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MESSAGE from the president

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my job is getting to know our graduates. Recently one of our fine professors, Nate Peach, introduced me to a 2013 College of Business graduate, Iishan Low. One of our most impressive young alumni, Iishan grew up outside the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur where his mother, Terry, and father, Chua Khuann, were both Christians and raised him in the church.

When I talk with graduates I always ask two questions: “How did you find George Fox University?” and “What was transformative for you about the educational and spiritual experience?”

I was surprised to learn that Iishan’s family first discovered George Fox when his father browsed through Forbes website and noticed that our university was identified as one of the best faith-based institutions in the U.S.; that made the family stop and take a look. Prior to that, Iishan and his family were looking for a college: excellent academic experience coupled with serious spiritual formation. I found them both at George Fox.

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University Rallies Around Art Professor Doug Campbell

On Friday, March 7, the university community came together for an ‘Empty Bowls’ fundraiser dinner in support of art professor Doug Campbell, who more than a year ago suffered a massive stroke. Proceeds from the event, which included a silent auction, reached $19,000. That amount was supplemented by an anonymous donor who had pledged to match donations up to $15,000. The funds raised will go toward sending Campbell to an intensive inpatient speech therapy program not covered by insurance. “Although many of his faculties have returned and he’s recovering very very very well, he’s roadblocked and now by a thing called aphasia that affects his ability to speak and express himself” explains art department chair and event organizer Mark Terry.

While the event lasted just one night, preparation began in November, when 40 potters from the George Fox community and beyond came together for a ‘throw a ton’ in the university’s ceramics lab. In the months following, nearly 100 volunteers trimmed, bisque fired and glazed the 2,200 ceramic bowls in which the dinner was served.

The event, sponsored by Bob’s Red Mill, Newberg Bakery and Bon Appetit, was the university’s fourth Empty Bowls fundraiser. Most recently, in 2010, more than $18,000 was raised to benefit victims of the Haitian earthquake. In this case the goal was simple, according to Terry: “to get Doug back here in our classrooms making a difference in the lives of students again.”

Terry Campbell

New Center Sets Focus on Career Success

In March the university celebrated the launch of a new center designed to help students find their calling – and give them a head start on the job market. The newly formed IDEA Center combines elements of learning support services, academic planning and career coaching with a healthy dose of real-world experience pre-graduation, the latter thanks to an ever-growing list of corporate partners.

The IDEA Center’s strong connection with the business world was on full display at its ribbon cutting ceremony March 7, which featured US Digital CEO David Madure as its keynote speaker in addition to info sessions with Tripwire VP of Human Resources Aliza Scott and Autodesk Product Manager Victor Soleti. More than a dozen executives and small-business owners were also on hand to network with students.

IDEA is an acronym that encourages students to: Initiate the next steps toward their future goals; Discover the big idea for their life; Engage in their life calling; and Achieve exceptional life outcomes. Visit georgefox.edu/idea for more information.

University IT Sends Laptops to Rwandan Bible College

Thanks in part to the involvement of some George Fox volunteers, a new Bible college in Rwanda was equipped with 15 refurbished HP laptops and 25 e-readers for students to learn computer skills and enrich their educational experience.

First, the university’s institutional technology office converted the most durable laptops from its inventory and installed new open-source software at no charge. George Fox professors Eliza Hackett and Scott Hedding then joined alumna Dele Miller and former university employees Ron Starrs, Carolyn Starrs and Leo Fendall to deliver the computers to Rwanda Friends Theological College in Musanze, Rwanda, for the college’s opening in February. Hedding, Miller and Fendall also led a faculty seminar during the trip.

The George Fox connection came about through Fendall, who for many years has volunteered to help with programs that train members of Friends churches in Rwanda, Burundi and Congo for pastoral work and other ministries. A generous donation of more than $4,800 from members of Friends churches in Musanze, Rwanda was supplemented by an anonymous donor who had pledged to match donations up to $15,000.

Among Safest Cities in Oregon

It’s no secret that the city George Fox University calls home is safe – but now it’s official. According to Movoto Real Estate, the Newberg-Dundee metropolitan area is the fourth safest place in the state of Oregon, right behind West Linn, Wilsonville and nearby Sherwood.

To come up with its rankings, Movoto analyzed the FBI’s 2012 Oregon Crime Report for metropolitan areas with a population of 10,000 or more, taking into account violent crime, property crime and the percentage chance that a resident will be a victim of crime.

Movoto Real Estate is an online real estate brokerage based in San Mateo, Calif. Its blog has been recognized for its unique approach to city-based research by major news organizations around the world such as Forbes and CBS News.
FACULTY AND FICTION

Like most academics, George Fox professors write research papers, syllabi and textbooks, but it’s a little-known fact that at least five George Fox employees have also published works of fiction.

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Proving that you don’t have to be a professor to tell a good book, women’s lacrosse coach Natalie Harrington concluded her children’s fantasy trilogy with *Griffin’s Legacy* in 2013. Harrington published the first in the series as a freshman in college, but was obliged to publish her books under the pseudonym N.R. Rose due to Division I lacrosse regulations for student athletes.

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Spanish professor Debbie Berho was recently selected to participate in a three-year national research fellowship, the Latino Protestant Congregations Project. Funded in part by the Lilly Endowment, the project will bring together 10 fellows and two directors for a week each June at Calvin College for three years.

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Reciprocity Between Families and Schools. Why These Bridges are Instrumental for Students’ Academic Success,” appeared in the March 2013 issue of the journal *Aspiring Schools*. She also was published in a recent edition of the Journal of Bilingual Education Research and instruction “Science Savvy in the Classroom: One Teacher’s Experience in Using ESL Practices.”

Several George Fox faculty contributed an article to a recent issue of the journal *Guaker Religion* “Thought ‘Interdisciplinarity and the Relationship of Hamankind among Fish, Birds and Creeping Things’” by Roger Nan (senior), “Suffering, Creation, and Luther’s Theological Crisis” by Dan Brunner (senior), and “Dividing and Conquering: The Dualistic Roots of Environmentalism and its Foes” by Cayer Nolt (senior).

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Leaving a Legacy, One Pair of Shoes at a Time

Sitting at the edge of the track at the future site of Stoffer Family Stadium is a tree with some unusuallooking foliage. Spikes and running shoes of every color hang off the branches—a tribute to George Fox University athletics long since graduated. At the end of the season, senior athletes tie their worn-out shoes, tie the laces together and fast them up into the tree. In doing so, they leave their legacy and get to keep a part of themselves on the track forever.

Charity Amo, a junior communication arts major, started running at 8 as an excuse to spend more time with her grandparents, a track coach. Fast forward 13 years and she’s now a college athlete who recently set a George Fox indoor track record for the pentathlon and was a key member of a women’s team that won the NCAA Division III Northwest Conference championship last year. The Bruins have now won three straight conference titles and are looking for their fourth.

Known around campus for her ready smile, Neon Polka Dot Longboard and Exuberant Spirit. Spikes and some unusual looking foliage. Those are going into site of Stoffer Family Stadium is a tree with that’s what makes George Fox unique.

“I don’t know where I would be without track. These are my people. This team is like my family.”

If you attended George Fox as an undergraduate student in the past 20 years, there’s a good chance you took a class from history professor Kerry Irish. And if you did, there’s an even better chance he left a lasting impression. Known for his engaging lectures and vivid storytelling—sometimes while in full costume—Irish brings history to life in a way that makes an enduring impact. Recently the Journal sat down with this popular professor to talk about his unique teaching style, his favorite moments in history and his two decades of service at George Fox.

What originally inspired you to teach history?

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Who is your favorite character in American history?

I think George Washington’s influence on all of us is undereappreciated. His role, not just as commander-in-chief in the Revolution—which was obviously significant—but also as president is still underappreciated. We do not win the revolutionary war, it seems to me, without Washington. Now there were other factors as well, but I think Washington is the glue that holds us together. … Most historians would tell you that Abraham Lincoln is the greatest American president, and they’re almost right—it’s George Washington with Lincoln a close second.

Do you have a favorite famous quote from history?

One that I oftentimes tell my students is a quote that Dwight Eisenhower repeated [originally attributed to Benjamin Franklin]. … He said, ‘Those who fail to prepare, prepare to fail.’ I think a lot of people have heard that quote, but it’s helpful for our students to know that they have to purposely prepare for what God has called them to do.

What has kept you at George Fox for more than 20 years?

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Located beyond an inconspicuous storage area on the second floor of the university plant services building is a room that holds more than a century of George Fox history. The entryway that leads to these reminders of years past was once hidden by a cabinet, so they took to calling it “Narnia” and the name stuck. And while you won’t find any witches, magicians or talking animals in this place, you will encounter a vast expanse filled with artifacts dating all the way back to prehistoric times – long before the founding of what was then Pacific College in 1891.

Recently the Journal joined longtime plant services director Clyde Thomas and resident historian Rick Fieldhouse to discover and document some of Narnia’s most intriguing treasures.

Pre-Columbian stone artifacts were often donated to the university by farmers, who discovered them while plowing their fields. Pictured are a stone bowl (top); a chopper (left) that served as a hand axe; a shaft sander (center), which created smooth shafts for arrows or javelins; a multipurpose tool called a pestle (right); and flakes (bottom), used as knives or scrapers.

This medical bag belonged to Dr. John Brougher, a George Fox board member from 1946-76 and a major financial supporter of the university. The man for whom Brougher Hall is named delivered more than 10,000 children during his 50-year medical career and also served as curator of the university museum in 1977. The bag still contains many of the original medical instruments.

Believe it or not, this Pleistocene mammoth tooth came from a juvenile. One of many fossils donated to the university over the years, this tooth came to George Fox via Newberg Sand and Gravel in the late 1960s after it was discovered by a dredge operator.

M. Lowell Edwards was the engineer behind the development of the first practical artificial mitral heart valve. Narnia contains early examples of the valve, its components, and the molds used to make them. Lowell Edwards, who attended Pacific College from 1919-1921, was the grandson of Newberg Quaker pioneer and college co-founder Jesse Edwards, for whom Edwards Residence Hall is named.

These original seats from Wood-Mar Auditorium were removed from the balcony during a remodel in 1973. They came from the Hippodrome Theatre in Portland and were installed in Wood-Mar shortly after the auditorium was first constructed in 1910. The framework of the seats is cast iron, and the wire frame underneath is designed to hold a gentleman’s hat so he doesn’t obstruct the view of those behind him.

Another of the many items in Narnia donated by Friends missionaries, this iron axe head was set into the wooden shaft with resin, which has mostly deteriorated with age. This particular piece came from Kenya in the early 1900s and was donated to the university in the 1940s. It could have been used as a tool, a weapon, or both.

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Giving Ingrained

Alumna Lori Sobelson helps Bob’s Red Mill founder Bob Moore continue his legacy of generosity

By Kimberly Felton

People like to joke around with Bob Moore. Of course they do. The founder of Bob’s Red Mill has a laugh recognizable from any corner of his store or office.

In the days before the company grew to a multi-million dollar, international business, he knew all of his employees and their families, and he figured out pretty quickly how to get a good laugh.

Thirty-five years later, at 85, Moore is still running his business. When not at his desk, he strolls the aisles of his store, chatting with customers and employees alike. Every Friday, Bob and his assistant, Nancy Garner, sit at the twin baby grand pianos at the cafe and play—all afternoon. He still enjoys a good laugh, yet he’s still the boss and everyone knows where to draw the line—everyone except Lori Sobelson. She draws her own line.

A unique connection

From loyal customer for the last 33 years to store manager to director of corporate outreach, Sobelson, a 1997 George Fox University graduate, now regulates and guards millions of dollars in charitable giving for Bob’s Red Mill. She knows...
The Simple Life

Generosity, says Bob Moore, is not that complicated.

The question itself seemed simple enough: What would you say to someone who struggles to be generous?

"Struggle to be generous?" Bob Moore asked. "I don't know how to relate to that." Moore, founder of Bob's Red Mill, seems the likely candidate for an answer. Rather than sell his business to fund his future retirement, he gave it to his employees through an employee stock ownership plan. He has donated tens of millions to nutrition research and education, and frequently helps small community nonprofits in his own neighborhood.

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Serious about business and serious about the Bible, Bob Moore moved from California to Oregon in 1978 to attend Western Evangelical Seminary (WES). “I decided I would do something different, something I’d always wanted to do,” Moore says. “So I sold my worldly goods and moved to Portland.”

As an entrepreneur who had bought or built, run and sold three businesses already, 50-year-old Moore had entered his first retirement. It wouldn’t last.

By day husband and wife Charlee attended seminary, studying the Bible’s original languages. In the evenings, Bob returned to class to help other students with the material. Between class sessions, the couple strolled the quaint neighborhood streets on the east side of the Willamette River, tossing to her, she caught and returned—with interest. But these weren’t just jokes; they were ideas and projects. First, attending trade shows with Moore, promoting products and offering seminars on healthy cooking. Then one day it was a new job.

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Long known for his generosity, Moore made national news in 2009 when he gave his company to his employees through an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP). By 2011, Bob’s Red Mill charitable giving had grown to such proportions that it desperately needed dedicated oversight. So Moore, Sobelson was the obvious choice for the new position.

“He gave me a title and he said, ‘OK, this is what I need you to do: You figure it out, you create it, and then I’ll let you know if you’re doing it right or not,’” Sobelson says.

Creating positions is not new to Sobelson; she created the cooking school at Bob’s Red Mill and positions within other companies before that.

“I’m a pretty strong leader,” she says, “and take on—and expect it.”

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The hard work of giving away money

As Moore’s business grew, so did George Fox, and in 1996 WES would merge with the university to form Western Oregon University. And while Moore never attended a class under the new name, his connection to the university has grown in recent years thanks to numerous goals of giving back and equipping tomorrow’s Christian business leaders.

This March, Bob’s Red Mill partnered with George Fox as a sponsor of the Empty Bowls benefit dinner, which raised funds for specialized nutritional programs for low-income families. Moore also introduced the Empty Bowls program in Portland.

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Not that Sobelson’s responsibilities are paltry even now. Annual product donations average 300,000 pounds. Then there’s the financial contributions she oversees both for Bob’s Red Mill and for Bob and Charlee Moore’s charitable trust, which currently includes a $25 million donation to Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) to establish the Bob and Charlee Moore Institute for Nutrition and Wellness.

In addition to working with recipients on implementing donations, Sobelson constantly researches and responds to new requests for both products and financial donations. Strict guidelines within the program streamline Sobelson’s selections. From there, she determines whether product samples, gift baskets for fundraising, or financial sponsorship is appropriate.

“I don’t know anyone—anyone—who would do her job. And I know a lot of people,” Moore says. “The laughter and insults of the past hour fade as Moore gets serious about the business of giving.

“One day you’re gone, and you didn’t take anything. If whatever it is you have hasn’t been spread around a little bit, it’s useless.”

So for the past two years—and for the next 50 if Moore has his way—Sobelson is helping spread it around a little bit.

“One of the most enjoyable times I have...is when I’ve been introduced to an organization, learn about their amazing program and choose to make a financial donation on behalf of Bob’s Red Mill without them ever asking,” Sobelson says. “The joy I receive is in developing relationships with those amazing people in our community, knowing that their hard work is changing lives in so many positive ways.”

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Every Friday afternoon, Moore clears his schedule for some quality time with one of the twin baby grand pianos at his café. Sobelson doesn’t play, but has been known to sing along.
After being silenced for years by depression, MBA alumna Gayathri Ramprasad found her voice

By Sara Kelm

Gayathri Ramprasad was terrified. It was preparation day in her Effective Communication class, and all 20 MBA students were required to give a five-minute speech centered on a quote. But for the first time in public, Ramprasad was going to share the truth about her journey through depression and silence.

Ramprasad's childhood in Bangalore, India, was idyllic, but that all changed when she enrolled at the local university. In her first year, she denied the romantic advances of a fellow student, who responded by privately bribing the administration to fail her and publicly threatening to rape her. The couple had their first child in 1986. While Ramprasad loved being pregnant, she was completely blindsided by postpartum depression. "It was like the demons of my past were back," she says.

During a visit to India with her child, Ramprasad's panic attacks worsened. She begged her parents to kill her. She was taken to a physician, who promptly recommended she be taken to a psychiatrist. Within a few minutes she had a diagnostic clinical depression. "For a breath, I was relieved that whatever it was, this demon that had debilitated me for so many years had a name," she recalls. This was followed by the realization that she had a mental illness— that she was crazy. She feared her diagnosis would destroy her family's reputation.

Then came electric shock treatments, medications and behavioral therapy. Her in-laws asked a priest to exorcise the demons of her illness. Eventually Ramprasad married and moved to America, where depression, "the demons of my past were back," she says. After earning her bachelor's degree, she then decided she needed an MBA because her goal was to become a social entrepreneur. "I wanted to change the world," she says. "Me, a woman with a mental illness, was going to transform mental health careers.

But first she had to tell her story. After she nervously recounted her experiences in that classroom for the first time, her professor and fellow students applauded her courage. "Their compassionate response liberated me and set me free," she recalls. "They embraced my humanity." Many of them encouraged her to continue sharing her story.

Ramprasad took their encouragement to heart and since graduating with her MBA in 2001 has never stopped speaking truth. In 2006, she founded ASHA International. Asha means "hope" in Sanskrit, and in English it is an acronym for "A Source of Hope for All." Her desire through this organization has been to "share all the lessons I learned in pain to bring hope to just one person."

Through advocacy and resources, ASHA has reached more than 30,000 people all over the world. The organization promotes mental health awareness, leads cultural competency workshops and provides peer mentoring. Ramprasad wants individuals to recognize that struggles with mental issues are part of the human experience, and with love and support, those who struggle can grow and thrive.

She has also written a memoir about being an Indian-American dealing with mental health issues, soon to be published by Hazelden Publishing. She wants her "daughters to know their mother’s truth," all of it — the good, the painful and the hopeful.

Gayathri Ramprasad's journey started with bravery to take a step to stand in front of a classroom and tell her story. She made her fear say a prayer, and now she is changing how people all over the world consider and react to mental health issues. She is sharing her truth, and freeing others as a result.
A Living Sacrifice

Inspired by Romans 12:1 and the university’s “heart for missions,” alumnus Fred Van Gorkom embarked on a journey of faith as a veterinarian and church planter in Ethiopia

By Sean Patterson

To this day, Fred Van Gorkom still doesn’t know how his vehicle managed to cling to the edge of the cliff and not plunge 1,000 feet into the ravine.

Van Gorkom, a missionary with Christian Veterinary Mission in Ethiopia, was confronted with a choice as he rounded a corner on the gravel mountain road. With a speeding bus barreling toward him, he could either swerve left and risk going over the edge – “probably held up by an angel,” he says – or turn right and hope to survive getting crushed between the bus and mountainside.

Van Gorkom chose the former, and as his two outside tires dangled precariously over the edge – “probably held up by an angel,” he says – his passenger knew there had to be a God. “He became a Christian on the spot right there and then,” Van Gorkom laughs. “I thought, ‘Lord I know you’re smarter than this, I know you’ve got better people than this, but if you want me to go OK.’”

Still, upon graduation in 1983, he wasn’t completely sold on the idea – and he further questioned the calling when, upon applying for service-oriented jobs, he ran into dead ends. He applied to the Peace Corps and was told to get experience in the U.S. before working overseas. Mission organizations told him the same. “I thought, ‘God is beginning to agree with me,’” he reasoned.

Perhaps finding work at home was meant to be the after all. He was leaning that direction when, as he was leaving his WSU housing for the last time, he heard the phone ring. On the line was Christian Veterinary Mission with a proposal. “We want you to go to Ethiopia.”

Van Gorkom balked. “I thought you want ed someone with experience,” he reorted. He was told it would only be a six-month commitment. “I figured, ‘Six months? Why not? I can do the missions thing and then come home and get my career started.”

If only God’s plans were that convenient.

A 25-year odyssey

Van Gorkom accepted the offer – only the “six-month assignment” turned into a 25-year odyssey as a veterinarian and church planter in Ethiopia. Fifteen of those years were spent in the remote bush, where Fred and wife Vicki, a fellow vet from Oklahoma whom he met in the country, raised four children – Cori, Jesse, Jodi and Aaron – among nine tribes of nomadic people in southwestern Ethiopia. Vicki says Fred first told her he loved her “while we were doing a postmortem exam on a dead cow.”

As veterinarians, the Van Gorkoms were revered. “To Ethiopians, a cow is their John Deere, their Mack Truck, their status symbol and their short and long-term food source,” Fred says. “Because we treated their animals, they respected us and we were much more receptive to the gospel than they would have been if we were just there to preach.”

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“12:1 – ‘Present your bodies as a living sac- rifice.’ I was convicted by it, because if I was really on the altar as a living sacrifice I couldn’t presuppose what God wanted me to do. I had to say, ‘Your will be done, no matter what,’ so I kneel by my bed and prayed, ‘Lord I know you’re smarter than this, I know you’ve got better people than this, but if you want me to go OK.’”

Van Gorkom’s visit to the vet clinic. Blood and gastrointestinal parasites are common in Africa, so a microscope is a necessity.
they treated their animals, the Ethiopians’ most valuable asset. The vet practice consisted of treating sheep, goats and cattle. If brushes with death were planted, the people started to live in peace. The gospel was preached and churches were built. "One communist official told me that they should offer us their protection? or were we valuable enough to them so, or were we valuable enough to them?" did so, or were we valuable enough to them that they should offer us their protection? he recalls. “But the people said, ‘When we were hungry, you got us food. When we were thirsty, you helped us get water. When our family or cattle were sick, you gave us medicine. We want to keep you around.’” Guards were placed in front of the Van Gorkom’s home. Through it all, Fred never feared for the safety of his family. “God gave us a peace that passes all understanding,” he says. “We never lost a night of sleep that week.” That same peace was transcendent. Even the communists noticed the impact of the gospel. “One communist official told us that he saw a world that was different. He said ‘you gave us something that we never had before.’” The Van Gorkoms’ time living in the bush ended in 2002, when the family moved to Ethiopia’s capital, Addis Ababa. Addis Ababa, so Fred could serve as a team leader for missionaries in rural mission stations. In 2008, Fred and Victoria transitioned to CVMs’s home office in Seattle to work as Africa regional director and coordinator of donor services, respectively. Today, they are part of a CVM team fundraising and sending ventured missionaries around the world.

Two epiphanies Fred came away from Africa with two epiphanies: We can do nothing apart from Christ, and God can use anyone.

“Through our gifts and abilities learned the value of places like George Fox, and even in spite of our mistakes, God used us to help plant more than 40 churches among these tribes who had never heard of Jesus before,” says Van Gorkom. “We helped start Bible schools, train leaders, do community development. We consider it all a privilege, not a sacrifice.” Fred and Vicki hope to return to Africa someday—or wherever in the world God calls us—‘It’s a mind-set that’s been adopted by their children. Cori is in medical school studying to be a missionary doctor, and Jesse, a mechanical engineer, is drilling water wells in Uganda. Jodi and Aaron are current George Fox students and also may end up overseas.

“The parents always told us that they had put us on God’s hands, and that they trusted him to take care of us,” says Jodi, who plans to graduate with a psychology degree in May. “When you know that God is in control— that you are not gifted with life to try to preserve it, that you are not on earth to be safe— your whole life is freed up to follow him wholeheartedly.”

Life didn’t exactly go as he originally planned, but Fred Van Gorkom wouldn’t have it any other way.

**1960–69**

Nancy (Ickes) Brown (G65) in May retired from Bob Appetit, George Fox University’s food service provider, ending 20 years on campus. She now is concentrating on helping her husband, Dave Brown (G65), as they operate Mustard Seed Farms in St. Paul. Ore.—with 82 acres of certified organic vegetables marketed 10 months a year in Oregon and a community garden.

Lewon Colhoun (G67), DM(78), who retired from full time ministry 8 years ago, is now in his eighth year as part time ministry at GNames North Hot Springs RV Park in Noland, Calif., where he pastors a seasonal church open November through March. He enjoys riding his ATV; last year traveling more than 2,000 miles around the park area.

**1980–89**

Beth (Albrecht) Malagon (G82) in October ended 18 years with George Fox University, the last in II in graduate admissions, primarily serving MARK faculty and students. She began as an administrative assistant for the humanities department then served as executive assistant in academic affairs. She plans to work with her husband, Bob, in his real estate business in Newberg and also starts a ministry helping those needing assistance with projects around the house.

Scott Young (G84) is in his 21st year as owner and president of Young Associates, a consulting firm specializing in brand development, corporate and marketing communications, and corporate/product identity development. Based in Westfield, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, he has done work for Spiegel, John Deere, Sports Illustrated and the American Medical Association.

Michael Ralls (G88) has been named Assistant Principal of the Year by the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators. He will be honored at the organization’s annual conference in June in Seaside, Ore. Ralls is assistant principal of curriculum and counseling at Milwaukee High School, in that position since 2008. He has been with the Clackamas (Ore.) School District since 1999, serving as a counselor at Clackamas High School for seven years, then as a counselor and assistant principal at New Urban High School for three years before moving to his current position. He spearheaded a four-year effort to bring a health center opened in 2002 to the Milwaukee school and is credited with helping the school to twice being named “outstanding” by the Oregon Department of Education.
When Roy Wallace, nearing 90 years old and standing just under 5 feet tall, says she helps Habitat for Humanity build houses, you might assume she handles some light filling and office work for the organization. You’d be wrong.

Rain or shine, every Thursday, the retired former minister can be found on a home construction site in Newberg, handling the tools, painting and doing clean-up work. She also sees to it that the other eight to 10 volunteers have a donated noon meal to keep them going.

Wallace is in her 13th year with the local branch of the national organization that provides affordable housing for those with lower incomes. She started in 1995 and helped for 10 years in a similar capacity for 15 years at a Friends church in Agnew, for five years in Smyrna, Iowa, her home state, Wallace served as pastor of three churches in the eastern United States and southeastern Canada. He was elected in November and began January 1, 2014. He has been one of three area superintendents within the organization’s ministries in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Previously he pastored churches in Rollin, Mich., Deerfield, Ohio, and Hanover, Va.

Wayne Evans (DMin05) is the 13th general superintendent of the Evangelical Church Eastern Region, providing spiritual and organizational leadership for 93 churches in the eastern United States and southeastern Canada. He was elected in November 2014 and began January 1, 2015. He has been one of three area superintendents within the organization, guiding six western area churches since 1992. He also has been senior associate to the outgoing superintendent and has served as a leader in the organization’s ministries in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Previously he pastored churches in Rollin, Mich., Deerfield, Ohio, and Hanover, Va.

Bill Hasley (MBAG05) has returned to Portland as the new president of Pacific Continental Bank, where he previously served as senior vice president and retail relationship banking team leader. He was then named the bank’s president in the Seattle area after spending five years in a similar capacity for 15 years at a Friends church in Agnew, Wash., followed by 10 years at Raedwood Friends Church in Portland. She also spent 16 years as director of the Lambert House, which provides adult daycare services.

To keep her days filled now, Wallace finds ways to help others – mostly at nearby Friendsview Retirement Community – whether it’s assisting with some light bookkeeping, helping clean up after meals, giving rides to the doctor or store, or just chatting with residents who need a friend.

Fame for his soccer career, he continues his interest in the sport as a coach for two area soccer clubs, Clackamas United and Salmon Creek Soccer Club in Vancouver, Wash.

Scott Jensen (G09) is chief photographer for KING 5 television news in Seattle. He rejoined the station in 2012 after leading it in 2000 to honors as Large Market Television News Photography Station of the Year by the National Press Photographers Association. He then spent 16 months in Anchorage, Alaska, serving first as Armed Chair of Journalism at the University of Alaska Anchorage, then a year as managing editor of special projects and chief photographer for RTV4, a CBS affiliate.

He is the winner of more than 60 photojournalism awards, including a regional Emmy and two regional Edward R. Murrow awards, and twice has been named Ernst Crisp Television News Photographer of the Year, the nation’s highest honor for a working television photojournalist.

Colby couch (G10) is a senior network administrator with NuScale Power, established in 2000 to develop nuclear small modular reactor technology. He started with the company in May, working at its Corvallis, Ore., site after more than six years as a senior engineer with UTC Fire & Security in Salem, Ore. He also has his own consulting firm assisting clients with technology support and is involved with technology leadership with Heart of the Savior Ministries in Portland.

Jamie Johnson (G00) received a PhD in Christian education in December from Buda University. Her dissertation studied faculty perceptions of collegiality and organizational culture at denominationally affiliated Christian colleges in the Pacific Northwest. He is an associate pastor of Christian leadership in the George Fox Office of Spiritual Life.

Limyse (lozeczki) Kacy (G01) has joined Premere Property Group, a real estate company established in 2009 with six offices in the Portland area. She previously was associated with Prudential Northwest Properties and will continue to work in the Yamhill and Washington county areas.

Rebecca Wilson (G00) has been named controller and chief accounting officer for Northwest Natural Gas Co. in Portland. In October he moved up from the position of accounting director and acting controller. He joined the company last year after 11 years at Precisewatch.com and Grocers supply chain and at one major company.

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Melissa (Matthews) Chapman (G05) and Michael Chapman (G09) are in Guatemala City, Guatemala, in their first year of a five year commitment as co-representatives for Guatemala and El Salvador with the Mennonite Central Committee. They assumed the position last April after nearly four years in the Fresno, Calif., area where he was West Coast resource development director for the organization and she was an after school program manager in Redley, Calif.

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area prior to accepting transfer back to Portland in November. He has been with the bank since 2000 after previously working for Bank of America in several capacities.

Christy Jecsecon (MBA’98) was honored in February as one of Portland’s Top 40 Under 40 by the Portland Business Journal Recognition came at a luncheon ceremony at the Nines Hotel in downtown Portland. The honor is for “influential leaders who blaze a trail in the local business world” and who have “excelled in their field, shown tremendous leadership and are committed to the community.” She is founder and financial advisor at Single Point Financial Advisors, which she created in 1998 in Beaverton, Ore.

Dorann Hansen (G06) received a doctorate in optometry in 2012 from Pacific University and currently splits his time between two practices, Eye Care Associates of Southern Oregon and Riverside Vision Care, both in Medford, Ore.

Vangie Pattison (G06) is now director of marketing and operations for Wild Canyon Games, having left her positions in alumni and parent relations at George Fox University in November. Wild Canyon Games, founded five years ago, is a nonprofit organization that has raised more than $1.2 million for youth charities in Oregon by organizing five years ago, is a nonprofit organization that has raised more than $1.2 million for youth charities in Oregon by organizing seven-member teams in competitive three-day challenges designed to foster communication, collaboration and strategy.

Laurie (Gilliam) Beutler (G07) is now a National Board Certified Teacher through a performance-based, peer review process of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. A second grade teacher at Siletz Valley Schools in Lincoln County, Ore., she received the recognition in November. In her sixth year at the school, she also is pursuing a master’s degree in mathematics and science teaching through Oregon State University.

Laurel Emsley (MBA’07) on September established her own firm, Emory Consulting and Coaching at Wheat Ridge, Colo., following receipt of a PhD from Regent University in Virginia Beach. Va. Her degree in organizational leadership included a doctoral dissertation, “The Influence of Human Agency on the Professional Path of Women in Executive Leadership Positions.” Her new business provides expertise to companies and organizations in the areas of organizational leadership, strategy, communication, culture and change. Previously she was chief of staff for Coram Healthcare in Denver.

Jana Giesbrecht-McKee (MBA’08) was in Washington, D.C., at the end of January to hear oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in a case for which she was one of four students at Willamette University College of Law who prepared a friend of the court amicus brief. It addresses international and foreign legal authority in a case involving restitution for child pornography victims. She is a certified law clerk with the Oregon Department of Justice Child Advocacy and has served as executive editor of Willamette Law Review. She anticipates receiving her law degree this spring.

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Sarah Reif (G06) in January was hired to fill the newly created position of director of sports marketing at George Fox University. She left a four year position with Wagner Edelson in Lake Oswego, Ore., a public relations firm where she most recently was a senior account executive, working with clients that included Microsoft.

Alex Bryan (EMB’09), who last June became the sixth president of Kettering College in Dayton, Ohio, in December announced his resignation. He will stay through the end of the current school year, the college said. Bryan will return to his former position as senior pastor of Walla Walla University Church (WUU). A position he held for four years. The church, which has 2,400 members, was still searching for his replacement when he announced his resignation.

Kyle Johnson (G08) in January started as tax senior associate with the accounting and financial advisory firm Delap in Lake Oswego, Ore. Previously, since 2000, he was a partner in a law firm and financial advisor to a healthcare company. In November. Wild Canyon Games, founded five years ago, is a nonprofit organization that has raised more than $1.2 million for youth charities in Oregon by organizing seven-member teams in competitive three-day challenges designed to foster communication, collaboration and strategy.

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**Steinhorst Honored for Work at Historic Site**

As the nation marks the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, a George Fox University graduate is helping plan events at one of the war’s most somber sites.

“This is an amazing opportunity — some of it is heart breaking — but it is very fulfilling” says Stephanie Steinhorst (G05). “I'm on a perfect position.”

Daily, Steinhorst walks the grounds of the Camp Sumter Prison, now more commonly called Andersonville Prison, where nearly 13,000 Union soldiers died. She’s in her third year with the National Park Service at the Andersonville National Historic Site in Georgia, working in the Interpretation and Education Division.

Built in 1864 to house 10,000 captured Union soldiers, Andersonville held more than 45,000 during its 14 months of existence and more than 32,000 at one time. Nearly 13,000 died during its operation because of starvation and disease. Their final resting place, located just outside the prison site, is now known as Andersonville National Cemetery.

In addition to her work in the cemetery, Steinhorst helps supervise the 54-acre park’s National Prisoner of War Museum, opened in 1998 to honor American soldiers captured and held prisoner in all U.S. wars. As a park ranger she has a dual task: balancing the competing demands of providing a fulfilling experience for visitors — more than 100,000 a year — and preserving the historical resources.

January marked the 150th anniversary of the start of prison construction, and this August marks the deadliest month of the prison’s existence — and one of the deadliest periods of the war: “We have a major obligation to tell the story of the prison’s history,” Steinhorst says, “and to protect the human life.” A variety of “living history events,” including a Sept. 9 Funeral for the soldiers never received.

**Just Married**

Natalie Ashley (G02) and Chris Stoner, Oct. 19, 2013, in Portland.

Jennifer Parsons (G10) and Grant Valahia (G20), Oct. 26, 2013 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Samantha Simmons (G12) and Luke Thompson (G12), July 28, 2013, in Eagle, Idaho.

Cyrus Benjamin (G13) and Zennel Robert (G13), Sept. 21, 2013 in Beaverton, Ore.

Chelsie Sowards (G13) and Aaron Yarnell, June 22, 2013, in Camas Island, Wash.

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**Baby Brains**

Tori Brandt (G04) and Kay Biddison, a boy, Thomas Jefferson, Sept. 28, 2013, in Silverdale, Wash.

Krist (Barone) Weeks (G99, MA01) and Brent Weeks, a girl, Olivia Farsana, May 4, 2013, in Newberg.

Anthony Tanzi (G06) and Sara Tanzi, a boy, Rocco James, Oct. 14, 2013, in Portland.

Helena (Teather) Christianson (G10) and Keith Christianson (G11), a girl, Callista Katherine, April 14, 2013, in Hood River, Ore.

Kristian (Sorensen) Ramberg (G13) and Darren Rasmussen, a girl, Ember Rose, March 12, 2013, in Chico, Calif.

Brandon Wagner (G16) and Amande (Bryant) Wagner (G17), a girl, Elaina Marie, Sept. 12, 2013, in Independence, Ore.

Brian Smider (G00) and Rebecca Smider, a boy, Daniel Harmon, July 29, 2013, in Newberg.

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**Pick Uses Spanish Degree to Help Save Lives**

Stephen Pick (G10) frequently participates in crisis situations and even uses death, but that doesn't detract from the satisfaction he gets from helping those who need it most. "I really enjoy my job," he says. "I love what I do."

Fulfilling his degree in Spanish, Pick is a profession that didn’t exist until a few years ago. He is one of 10 people on the Language Access Team at Salem (Or.) Hospital. It’s receiving attention as the first in Oregon — and one of the first in the nation — to have the majority of its members certified by the National Council for Certified Medical Interpreters.

In a typical day, Pick links 10 to 25 patients with their caregivers, interpreting questions and answers in Spanish for patients who speak little or no English. It is estimated that in the Salem area 24 percent of residents do not speak English at home.

At Salem Health for three years, Pick has a base office, but most of the time he’s on the run. With a pager and phone, he responds to locations in five buildings, going from clinic to emergency room, labs to operating rooms. He sometimes follows doctors on their rounds. Despite being a crucial link between health care staff and patients, he wants invisibility — “as if I’m not here, as if there’s no language barrier,” he says. “I’m trying to make it as smooth as possible.”

In addition to the oral interpretation he also translates written instructions from doctors, including discharge directions and follow-up instructions, and the critical written instructions from pharmacists on care of medicines they have prescribed.

Noting the crucial role the feds in a profession in which patient lives are in his hands, he says the job can be both emotionally draining and mentally taxing. But he can also be rewarding. “Sometimes it doesn’t feel like work,” he says. “I get more energy out of it than I’m giving.”

Pick is ahead of his time in Oregon. He is one of just over a dozen in the state to receive the certification, based on written and oral exams covering medical terminology, ethics and cultural knowledge. He notes the importance of being not just bilingual, as intercultural competence includes such things as hand gestures and body language that greatly help in understanding.

Pick fueled his interest in Spanish while helping build houses on mission trips to Mexico while in high school in Vancouver, Wash. He started Spanish instruction in middle school, took classes in high school and community college, and came to George Fox with enough credits to complete his degree in three years.

He started as a theater major with a Spanish minor, but ultimately opted for a double major. Today, Pick actively uses his theatre degree as a consultant, with Caleb Thurston (G10), of Valley Reportery Theatre in Newberg. They have completed 10 productions since 2011, with Pick directing half of them.

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**In Memory**

Harley Aiken (n64) Jan. 26, 2014, in Newberg.


Jodi (Conti) Fudge (G02), Nov. 22, 2013, in Port Angeles, Wash.

Kelly Clark (Faculty) Nov. 20, 2013, in Rochester, Minn.
Portland Trail Blazers Game
April 9 at 7 p.m.
Alumni, parents and friends of the university will gather at the Moda Center this April to enjoy a Trail Blazer game against the Sacramento Kings. This is a great chance to take in an NBA basketball game at a discounted price while getting to know others in the George Fox community. Tickets are $22 each. Visit alumni.georgefox.edu for more information and to purchase tickets.

Spring Music Concert
April 25 at 7:30 p.m.
The spring concert will feature performances by the university’s Symphonic Band, Concert Choir and Orchestra. The Symphonic Band, under the direction of Pat Vandehey, will perform The Sword and the Crown by Edward Gregson and Vientos y Tangos by Michael Gandolfi. The Chehalem Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Travis Hatton, will perform a winning selection from the George Fox Concerto Competition. Finally, the university’s Concert Choir, Women’s Chorale, Master Chorus and Orchestra will join forces with the Select Women’s Ensemble from Newberg High School to present Mass of the Children by John Rutter, under the direction of Loren Wiese. Visit music.georgefox.edu to purchase tickets.

Fox Film Festival
April 25-26
Since 1998 the Fox Film Festival has served as an annual showcase for the best student-made films. The two-day event takes place in the historic Cameo Theatre in downtown Newberg and on campus at Bauman Auditorium and includes an awards ceremony that honors excellence in a variety of categories. Event information and a link to tickets will be posted at facebook.com/FoxFilmFestival when available.

Classic Bruin 50-Year Reunion
May 2-3
Class of 1964, it’s time for your 50-year reunion! Come back to campus to visit with friends from college; laugh and share memories with former classmates over good food; and march in the commencement ceremony. Visit classicbruins.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2134 for more information.

Portland Timbers Game
May 17 at 7:30 p.m.
JELD-WEN Field is the place to be on the evening of May 17 as the Portland Timbers take on the Columbus Crew. You are invited to join others from the George Fox community on the Widmer Brothers Southern Front to watch the game. Tickets cost $50 each and snacks will be provided for the group at no additional cost. Visit alumni.georgefox.edu for more information and to purchase tickets.

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

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Higher Education A traditional classroom couldn’t contain the lofty lessons philosophy and religion professor Corwynn Beals had in store for his Shared Praxis class on this day. But a favorite campus climbing tree is only one location where Beals has taken students for this experiential learning-focused class. They’ve also met in canoes, on the beach, in the university hammer-throw cage, on an island on the Willamette River and even in an elevator. “The purpose behind this is to associate certain types of learning with certain places,” explains Beals. “It’s learning that engages the whole person — mind, heart and body.”