president of Arjo Inc., serving as owner and operator of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and convalescent hospitals. Currently, he serves a congregation of 3,000 as pastor of Westside Church in Bend, Ore., and is a member of the board of directors of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

George Fox’s new honored alumni will be recognized at a celebration brunch Feb. 5 during homecoming. For more information, call Nate McIntyre at 503-554-2130 or e-mail nm McIntyre@georgefox.edu. — Sean Patterson

John (G98) and Penny (McKee) (G98) Galvin, a girl, Avery Jo, July 25, 2004, Portland.
Tabitha (Hewitt) (G98) and Marshall Burgdorf, a boy, Caedmon Robert, May 12, 2004, Stillwater, Okla.
Jamie (Ridley) (G98) and Scott Klucken, a girl, Ashley Marie, March 20, 2004, Twin Falls, Idaho.
Tricia (Rice) (G99) and Ryan Bates, a boy, Connor Daniel, May 8, 2004, Silverton, Ore.
Josh (G99) and Audra (Wilson) (G01) Cadd, a boy, Gabriel Zane, July 27, 2004, Portland.
Chad (G99) and Jaliene (Miller) (G00) Hollabaugh, a boy, Peter Bradford, July 8, 2004, Tualatin, Ore.
Alisha (Mulkey) (G99) and Ray Horton, a girl, Ellie Rae, May 19, 2004, Portland.
Elise (Barrero) (G99) and Brian Mathews, a girl, Madeleine Elise, Feb. 12, 2004, Tualatin, Ore.
Brian (G99) and Nicole Phipps, a girl, Rowan Carmelie, May 1, 2004, Tualatin, Ore.
Chris (G00) and Chelsea (Dauber) (G01) Carbonell, a boy, Brennan Christopher, March 30, 2004, Palo Alto, Calif.
Jamie (G00) and Erin (Oates) (G01) Johnson, a boy, Kincaid Roderick, Aug. 24, 2004, Beverly, Mass.
Todd (G00) and Jayne Kimberly, a girl, Dagny Christine, July 21, 2004, Tualatin, Ore.
Madeleine (Douglas) (G00) and Andy Martin, a boy, Michael Joseph, May 20, 2004, Gilroy, Calif.
Jason (G00) and Adrienne (Gerick) (G00) Schwanz, a boy, Judah James, Sept. 12, 2004, Newberg.
Tae (G01) and Marissa (Clark) (G01) Eyon, a boy, Jin John William, Oct. 28, 2003, Bremerton, Wash.
Rick (MBA03) and Sarah McClatchey, twin girls, Riley Rebecca & Emma Elizabeth, April 20, 2004, Portland.
Eric (MBA04) and Susie Bell, a girl, Jada Qing, born July 13, 2004, adopted May 17, 2004, Guanjo, China.

Deaths

Karissa Edwards (n06), Nov. 13, 2004, Newberg.
Last summer, this longtime Quaker experienced the War College at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania. I was an invited guest to the 50th National Security Seminar (NSS). The seminar is the culmination of a year of study for 320 students. 60 of them international. These students represent the upper echelon officers from all military branches. The 125 guests were assigned to one of 20 seminar groups in which students had studied.

The primary purpose of the NSS is to allow military officers to hear the views of civilians. At this point in the officer's career, he or she has spent an average of 15 years in the military and, therefore, is often insulated from the thinking of the American public. Reciprocally, the experience allows civilians to listen to future military leaders.

A secondary purpose of NSS is to provide a forum to hear distinguished speakers on issues of strategic and international importance. This year, General Hill, commander of the U.S. Southern Command; Dr. Norman Ornstein, a scholar with a conservative think tank; Retired Lt. General Scowcroft; and others spoke on issues ranging from American politics and civil-military relations to nation-building in Afghanistan and the war in Iraq. Primary speakers opened morning sessions, then students and guests asked questions. From there, we went into seminar groups for more intensive discussions.

I was assigned to Seminar Group 10, which included a colonel from Germany, a Muslim from Malaysia, an African-American colonel and lawyer, a Marine who fought in the Persian Gulf, a Chinook pilot who led troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, a political scientist from Panama, a Mexican-American intelligence civilian, and others. Guests included business owners, a political science academic, a multimedia entrepreneur, a forensic scientist, a town hall administrator, an attorney from Puerto Rico, and me. It was an extraordinary mix of cultures, backgrounds, and worldviews. Today, I can easily talk two to three hours about critical national and international issues. However, the changing of my perceptions impacted me most.

The media often presents the military as war-mongering. However, again and again, I heard these officers speak about promoting peace, not fighting wars. One officer said, "If you have ever been in a war, you never want to be in another one or take any young people into one. I abhor war. It is one of the ugliest and most dehumanizing things people do to one another." The No. 1 value of the Army is loyalty to the Constitution of the United States, and they will give their lives to make sure that its truths are not compromised. The officers want to accomplish that through peaceful means. They see themselves as deterrents, as guardians of the peace.

A second perception change involved the quality of the War College students. They knew world religions, current international events, and American government leaders and political issues. They talked about globalization, the true meaning of jihad, peace treaties from various wars, the cultures of Iraq, and the causes of terrorism. They understood the deeper issues of America's culture of fear and the role the media plays in sustaining that through over reporting trauma and under-reporting good news. These were persons of integrity who wanted to protect the United States and serve other countries. They had a global worldview often lacking among the American public.

I understand not all military personnel think like this. But these are students who will lead the armed forces of tomorrow. I am a pacifist. I can be nothing else.

However, perhaps as pacifists it would be helpful to build bridges with the military by encouraging these kinds of discussions. If we respect them and contributed to serving them, we might make deeper inroads into changing hearts and minds. The students thanked me for coming. They understood that the military machine can eat your soul if you are not careful, and they wanted understanding and support... not for war, but for the price they pay.

MaryKate Morse is associate professor of pastoral studies and spiritual formation for George Fox Evangelical Seminary.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Kaleo
January 22

Kaleo is the Greek verb for "to call." Come discover the passion of your calling alongside others involved in youth ministry. Dr. H.B. London from Focus on the Family will serve as a pastor to pastors. Local youth leaders and pastors will provide informative sessions for youth pastors. Bring your staff for training.

For more information or to register, visit kaleo.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2114.

### Sports Hall of Fame Induction
February 4

The university will induct its newest Sports Hall of Fame members, the class of 2003, in ceremonies.

For more information, contact Patty Findley at pffindley@georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2910.

### Homecoming 2005
February 4-6

This year we’re taking you "back to the classics." Come home to George Fox University to relive your old memories and create new ones. Reconnect with professors, coaches, staff, and old friends. Highlights will include theatre, affinity reunions, sports, worship, class reunions, and more. Come see what’s changed, how we’ve grown, and what’s stayed the same.

For more information or to register, visit homecoming.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2114.

### Commencements and Baccalaureate
April 30

Morning and evening ceremonies on the Newberg campus will celebrate the graduation of more than 500 students.

For more information, contact Missy Terry at terrym@georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2114.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Golf Tournament – July 12, 2005**
The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club
Aloha, Oregon

Plan to join us for the second annual George Fox University Golf Tournament

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LIFE as we knew it

Since its beginning, this institution – whether known as academy, college, or university, Pacific or George Fox – has always valued communication with its constituents. The formats and the cycles have changed to fit the times, sometimes every few years, sometimes every decade or so. The most recent format, LIFE, was started January 1971 and lasted a third of a century. The publication was updated at least four times but continued its name and tabloid size.

Pictured are some of the mediums through which the institution has communicated. The George Fox College Bulletin debuted in 1950 within a few months following the name change from Pacific College. That name lasted 20 years but with at least four size and format changes over that span, the last in 1966. Prior to the Bulletin, periodic letters, fliers, cards, and mailers were sent to alumni and friends.

While the LIFE format has ended and the name is now history, the same purpose remains. We hope you will enjoy our continuing effort to inform and inspire our readers by presenting an intimate and honest portrait of George Fox University.

A New George Fox Journal

More than 300 years ago a man named George Fox shared his story through his journal. The Journal of George Fox became a Christian classic, describing his spiritual journey and countercultural ministry built upon the belief that Christians in all walks of life could be guided by the personal leading of Christ.

Today, George Fox University begins sharing its stories through the publication of the new university magazine George Fox Journal. Like its namesake, George Fox University encourages its students in every field to seek Christ’s leading.

The name and magazine format are new, but Journal is really an expansion of the university’s tabloid newspaper LIFE. Thirty-four years ago, LIFE replaced the newsletter Bulletin. As the university grows, so has our publication. We welcome your comments and suggestions as we endeavor to share the stories of George Fox University.