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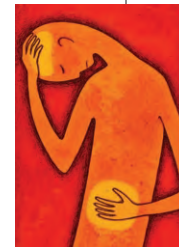


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Readers Forum

>> I want to encourage those of you who work so hard on the *Journal* as well as the rest of the George Fox faculty and staff. My husband loves to shock people with how much I paid for attending George Fox (he doesn't know it was rated among the best college "buys" in a popular magazine when I chose to attend), but every time I read through the *Journal*, I am reminded of the fact that every penny spent on my education there was well worth it. I am consistently impressed with the *Journal* as well as what is going on with the university. I was encouraged to read about the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights activists bus being met with grace; green building on campus; and seeing some of my former classmates who are serving in the Peace Corps.

Our world desperately needs people who love Jesus to show it in daily life from loving people unconditionally to the way we steward our resources. I continue to see this modeled through stories I read in the *Journal*. I feel blessed to have been able to attend George Fox University, and I thank you all for your hard work.

Erin (Parnley) Banks (G00)
TACOMA, WASH.

>> Kudos to George Fox University for great steps toward sustainability — the green building of the new residence hall and Denny's commitment to buying locally produced food for the cafeteria. Also the featuring of Brian McLaughlin's fine example of utilizing biodiesel fuel and the climate change "call to action" statement.

Inspired by news from the university, I also offer a challenge — to administrators, faculty, students, staff, and alumni of George Fox — to give thoughtful consideration to the university's stance on non-heterosexual sexuality and relationships. I read in this summer 2007 issue of the *Journal* that the university welcomed the 2007 Soulforce Equality Ride for "a day of civil dialogue ... expressing the love of Christ to a group that has not always been met with grace."

Perhaps the university's encounter with Soulforce will inspire thoughtful consideration of the Christ-like love the university holds as its standard. It seems now may be a good time to reconsider the perspective articulated in the *Journal* — that "the university was clear about its orthodox Christian view of homosexuality..." I venture that the Christ who opposed those considered orthodox in his own time would have found the "orthodoxy" of a view a poor excuse for the passing of judgment and a lack of love.

Karah Fisher (G97)
OCEANSIDE, ORE.



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Vocation and mission



In the great 20th-century epic *The Lord of the Rings*, J. R. R. Tolkien imbued in his work a Christian concept of calling or vocation. In a conversation early in the trilogy, the wizard Gandalf explains to Frodo, the frustrated Hobbit, why he must accept the difficult mission placed before him. Frodo

replies, "I wished the ring had never come to me." Gandalf counters, "So do I and so do all that live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that has been given us." Like the author of *The Lord of the Rings*, I believe in a God who has designed this world and created people to be role players in a grand drama. Like the characters in Tolkien's work, we may be gifted for particular tasks, and we are asked to choose to enter the drama at the appropriate time and fulfill our missions.

I think many of us struggle to discover what God would have us do. We search earnestly for guidance by reading the Bible, by taking tests that evaluate our giftedness, and certainly by praying. When I was young, God placed individuals in my path who helped me learn to understand my own gifts and role in this life. My parents set the stage by providing encouragement and creating space for the presence of God in our lives. Several teachers also mentored me, including Dr. D. C. Martin, professor of Old Testament at Grand Canyon University. He taught me that faith is not something reserved for Sunday or worship, but it is an integral part of all of life. It was because of mentors like him that I discovered my calling in life — I am a Christian leader and educator who helps students earn an education informed by and integrated with Christian faith commitments, empowering them to begin a journey where they will change the world in the name of Jesus.

Many people asked me last year, "Why are you interested in becoming president of George Fox University?" The most important reason is the fact that Jesus Christ is at the center of everything in the university. I came here eight years ago as provost because I saw in the faculty, staff, and students a clear commitment to Jesus and to an educational experience that is uniquely Christian in its very essence. I believe God has called me now to help the George Fox community articulate and construct a vision for the university that is consistent with its past heritage and looks forward to the development of a dynamic Christian institution for the 21st century.

"I believe in a
God who has
created people to
be role players in
a grand drama."

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Robin Baker". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Robin Baker
President



Bruin Notes

National Science Foundation Grants

Chemistry and engineering research projects awarded \$230,000

Chemistry professor R. Carlisle Chambers (right) sounds a little like someone in police work when he describes his new project, a dream for the last 10 years.

Beginning next semester, his students, and as many as 120 students total, will be using new equipment in their detective work — seeking “fingerprints” in their chemistry laboratory assignments. Not human fingerprints, Chambers explains, but characteristics of liquid or solid compounds, each of which has its own “fingerprint” or graph pattern when subjected to testing.

Testing will be possible through a new \$300,000 nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer being funded through a \$150,000 National Science Foundation grant awarded to the university in July. The university, through budget and off-campus support, will provide the other half. The new equipment is expected to be in place by February.

Chambers calls it “the most important piece (of equipment) in modern chemistry; it’s the centerpiece of all laboratory instruments.” George Fox students will not be the only ones to benefit from the grant and equipment. The NSF award is based on a proposal for the equipment to be available for students at both Corban College in Salem and Warner Pacific



College in Portland. Access will be available over the Internet, or directly.

Compared to a superconducting magnet, and closely resembling an MRI machine, the spectrometer identifies the constituents in a sample, using magnetic field response and detection. The “nuclear” name does

not imply “reaction” and changing atoms, but, rather, detecting atomic structure.

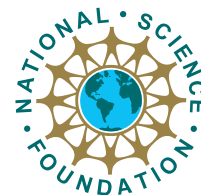
Organic chemistry students will be the primary users. They will be able to determine if they have made a new compound, as intended, or what has been made; they see a graph on a screen/monitor. Students will have hands-on access — preparing for, running, and interpreting the tests, Chambers says.

“This gives us the most modern instrumentation at the undergraduate level, competitive with any institution,” Chambers says. “Our students will be better prepared as chemists or for grad school; we will do a better job of teaching.”

An \$80,000 engineering research grant to the university from the National Science Foundation has impetus from an unusual source: best-selling Christian author Richard Foster.

A 1964 George Fox graduate, Foster is the founder of Renovare, based in

Englewood, Colo. When Foster launched his organization’s website, he asked George Fox to be the host. That fact was noted on the website.



That’s how Gary Spivey (below), assistant professor of engineering, first heard of the Newberg-based university. At the time, he was considering a career change from his work at an engineering research firm in Arizona. Enthralled by Foster’s *Celebration of Discipline* book, Spivey had decided to seek more about Foster.



As he searched for more information about Foster, he came across the George Fox connection, went to the university’s website, and discovered it had a teaching opening — just the one he was looking for. “If that [website tie] was not there, I would not be here,” Spivey says.

On campus since 2003, Spivey in August was awarded the NSF grant for “Collaborative Research: CSSR—EHS: Foundations for Design and Implementation of Software Radio Platforms.” The grant to the university is part of a total \$525,000 NSF award that combines Spivey’s research with that of principal researchers at the University of Maryland and the Georgia Institute of Technology. The grant covers salaries, student summer research, travel, and equipment.

The award allows Spivey to go back to a professional interest while he teaches, and it will benefit students in one of his senior-level engineering classes. The research involving software technology and digital system design will “filter to them,” he says, giving students broader outlook on research and academic connections with others.

Research will involve software defined/software radio. A radio in this case is defined as any device that intentionally transmits or receives signals in the radio frequency, such as traditional AM and FM radios, but also cell phones, cordless phones, garage and car door openers, shortwave, satellite pagers, etc. They typically receive in analog format and convert to digital. It’s the “translation” and “conversion” process that is being studied — turning hardware problems into software problems, says one researcher. The idea is building radios using software, getting software as close to the antenna as feasible, trying to get rid of analog components. Depending on the need, universal communication devices could be reconfigured as needed — a cordless phone one minute, a cell phone the next, a wireless Internet gadget the next.

Spivey says the goal of his research is to “formalize and automate designs in software.” This will allow new systems to be deployed with less engineering time, therefore with less money.

The broad impact: “Software radio promises substantial benefits to real-world systems by making them more flexible, interoperable, and easily upgradeable. Interoperability and upgradeability are particularly important to first (emergency) responders, who need to quickly establish communications with a diverse and predictable set of agencies in a very short amount of time.”

Serve Day: up close and personal

George Fox’s ninth annual Serve Day helped students get “up close and personal” with people in their surrounding communities. Of the 1,400 students, staff, and faculty sent out into the community on Sept. 5, nearly 350 were assigned to work at individual homes. Most of the home placements were arranged through Love Inc., Faith in Action, and various Newberg churches.

One home that received some loving attention was that of George Fox biology professor Mark Doyle (below), on leave due to serious illness. Students from Weesner House and employees



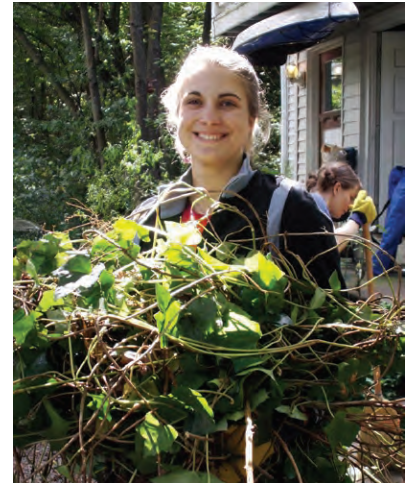
of the biology department pruned a tree that was falling on the house and inspected the roof for damage; they hauled and stacked firewood, built a fence, and repaired a deck. “It was beautiful,” says Doyle. “All the things that I just couldn’t do were done. It was such a relief.”

Four of Doyle’s former students, now seniors, asked to come along. Biology professor and site leader Dwight Kimberly felt their time would be best spent sitting and talking with Doyle.

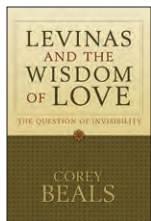
“Seeing friends and feeling part of the George Fox community again” were the highlights of the day, says Doyle.

Other students and employees worked at various nonprofits, public agencies, churches, and retirement homes in Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas, and Yamhill counties. Jobs at the 65 sites and 30 homes were diverse; in addition to the cleaning, weeding, building, and painting jobs, volunteers insulated an attic, made bingo cards, rocked babies, cleared blackberries, and taught emotionally troubled children to play golf.

Sophomore Jessica Lee helped at Community House, a home in Lake Oswego dedicated to helping young unwed mothers and their children get off to a good start on their lives together. Lee cleaned closets and helped a new mother work on a scrapbook. “It was a great experience,” she says. “I really hope to visit there again soon, maybe for a movie night or to babysit the babies while the girls go out for a night of fun.”



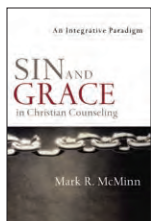
Professors in print: new books



Levinas and the Wisdom of Love: The Question of Invisibility (Baylor University Press) by Corey Beals, assistant professor of philosophy and religion. Challenging the

prevailing interpretation, Beals explores the ideas of 20th-century philosopher Emmanuel Levinas' concept of love, love's relation to wisdom, and how love makes others visible to us.

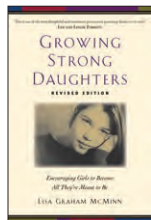
Becoming a Teacher Through Action Research: Process, Context, and Self-Analysis (Routledge) by Donna Kalmbach Phillips, professor of education, and Kevin Carr, associate professor of education. An action research textbook for teacher education, it includes interactive textware on CD. Written for teachers new to the profession, the book emphasizes professional identity formation and the challenges and dilemmas of doing action research as a student teacher.



Sin and Grace in Christian Counseling: An Integrative Paradigm (InterVarsity Press) by Mark R. McMinn, professor of psychology. McMinn believes that

Christian counseling must take account of both human sin and God's grace, for both sin and grace are distorted whenever one is emphasized without the other. Expounding the proper relationship of sin and grace, McMinn shows how the full truth of the gospel works itself out in the functional, structural, and relational

domains of an integrative model of psychotherapy.



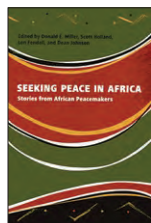
Growing Strong Daughters: Encouraging Girls to Become All They're Meant to Be (2nd edition) (Baker Books) by Lisa Graham McMinn,

associate professor of sociology. McMinn offers a critique of our culture blended with strategies and personal insights to guide readers in growing strong, capable daughters. This revised edition includes a new preface, study questions, and updated studies, illustrations, and concepts.



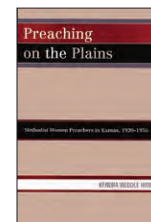
Practicing Discernment Together: Finding God's Way Forward in Decision Making (Barclay Press) by Lon Fendall, director of Center for Global Studies and

Center for Peace and Justice, with Jan Wood and Bruce Bishop. It provides Christian groups with a practical approach to understanding God's voice and navigating the decision-making process.



Fendall also edited **Seeking Peace in Africa: Stories from African Peacemakers** (Cascadia Publishing House) with Donald E. Miller, Scott Holland,

and Dean Johnson. It features the hopeful responses of Africans who have lived through horrific violence.



Preaching on the Plains: Methodist Women Preachers in Kansas, 1920-1956 (University Press of America) by Kendra Weddle Irons, assistant

professor of religious studies. By sharpening the focus on rural Methodist pulpits during the Dust Bowl and World War II, this study brings to life women who preached and provided leadership when Kansas faced one of its most difficult eras.

Stepping in the Light: Life in Joy and Power (Friends United Press) by Howard R. Macy, professor of religion and biblical studies. This book features more than 60 of Macy's essays that explore how to live well, personally and together, in our ordinary lives. The essays were formerly published in *Quaker Life* magazine.



Good and Evil: Quaker Perspectives (Ashgate), featuring chapters written by George Fox professors Paul Anderson, Corey Beals, William Jolliff, Carole Dale Spencer,

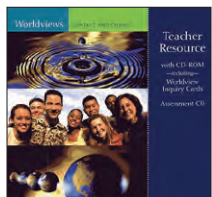
Arthur O. Roberts, and Phil Smith. This multidisciplinary collection provides insights into the question "What did, and do, Quakers think about good and evil?"

Holiness: The Soul of Quakerism (Paternoster Press) by Carole Dale Spencer, adjunct professor of church history and spiritual formation. This book provides a historical analysis of the theology of holiness in the Quaker tradition.



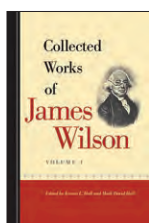
Soaring in the Spirit: Rediscovering Mystery in the Christian Life (Paternoster Press) by Charles J. Conniry, Jr., associate professor of pastoral studies. Conniry's book is

about experiencing the presence of Jesus Christ in the moment-by-moment "nows" of daily life. Conniry asserts that the experience of Christ's presence in the "right-here" of our daily walk is the birthright of every follower of Christ.



Worldviews: Contact and Change (Pearson) by Ken Badley, associate professor of education. Badley

coauthored this teacher guide (with Dana Antaya-Moore, Dean Cunningham, and Maureen Duguay) for a social studies textbook that explores the impact of exploration and the Renaissance on Spain and Italy, Spanish contact with the Aztecs, and American contact with Japan.



Collected Works of James Wilson (Liberty Fund Press), edited by Mark David Hall, Herbert Hoover distinguished professor of political science, and Kermit L. Hall. This

two-volume set brings together the most important writings and speeches of James Wilson, one of only six signers of both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, and one of the most influen-

tial members of the federal Constitutional Convention in 1787.

The Fourth Gospel and the Quest for Jesus: Modern Foundations Reconsidered (T&T Clark) by Paul Anderson, professor of biblical and Quaker studies. The first book in the Library of New Testament Studies to be reprinted in paperback, it challenges the prevalent scholarly view that, because the book of John is theological and different from the other gospels, it cannot be historical and therefore is deemed off-limits for historical Jesus studies.

Anderson also co-edited ***John, Jesus, and History, Vol. 1: Critical Assessments of Critical Views*** (SBL Press), the first of three volumes featuring the papers produced in the John, Jesus, and History Group at the national Society of Biblical Literature meetings, of which Anderson is a co-chair.

Anderson also wrote the story of George Fox University in ***Founded by Friends: The Quaker Heritage of Fifteen American Colleges and Universities*** (Scarecrow Press), which illustrates the diversity of the colleges and universities founded by Friends in North America.



Record enrollment

For the 20th time in the last 21 years, George Fox broke its fall enrollment record. Overall enrollment grew to 3,253, up 2 percent from 3,185 last fall. The school has more than quadrupled in size since 1986, when 549 students attended.

George Fox saw a 4-percent increase in traditional undergraduates with 1,692 enrolling on the Newberg campus. According to Dale Seipp, interim vice president of enrollment services, the incoming first-year students are the most ethnically diverse in university history. Nearly 25 percent identify themselves as non-Caucasian. Incoming freshmen have an average high school grade point of 3.5 and SAT math and critical reading scores of 1,073. The national average for college-bound seniors is 1,017.

George Fox Evangelical Seminary saw the largest growth among the university's six schools, increasing 22 percent to 320 students.

Hunter takes baseball helm

The university's baseball program is under new leadership, but fans of the program will recognize the man in charge.

Marty Hunter, an assistant in the George Fox program since 2003 and an associate head coach since 2005, has replaced Pat Bailey as head coach. Hunter is a veteran coach with experience at the high school, college, and professional levels.

At George Fox, Hunter's primary coaching focus has been with the infielders. In each of the past five seasons, the George Fox defense has ranked in the top six nationally in fielding average. The Bruins led the nation in both 2003



A graduate of Gresham (Ore.) High School, Hunter attended Linfield College, where he played football and baseball. He earned both business and health degrees from Linfield in 1984. He completed a master of education degree from Linfield in 1991.

and 2005 and set a Division III record in 2005 with a .979 fielding mark.

Previously, Hunter earned multiple conference coach of the year awards at Canby (Ore.) High School and Bend (Ore.) High School. He has served as an assistant coach with the Bend Bucks, a team in the professional Class A Northwest League.

George Fox to Honor Bailey

Pat Bailey, who coached the George Fox baseball team to the 2004 NCAA Division III national title, will be inducted into the George Fox Sports Hall of Fame at an afternoon on-campus banquet on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Bailey this summer joined another former George Fox coach at two-time defending NCAA Division I national champion Oregon State University. Bailey accepted an assistant coaching position with OSU head coach Pat Casey, who coached George Fox from 1988 to 1994. Bailey completes his 12-year George Fox career with eight Northwest Conference championships and a win-loss record of 353-158.

Bailey will be honored with national high jump champion Nancy Rissmiller ('98), decathlete John Smith ('95), sprinter Adolphus Onua ('87), sports announcer Tom Hewitt ('77) and the 1980 women's track team. Call 503-554-2910 for tickets.



If you build it ...

Groundwork has begun for a new athletic complex that will be home to practice and game facilities for the university's baseball, softball, and men's and women's soccer programs.

Street improvements have been completed near the 23.8-acre site, located north of the Newberg campus. The property, estimated to be worth more than \$7 million, has been committed to the university by Ken and Joan Austin, owners of the Newberg-based dental equipment manufacturer A-dec.

George Fox spent more than \$750,000 for Crestview Drive and Center Street half-street improvements — paving, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters — on the side of the street bordering its property.

The next step is grading for the fields. Depending upon funds from private donors, some or all of the individual fields could be completed in the summer of 2008.

Estimated cost for the complex is around \$9.5 million, although the configuration of fields is not final.

The complex will allow the university to open up land near campus for future development and to replace current fields, which do not meet NCAA standards for postseason play.

"When completed, our athletics facilities will rival the best in the Northwest Conference," says Dana Miller, vice president for advancement.



George Fox joins the national ranks in ‘U.S. News & World Report’



FOR THE FIRST TIME, George Fox is rated as a national university by *U.S. News & World Report* in its annual ranking of America’s Best Colleges.

This is an elevation from its prior listing as a regional master’s level university, a category in which the university ranked 19th last year. In the most recent report, George Fox is listed in the third tier of national universities, positioned with Oregon State, Seton Hall, Biola, and Azusa Pacific.

Of the 105 members of the national Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, George Fox is one of just

six to reach the national category. The others are Azusa Pacific, Biola, Oral Roberts, Trevecca Nazarene, and Trinity International. No CCCU school is ranked higher.

U.S. News matches its categories to the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education classification — the leading framework for describing institutional diversity in U.S. higher education. Its classifications are based on the number of doctorates awarded and a measure of research activity.

Carnegie dramatically changed George Fox’s peer group last year when it elevated

the school to a national doctoral university. From previous comparisons mostly with its nearby Northwest geographical institutions, the university is now linked on the national level in the Doctoral/Research category with institutions such as Pepperdine, Stanford, and Yale.

Global classroom

Other data compiled by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine revealed George Fox ranks No. 20 out of approximately 1,400 accredited institutions in the nation in percentage of students studying outside the country.

More than two-thirds of its undergraduates participate in study abroad programs before graduation. George Fox students have several options for studying abroad, including three-week overseas Juniors Abroad trips, May Serve trips, Semester-abroad trips sponsored by the CCCU, and other sponsored programs.

Two get on board

Two individuals with ties to George Fox joined the university’s board of trustees this fall.

Fred Gregory, interim country director for Mercy Corps in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Curtis Strauss, manager of contracts and procurement at Conoco Phillips in Alberta, Canada, joined the board on Sept. 1.

Gregory (G66) manages a portfolio of more than \$23 million in projects; oversees six expatriates and more than 500 local staff; and represents Mercy Corps to donors, the Afghan government, and the United Nations. He has worked with the U.S. Peace Corps, World Concern, and World Relief Corporation in Bangladesh.

Gregory had been a member of the university’s board of trustees until five years ago when his appointment as country director for the U.S. Peace Corps required his resignation.

Strauss has served on the board of regents for George Fox Evangelical Seminary since 2005. At Conoco Phillips, an organization that builds facilities to support the oil industry, he leads teams of procurement professionals purchasing highly engineered equipment and materials and teaches leadership development courses.

Originally from Detroit, Strauss worked in the railroad industry and now the petrochemical industry, which has led him to the Netherlands, Russia, and most recently Calgary, Alberta, where he lives with his wife, Rachel.

The university’s board also named new honorary member Dave Brandt as president emeritus.

Educating the scientists of tomorrow

This summer the School of Education went to the edge of space to fulfill its goal of preparing educators who “think critically, transform practice, and promote justice.”

Kevin Carr (pictured), associate professor of education, serves as principal investigator of North Coast Teachers Touching the Sky. This K-12 professional development program, created in partnership with the University of Oregon and the Tillamook School District, attempts to boost students’ achievement by improving the science teaching skills of instructors.

The program sends K-12 teachers to a week-long summer institute at Pine Mountain Observatory, a research facility near Bend, Ore. There, they receive telescopes for their classrooms, study the sky, and interact with astronomers using research-grade equipment. Teachers continue through the school year with regular workshops and classroom mentoring.

As a result, children at 13 north coastal schools are learning about the solar system, properties of light, globular clusters, and the galaxy. Twenty-five teachers participated in the project’s first two years and 29 are participating in 2007–08. A U.S. Department of Education grant of about \$540,000 will fund the program for three years.

Carr says the program was designed for school districts in remote areas often underserved by university resources. “We need more than just higher achievement — we must get more and different kinds of kids involved in science, kids who don’t ordinarily consider science careers,” Carr says.

As a capstone of the program, classes design, launch, and recover a high-altitude balloon that gathers atmospheric data at the edge of space (100,000 feet). “Experiments like that put teachers and students in the position of being scientists themselves,” Carr says.



Good as gold

The university’s *President’s Report* gained gold-medal honors in the 2007 National Circle of Excellence Awards competition hosted by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

The piece, created by the university’s Office of Marketing and Communications and Peterson and Co. of Dallas, Texas, was one of only five entries — out of a pool of 228 — to earn gold in the individual fundraising publications category.

The national award came after George Fox claimed four awards in the CASE District VIII competition in February. The district comprises 81 institutional members in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and seven Canadian provinces.



Bauman benefactor dies

Mary Louise Bauman-Mirhady, a friend of George Fox University, died at the age of 77 in Newport Beach, Calif., on July 16, after several years of declining health.

Mary and her husband were generous supporters of the university, which honored them in the name of the university’s William and Mary Bauman Auditorium. He served as a board member for 20 years, many of those as the chair of the development committee. After selling their three lumber mills to Willamette Industries in 1974, the Baumans made a large donation toward the construction of a new auditorium on the Newberg campus. Completed in 1982, Bauman Auditorium seats 1,200.

A view to justice and reconciliation

History professor Paul Otto was one of eight professors from Council for Christian Colleges & Universities institutions who traveled to South Africa to study the country's history and work of justice and reconciliation.

The trip, with visits to Johannesburg and Cape Town, included sessions at which South African academics discussed the history of apartheid and the contemporary challenges facing South Africans.

Otto studied South African history as part of his doctoral studies and has taught the nation's history since his arrival on campus in 2002, but this was his first visit to the country. "The greatest benefit was experiencing firsthand the landscape, the people, and their cultural imprint," Otto says.

That was just the beginning. In September, Otto represented



Paul Otto, Cape Town, South Africa

the university at a CCCU South Africa Interest Group meeting in Washington, D.C. There, delegates exchanged ideas and resources concerning semester-abroad opportunities and missions and development programs in the country.

Otto will return to South Africa in May, teaming with social work professor Cliff Rosenbohm to lead the university's first Juniors Abroad trip to the country. Students will learn about the nation's history, cultural and ethnic diversity, geography, environment,

pressing social and health issues, and wildlife.

"We're exploring options for making a semester-long program available to our students (in South Africa), so I'm interested in making contacts, learning about others' interest in the country, and sharing my own knowledge and experience," Otto says.

Art fund update

The former George Fox president and his wife, longtime advocates of fine art, were honored with the establishment of the David and Melva Brandt Art Collection Fund upon their retirement in June. The endowed fund is valued at more than \$100,000 and will be used to build the university's collection of visual art at multiple university sites.

"The goal is not only to enhance and beautify our campus sites visually, but to bring in pieces that can be an educational resource — art that departments like psychology or sociology can use for the basis of discussion," says Tim Timmerman, chair of the visual arts department, who is chair of the selection committee. "We want art that is curious and visually engaging, and that enhances the George Fox community."

Preference during the selection process will be given to artists who hail from the Northwest or express their Christian faith in their work.



Paradise Theater by Northwest artist Yuji Hiratsuka, the first art fund purchase



A native Arizonan, President Robin Baker traded cowboy boots for running shoes before winning a university-sponsored five-kilometer fund-raising race this spring.

On the move

The university's new president combines a competitive fire with a passion for the integration of faith and intellect

Robin Baker rarely sits still. It's a personal trait that mirrors his life prior to his hiring in 1999 as George Fox's top academic officer. Multiple changes of address mark his youth and early academic career. He moved so often, the last eight years he's spent in Newberg are the longest he's ever lived in one location.

If not for some quick action last spring by the university's board, Baker likely would have swapped ZIP codes again. Early in the university's search for a replacement for retiring president David Brandt, Baker was offered the presidency at a similar university in the Midwest. His family already had picked out schools for the children before the George Fox selection committee called and asked him to hold off on a final decision. Five days, two all-campus meetings, and hours of soul searching later, George Fox University

introduced its 12th president.

"We almost lost him," says Barbara Palmer, chair of the board of trustees. "But the board is so pleased he felt called to stay. We believe Robin is uniquely gifted to be the leader of this university."

Baker is six feet, two inches, and 190 pounds of restless energy. His passions range from Civil War history to European soccer to opera. He owns collections of first-edition books by theologian C.S. Lewis and target-shooting pistols. He's been an all-state athlete and a soloist with a traveling revival ministry. During his academic career, he earned a PhD in history and a reputation as a prankster. He's a voracious reader who routinely winds down by taking a four-mile run. He's a veteran Sunday school teacher and a sports-car buff who can out-car-talk a car salesman. Out of a five-generation family of Southern Baptists, he now leads a Friends (Quaker) university.



Robin Baker became the university's 12th president on July 1

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Coach's son

Growing up the oldest of three children of a high school history teacher and coach, Baker often moved from one small Arizona town to another. His father coached basketball, football, and baseball and is enshrined in the Arizona High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

As a high school athlete, Baker ran to multiple top-six state finishes as an 800-meter runner and started on the varsity football team as a freshman quarterback. Basketball was his top sport. As a junior guard, he was the leading scorer for the 1975 Flagstaff High School basketball team that went 25-0 and won the state tournament. "I shot a lot," he quips.

Sports were always a topic at Baker family gatherings. His father and two uncles worked as coaches, and another uncle moonlighted as a referee. Athletics and education run in his bloodlines. More than half of Baker's uncles and aunts — on both sides — worked in education. His first visit to Oregon was to see an aunt who taught in Grants Pass.

Holidays often brought 30 relatives to his grandparents' home in Chandler, Ariz. He still remembers his grandfather greeting each new arrival with a warm, "Come in this house." Raised on Southern cooking, Baker's a connoisseur of sweet corn and fried chicken.

Agrarian roots

Baker traces his family back 200 years to Georgia, where his ancestors were Unionists. "They were always Baptists and always farmers," he says. In the 1930s, his grandfather moved to Arizona to raise cotton and helped found the Chandler Baptist Church.

"Growing up, church was central to who we were," he says of his family. "Church was really a program, not just the building." After a minimum of four hours for Sunday school, church, and Sunday evening service, the family was back Monday for evangelism-visitation night, Wednesday prayer meeting, and weekend youth events.

Baker also found time for several trips to the Santa Fe Opera, thanks to the efforts of a Flagstaff newspaper editor whose personal mission was to bring culture to local high school athletes. “We’d come over to his house and read through the libretto,” says Baker, who today holds season tickets to the Portland Opera.

Off to college

Turning down an offer to play basketball at West Point Academy, Baker began a nomadic undergraduate career with ROTC and basketball scholarships at Hardin-Simmons University. After he realized military life didn’t suit him and after the coach who recruited him was fired, Baker transferred to Northern Arizona University, where he received a full basketball scholarship. He joined the Baptist Student Union and teamed up with Bob Fowler, an African-American student, to form a revival team. They led services at local churches, with Baker singing and Fowler preaching.

That summer, Baker spent four months with a missionary couple at a new church in Belize. He led Bible studies, directed the music program, and played sports with inner-city youth. He returned to the States with a desire to explore a career in ministry. He enrolled at Grand Canyon University, a Christian college in Phoenix, where his father and a couple dozen members of his extended family had attended.

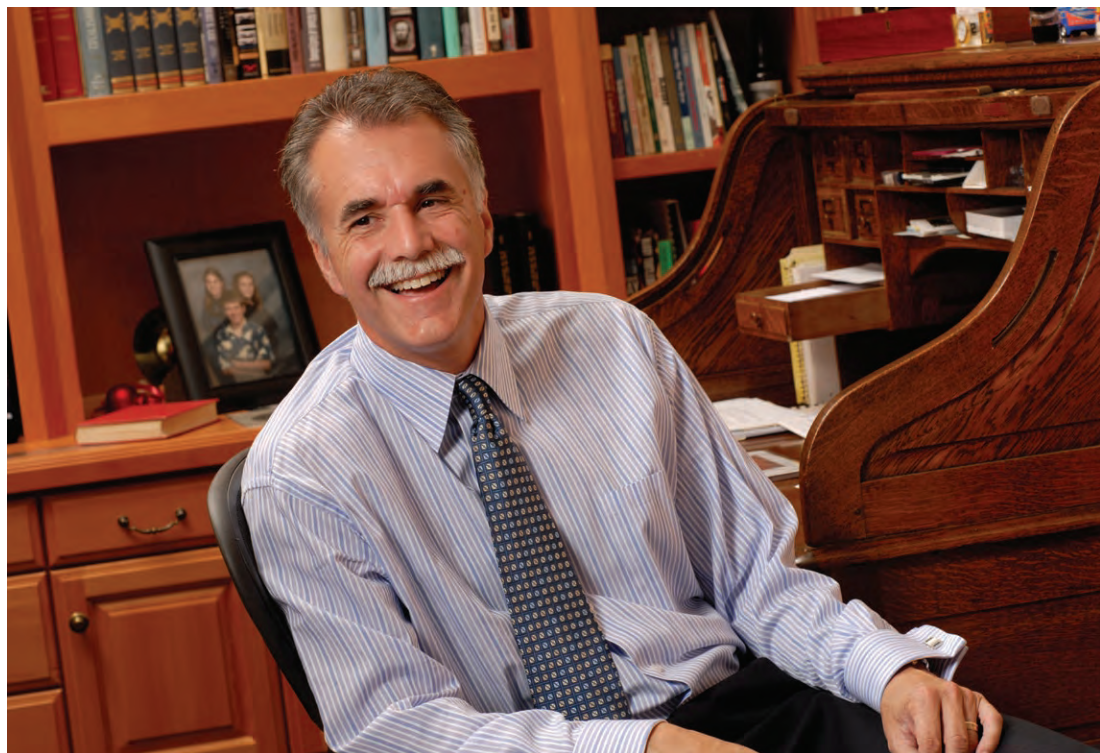
Robin and Ruth

He met a woman in a Bible study he was leading. A double date flopped. “She couldn’t stand me,” he says. However, the other woman on the date did show some interest. Today, Ruth Baker and he have three children: Jacob (15), Rebekah (13), and Tara (11). The family’s new home — the school’s historic Edwards House — is getting an addition to accom-

modate the family of five. Ruth today is a substitute elementary school teacher in the Newberg district and says she’s excited about the Bakers’ new role as the university’s first family. “Robin wants to have the whole university over,” she says, and seems game to try.

After graduating in 1980 from Grand Canyon with a bachelor’s degree in political science and history, Baker decided his personal calling might be found in empowering others through education. “I see it as mission-related as what a pastor

does,” he says. He returned to Hardin-Simmons University to pursue a master’s degree in history. After being named the outstanding graduating student in the graduate school, he went on to Texas A&M for his PhD. His doctoral dissertation focused on the political and social factors that led the Confederate South to start the Civil War. “I find war fascinating,” he says. “Why societies choose to engage in conflict that leads to massive loss of life. I want to know, ‘what’s so valuable that someone would risk losing their life?’”



History repeats itself | Robin Baker brings more than a PhD in history to the president’s office in Wood-Mar Hall. He also brought back a century-old rolltop desk used in the first half of the 1900s by one of his predecessors, former president (1911-1941) Levi Pennington (left). The desk was donated to the university last spring by attorney G. Bernard Fedde, who purchased it from Pennington in 1953.

More history on the Pennington desk is available at journal.georgefox.edu.

Discovering C.S. Lewis

During a Bible study he led at Texas A&M, several fellow students talked about C.S. Lewis' ideas on how faith affects a person's view of the world. Baker read *"Mere Christianity"* and several other Lewis works. "I resonated with how he understood the world."

After completing his doctorate, Baker took a temporary teaching appointment at Wheaton College (Ill.), where a large archive of C.S. Lewis works is kept. "Lewis was prominent in the works and minds of Wheaton scholars," Baker says. "I had never thought effectively how faith connects to the rest of life. Faith had always been about the church



The Bakers: Robin, Ruth, Rebekah, Tara, Jacob, and Strike

jumpstarted a campus discussion on what it meant to be a Christian university. Although Grand Canyon had Baptist roots, its faculty came out of many denominations. "Robin's vision was to unite us into a diverse Christian community," Helfers says. "He helped us find our Christian identity as a school."

Helfers says Baker had a playful side that emerged less frequently as he entered the administration. "Robin's famous jokes often involved hiding people's personal effects at social functions," he said. "He also took the hinges off of office doors so that the door would fall in. That was a trademark of his."

Baker was also on the receiving side of pranks. One of the most notable occurred when a colleague spent an entire night building a brick wall in his office doorway. Baker could get in only by crawling through his office window.

Even as he moved into administrative roles, Baker continued to teach one or two courses a year. George Fox business professor Deb Worden says several students have expressed disappointment that Baker's new position will take him out of the classroom. "Students say he's one of the best teachers here," she says. "They know he cares about them."

experience and not about experiencing God in a daily walk."

When Baker's contract ended, Wheaton history professor David Maas went to the academic dean. "I told him 'Robin is a wonderful teacher. We're making a mistake letting him go,'" he said. "That's the only time in my 38 years I've done that. He's that good."

Prankster and provost

Following two years of teaching at John Brown University in Arkansas, Baker returned to Grand Canyon. He took his first administrative position as dean of the College of Liberal Arts in July 1996 and six months later was named senior vice president. Jim Helfers, then the school's dean of arts and sciences, says Baker was instrumental in creating a more unified general education program and

While leading several of the university's three-week Juniors Abroad study trips to Europe, Baker caught the continent's soccer fever. When he addressed the faculty at a retreat this fall, he wore the red jersey of his favorite team, Arsenal of London.

Baker also is an aficionado of European sports cars, although he now grudgingly drives a hybrid sports utility vehicle for utilitarian reasons. "He loves talking to car salesmen," says his wife. After Baker — who subscribes to five car magazines — engaged in a discussion of the engine specifications of new Audi models, one dealer admitted to him, "You know more about these cars than I do. I just sell them."

Former president David Brandt hired Baker in 1999 and promoted him to provost in 2002. He describes Baker as a strategic thinker, a skilled budget manager, and a leader who will allow his managers to make decisions. Brandt credits Baker with reorganizing the university into its six-school structure, creating a faith and learning curriculum for new faculty, and initiating the Act Six urban scholarship and leadership program (see related story, page 18).

Redefining winning

Brandt also saw a competitive fire that hasn't faded since Baker's days as a student-athlete. "Robin Baker has to win," Brandt says. In graduate school, Baker and his classmates would compare scores after each returned paper. "I love to make everything in some way a competition," Baker says. "It's not enough to finish; you need to be the best."

After several years of running for exercise, Baker began entering competitive races in his mid-30s. When he first came to Oregon, he ran a road race twice a month.



“In high school, I always knew I’d finish in the top two or three,” he says. “When I reached 40, there was no way I was going to stay up with the 18-year-olds. My goal changed to finishing in the top two or three in my age group. I began to redefine what it meant to win.”

He applies the same lesson to his leadership. “I’m always trying to redefine winning. It doesn’t mean beating everyone.

It’s different being a leader versus being a performer. As a leader, it means getting everyone involved and working toward the same goal. That’s winning.”

Baker, 49, is one of the fittest employees on campus. He works out at the university’s fitness center so often that one athletic trainer calls him an “exercise addict.” In April, he entered a university-sponsored five-kilometer fund-raising

race. As he had in previous 10-kilometer races, he finished first.

On July 1, George Fox University harnessed that immense energy. Robin Baker — now President Robin Baker — plans to keep winning.

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Agents of change

Their interests, experiences, and tastes are as diverse as their backgrounds. One was born in Congo and is the first in her family to attend college. Another aspires to become a Broadway singer. Still another admits to craving banana Slurpees and doughnuts.

They do have one thing in common: They are the first students to be selected for the university's Act Six leadership and scholarship initiative—a program that equips emerging urban leaders to lead and serve on the George Fox campus before returning to their neighborhoods as agents of change after college. Act Six is an initiative of George Fox University in partnership with Portland Central Young Life.

Their arrival is the culmination of more than

two years of planning and comes a year after this group was chosen from a pool of Portland-area candidates. With the Act Six program the university will offer full-ride scholarships, housing, and books to a multicultural group of about 10 students each year, and more than 50 are expected to apply for 2008-09 spots.

Already this year's group is making an impact on the Newberg campus: leading Bible studies, singing in choir, and participating in the university's ADVANCE Leadership Development Program. "They are thrilled to be here and we're thrilled to have them," says Joel Perez, director of student transitions.

Nine students. Nine stories. Here are their profiles.



Photos: Jordan Phillips



**Yabadi (Rebecca)
Tshimanga, 18, Portland**

Siblings: One of eight children
One word to describe you: Generous

High school: Grant High School

Major: Nursing

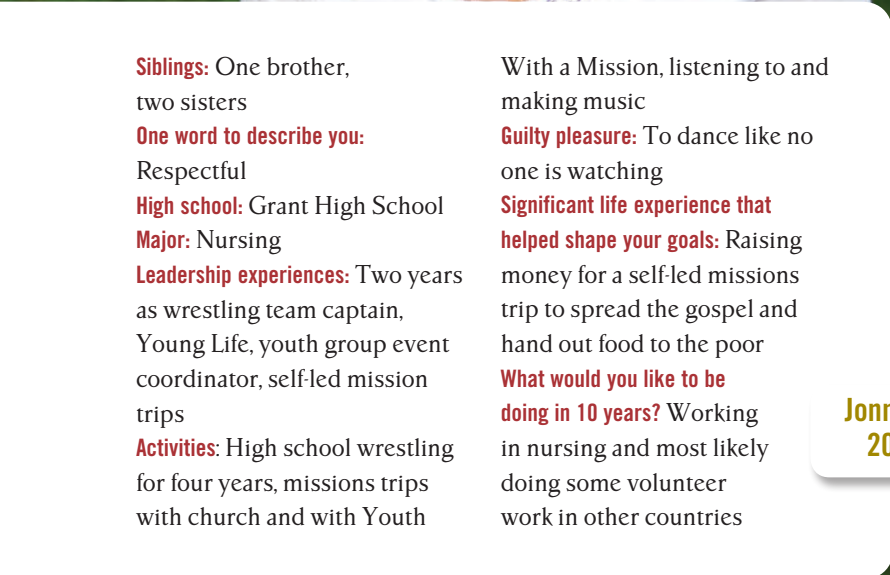
Leadership experience: Youth council member for American Red Cross

Activities/hobbies: Softball, math mentor, baby-sitting, braiding hair

Guilty pleasure: Eating a lot of sweets before going to bed

Significant life experience that helped shape your goals: I was born in Congo, where it's very hard to get help when you're sick. I want to change that. One of the reasons I want to become a nurse is so I can help people in need.

What would you like to be doing in 10 years? I would love to have a husband and children. I would also love to be a nurse and help people.



**Jonny Christian,
20, Portland**

Siblings: One brother, two sisters

One word to describe you: Respectful

High school: Grant High School

Major: Nursing

Leadership experiences: Two years as wrestling team captain, Young Life, youth group event coordinator, self-led mission trips

Activities: High school wrestling for four years, missions trips with church and with Youth

With a Mission, listening to and making music

Guilty pleasure: To dance like no one is watching

Significant life experience that helped shape your goals: Raising money for a self-led missions trip to spread the gospel and hand out food to the poor

What would you like to be doing in 10 years? Working in nursing and most likely doing some volunteer work in other countries



**Courtney Greenidge,
18, Clackamas, Ore.**

Siblings: Two older sisters

One word to describe you: Charismatic

High school: Clackamas High School

Major: Vocal music performance

Leadership experiences: Thespian council, alto section leader and co-chairperson in A-Choir in high school, producer of a Christmas benefit concert for pregnancy resource centers

Activities/hobbies: Theater, singing, scrapbooking, bowling, camping, volleyball, basketball, shopping, VBS volunteering, mission trips, assisting less fortunate families through fund-raisers

Why George Fox? It's a Christ-centered university, so I will be built up in my faith as I further my education. Even without the scholarship, I still would have applied to George Fox, and I would have applied for a variety of scholarships to assist me.

Significant life experience that helped shape your goals: When I was 12, I had emergency surgery and was told if I were to fall on my hip one more time I would need a complete hip replacement. It taught me that God always takes any situation in life and turns it out for the good.

What would you like to be doing in 10 years? Musical theater on Broadway





**Ryan Moats,
18, Portland**

Siblings: Two little sisters
One word to describe you: Fun-loving

High school: David Douglas High School

Major: History

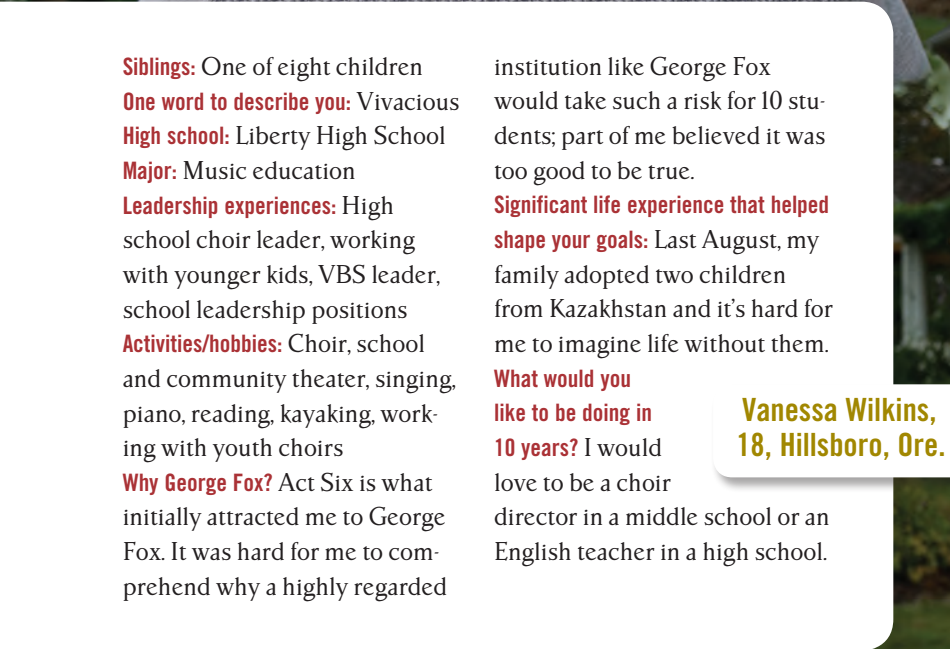
Leadership experiences: Captain of high school soccer team, student council

Activities/hobbies: Soccer and golf teams, Young Life, volunteer at youth camp

Guilty pleasure: Listening to some good old boy-band

music as loud as I can
Significant life experience that helped shape your goals: After volunteering for a month at Young Life's Wildhorse Canyon camp, I realized I love to help youth and wanted to be a teacher to help with their education, and if possible, spiritual growth.

What would you like to be doing in 10 years? To be a husband, father, and general family man



**Vanessa Wilkins,
18, Hillsboro, Ore.**

Siblings: One of eight children
One word to describe you: Vivacious
High school: Liberty High School
Major: Music education

Leadership experiences: High school choir leader, working with younger kids, VBS leader, school leadership positions

Activities/hobbies: Choir, school and community theater, singing, piano, reading, kayaking, working with youth choirs

Why George Fox? Act Six is what initially attracted me to George Fox. It was hard for me to comprehend why a highly regarded

institution like George Fox would take such a risk for 10 students; part of me believed it was too good to be true.

Significant life experience that helped shape your goals: Last August, my family adopted two children from Kazakhstan and it's hard for me to imagine life without them.

What would you like to be doing in 10 years? I would love to be a choir director in a middle school or an English teacher in a high school.



**Irene Joy Johnson,
18, Portland**

Siblings: One older sister, one older brother
One word to describe you: Easygoing

High school: David Douglas High School

Major: Elementary education

Leadership experiences: Senior class president, track and field captain, Young Life student leader, camp counselor for "at risk" youth

Activities/hobbies: Track, student council, tutor at middle school homework club, Young Life, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, baking, running, sewing

Guilty pleasure: I love doughnuts, banana Slurpees, and watching spelling bees on ESPN.

Significant life experience that helped shape your goals: Being a counselor at Wilderness Trails helped me realize that I really want to help young kids. I know that God is calling me to serve and to have a heart for "at risk" children.

What would you like to be doing in 10 years? I would love to have a family and either be working at an elementary school or ministering to troubled youth.

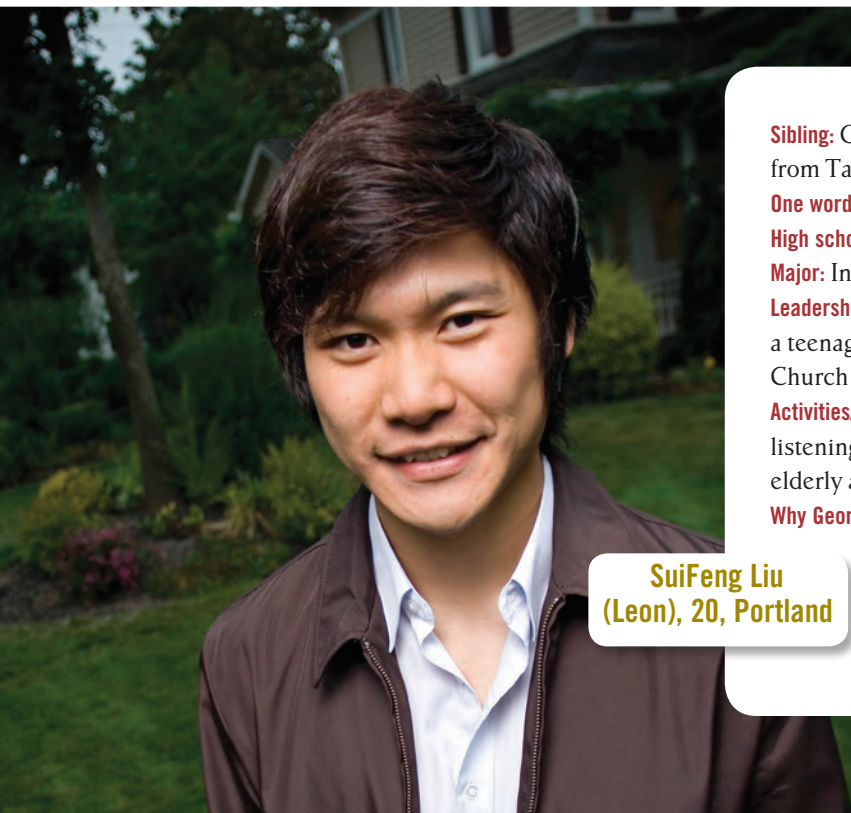
Siblings: One of nine children
One word to describe you: Caring
High school: Gresham High School
Majors: Finance and international relations
Activities/hobbies: Young Life leader, student leader for Portland East Club, captain of basketball team, track and field, translating for Latinos, Salvation Army volunteer, watching movies, shopping for shoes
Why George Fox? I liked the fact it was a Christ-centered campus, classes were small, and I could have a more personal relationship with teachers. They actually care for you and you're not just another number in class.

Guilty pleasure: Eating whatever I want when I want without gaining a single pound

Significant life experience that helped shape your goals: Moving in with the Beall family. They really encouraged me in everything I did and made it possible for me to meet all the great people who have impacted my life.

What would you like to be doing in 10 years? Hopefully I will have a stable accounting job, be a Young Life leader, be married to my lovely wife, have a home, and have maybe one kid.

Jesus Marcial Garcia, 19, Portland



SuiFeng Liu (Leon), 20, Portland

Sibling: One little sister; originally from Taishan, China

One word to describe you: Positive

High school: Franklin High School

Major: International business

Leadership experiences: Group leader for a teenage group at Chinese Baptist Church in Portland

Activities/hobbies: Basketball, soccer, listening to music, writing, assisting elderly at care home

Why George Fox? I feel it is one of the best Christian private universities in the West. I never thought I would get the Act Six scholarship because I don't speak

the best English. So, when the moment came and I heard I got it, I was so thankful for what God had done for me.

Significant life experience that helped shape your goals: Getting the Act Six scholarship because I always wanted to get a good degree from a four-year university

Where would you like to be in 10 years? I would like to have my own business, which will do some contributing to the lower class of society. Also, my homeland of China still has many people who don't know about Jesus Christ. One of my goals is to help the poor get an education and bring Bibles to those who need to hear the gospel.

Siblings: Youngest of three boys

One word to describe you: Humble

High school: David Douglas High School

Majors: Business and Christian ministries

Leadership experiences: Leader in Young Life, varsity basketball, Bible study

Activities/hobbies: Basketball, Young Life, African-American Club, football, soccer, Bible studies, volunteer at East Portland Community Center. I hope to play basketball, get involved with Multicultural Club, and be a Bible

floor leader on campus.

Guilty pleasure: I love to eat two hot dogs with ranch dressing, cheese, and ketchup – and eat white rice with butter while watching movies.

Significant life experience that helped shape your goals: Going to Young Life camp and giving my testimony

What would you like to be doing in 10 years? I want to be working for Young Life and traveling around the United States talking to churches and schools.

Jael Chambers, 19, Portland



Holistic healthcare

by Sean Patterson

When 6-year-old Amber's stomach problems couldn't be diagnosed despite medical tests and X-rays, the resident physician at an Oregon Health and Science University medicine clinic turned to George Fox's mental health consultation program.

After discussing the case with Clark Campbell, acting chair of the university's Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology, the doctor discovered the source of the discomfort: The girl was involved in a parental custody battle and her pain was related to stress associated with weekend visitation.

"I think we saved the girl from having costly and potentially painful additional tests by considering the whole life situation she was experiencing," Campbell says.

Campbell's assessment — that the girl's mental and emotional wellness was tied to physical health — illustrates the holistic approach of the department and the consultation program it runs at Providence Newberg Medical Center. The program promotes the fusion of medicine and psychology to treat the whole person, not just the illness.

"For years, medicine and psychology ascribed to the mind-body dualism articulated by Descartes, which led to the thinking that some problems are physical and some are mental or emotional," says Campbell, director of clinical training. "Unfortunately, research does not support this clear differentiation, and thus many health-related problems today are treated holistically with treatment efforts that target the body, mind, and spirit."

The principle also applies to the department's new pain clinic at Providence, which works in tandem with the health consultation program by offering individual assessment and therapy, group therapy, and collaboration with primary care and emergency department physicians.

Under the direction of Mary Peterson, the pain clinic serves as a referral option for the mental health consultants at Providence and for other health care agencies on an outpatient basis. After patients come in for consultation, those considered in need of further assistance

are referred to the pain clinic.

There, patients are advised of methods to reduce pain through non-narcotic means. "The use of narcotics is only one aspect of pain management and has limited efficacy as patients often build tolerance to pain medication," Peterson says. "So, the pain management program provides adjunctive service and care."

Most of the patients referred to the pain clinic are those who have made repeated visits to the emergency department for treatment of chronic pain. Once referred, the patient receives free pain management consultation from George Fox interns, a service made possible by a joint agreement between the department and hospital.

The result: In the last year, consultation sessions have reduced recidivism in the highest users of the emergency department — those with more than six visits in a six-month period — by 40 percent.

Peterson sees the partnership of psychology and medicine as more than a trend. "The future of health care will be much more integrated than the current system," she says. "We anticipate many more opportunities for psychologists to work in hospitals and other health-care settings."

The department is also assisting at-risk youth in the community, partnering with Chehalis Youth & Family Services (CYFS) of Newberg to develop an internship site accredited by the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral Internship Centers. The site provides free mental health services for community members who don't have the insurance to cover them.

Wayne Adams, department chair, helped secure the \$112,000 grant that made the opening of the internship site possible. George Fox's connection to the clinic continued with Campbell providing accreditation guidance and CYFS Clinical Director Scott Ashdown joining the university's clinical faculty. Ashdown visits the clinic weekly to participate in the academic and clinical training of doctor of clinical psychology students.



Mary Peterson (left) and students like Vanessa Casillas, a behavioral health intern at Providence Newberg Medical Center, are taking a holistic approach to medical treatment, finding in many cases that emotional and mental wellness are connected to patients' physical health.



The Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology

George Fox is the only evangelical Christian school in the Northwest with American Psychological Association accreditation of its PsyD program — and one of only seven such schools in the nation.

In addition to its work at Providence Newberg Medical Center, the PsyD program annually sends 15 students to urban, suburban, and rural health-related clinical training sites that include Oregon Health and Science University, Kaiser medical clinics in Portland and Salem, Salem Hospital, and Salem Veteran's outpatient clinic.

From there, many students earn nationally competitive internships in medical settings throughout the country. Students also are encouraged to pursue specialized training opportunities in health psychology. The curriculum includes courses related to this subspecialty, including health psychology, biological basis of behavior, neuropsychology, psychopharmacology, stress and psychophysiology, and substance abuse.

Of its eight full-time faculty, three members of the PsyD program have consulted in primary health settings in areas related to medical psychology and are formally affiliated with Providence.

In all, approximately 20 students annually participate in the department's health psychology clinical programs, which include a pain clinic, cancer support groups, sleep lab modules, and educational forums that cover everything from childbirth and diabetes to Parkinson's disease.

The Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology, begun in 1976 as part of Western Seminary in Portland, transferred to George Fox in 1990. The department secured APA accreditation in 1998.

A matter of mind and spirit

We asked our readers to submit photographs that convey the university's hallmark theme, "a matter of mind and spirit." Here are the winning entries selected by a panel of George Fox artists, editors, and administrators.



First place: *Dodgeball*

"This is the Ugandan version of dodgeball, and in that little girl's hand (on the left) is the ball. Most of these children have at least one parent who has died from AIDS. At least one of them is HIV positive. But every Saturday, they come together to uncover the playfulness that is often suppressed by the care of sick adults and strenuous chores at home. This picture shows a brief moment of the spirit and joy of children who otherwise live lives that require knowledge far ahead of their few years."

Krissi Carson (G03), Newberg, Ore.; current seminary student

Second place: *Water*

“What I see in the created world makes me want to share it and to know and better understand the Creator. His mind and creativity inspire me to use all of who I am to reflect his beauty; mind, spirit, creativity, love.”

Cam McMinn, Portland, Ore.



Third place: *Waiting*

“This little one waits in a tiny health clinic in a refugee camp in Northern Uganda. It is stifling hot with ventilation and light supplied by one open door. You and I bring hope both directly and indirectly.”

Ken Magee (n51), Klamath Falls, Ore.



Alumni Connections

1960-69

Lon Fendall (G64) has reduced to half time his work at George Fox as director of the Center for Global Studies and the Center for Peace and Justice. He has become a volunteer quarter-time director of Great Lakes Leadership Training, formerly named Great Lakes School of Theology. This Africa ministry by Evangelical Friends Mission trains pastors and leaders in their own communities in Burundi, Congo, and Rwanda.

Dee (Reeves) Bright (G67) lives in Granite Bay, Calif., as she continues to speak for women's events and retreats. Her book *Ahh...Men! How to Let God Meet the Needs Men Can't* (working title) is scheduled for release by Revell in summer 2008. She says that with honesty and humor the book debunks "the fairy-tale myth that the right man is the answer to a woman's deepest needs for feeling loved and cherished, and it demonstrates how an intimate relationship with God is the best and only solution."

1970-79

Stan Morse (G72), after 21 years as a member — the last 17 as chairman — in June stepped down from leadership of the Greenleaf (Idaho) Friends Academy board of trustees. He is a chemist at the Hewlett Packard Material Science Lab in Boise. He continues as a member of the George Fox board of trustees, where he has served since 1986. His wife, **Ellen (Perry) Morse** (n74), has led the Greenleaf school's music department for more than 20 years.

Nick Sweeney (G76) is the new superintendent of Arrowhead Christian Academy and Redland Christian School in Redlands, Calif. He and his family moved to Yucaipa in mid-July. For the last seven years he has been principal of King's West School in Bremerton, Wash.

Linda Byrd (G78) is now administrative consultant for Christian Camping International/Latin America. Based in Panama, she provides

Perfect match

Bill Jackson (G71), food service director at George Fox from 1981 to 1999, received a gift from his wife last December that saved his life. His wife, **Marilyn (May)** (G72), donated one of her kidneys so that Bill could receive a much-needed transplant.

Jackson, whose kidney troubles began in 2004 as a result of high blood pressure, had several offers. Friends and family members, including the couple's four children, were willing to part with a kidney. Marilyn, a teacher at Edwards Elementary School, was chosen.

"Out of the clear blue sky, she said, 'I'm going to be the first one tested.' Lo and behold, we matched. She was the first and only one to be tested," Bill said.

The transplant took place last year at Oregon Health and Science University Hospital in Portland. Marilyn recovered well from the surgery. The prognosis is good for Bill, but he has taken a leave of absence from his job as



food service director at Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg to rest and give his new kidney time to recover.

Bill will remain on immunosuppressant medication for the rest of his life to prevent rejection of the kidney. He considers that a small price to pay for his life. And Marilyn is expected to have no lasting adverse effects from her donation. She just gets to keep Bill longer.

"We've even gotten closer," Bill says, "and that seems impossible because we were always close. I am very, very fortunate."

administrative consulting services to CCI association leaders, writes for the organization's Latin America publications, and is developing education materials and training programs on creation for Central and South America.

Mark Gilderhus (G78) is the new pastor of Fir Lawn Lutheran Church, Sweet Home, Ore., and is a chaplain in the Oregon National Guard, 1249th Engineering Battalion, Salem, Ore. Ordained in 1982, he has 15 years experience as a parish pastor, then went into military service in 1996 as a reserve Air Force chaplain. In 1998 he became an active Army chaplain, serving in Iraq at a military hospital in Kuwait. After it was closed he left active duty to join the Oregon National Guard.

1980-89

Butch Hart (G81, MDiv91) and **Sheila (Roberts) Hart** (G83), after 11 years of ministry in Hemlock, Ind., have moved to Circle, Mont., where he is now pastor at Circle Evangelical Church and she will seek a dental hygienist position.

Todd Farmer (G86) received a doctoral degree in educational leadership in July from the University of Phoenix and is an assistant professor of physical education at Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb.

Dave Benson (G89) is in his fourth year as pastor of the Newberg First Assembly of God Church and has spearheaded its name change this summer to Family Life Church.

Tim Hyatt (G89) has opened Northwest Integrative Health Center in Newberg. A licensed naturopath after a four-year graduate program, he is emphasizing herbal medicine and other non-pharmaceutical methods, focusing on diet, exercise, nutrition, and physical therapy.

Andy Laveine (G89) and **Dan Laveine** (G91) are president and executive vice president, respectively, of Action Equipment Co., Newberg. After 40 years in business, the firm this summer moved to a newly constructed 80,000-square-foot building, tripling the size of its production area. The company manufactures vibratory equipment, primarily mechanical screeners and separators used in a variety of applications.

1990-99

Todd Bos (G91, MEd97), after leading the St. Paul (Ore.) High School girls track team to three consecutive state titles in 11 years as head coach, has resigned from his position. He has been at St. Paul since 1992, coaching teams to state titles in 1999, 2000, and 2001. He is now teaching math in the new Small Schools program at Newberg High School.

Robert Filback (G91) this summer received a PhD in international/intercultural education from the University of Southern California and has been hired as assistant professor of clinical education at USC's Rossier School of

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- G** Traditional graduate
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- MA** Master of arts
- MS** Master of science
- MAT** Master of arts in teaching
- MBA** Master of business administration
- GFES** George Fox Evangelical Seminary
- MDiv** Master of divinity
- MEd** Master of education
- EdD** Doctor of education
- PsyD** Doctor of psychology
- SPS** School of Professional Studies

Education. He is interim program lead for the master's degree program in teaching English to speakers of other languages and teaching English as a foreign language.

Jill (Jamison) Beals (G92) won the Capital City Marathon women's race on her first try on May 20 in Olympia, Wash. She finished the 26.2-mile hilly course in 3 hours, 11 minutes, and 37 seconds – 12 minutes faster than her nearest competitor. The mother of two knows what it's like to run fast, winning the NAIA national 10,000 meters three times while a George Fox student and winning the Seattle Marathon the year she graduated with her best marathon time of 2 hours, 48 minutes.

Brian Hartenstein (G92, MAT04) won the 2007 Excellence in Education Award for Sunset High School, Beaverton, Ore., where he teaches language arts. His classes were featured in an *Oregonian* newspaper article for his work bringing Shakespeare to remedial students through modern translation and performance.

Irene Rose (SPS92) retired this summer after 20 years with the Newberg School District. She started as secretary to the superintendent and school board. Following her graduation from George Fox she was promoted to the position of human resources coordinator.

Judy (Rehfeld) Hall (SPS93) is chief administrative officer for the Oregon Legislature, Salem, Ore.

Myrna (Bonar) Jensen (G95) is news assignment editor with KTUU-TV in Anchorage, Alaska. In June she completed a two-week fellowship, primarily in Germany, in the German Study Program for American Journalists, sponsored by the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation and the RIAS Berlin Commission.

Madelyn Stasko (MBA95) in June was named a relationship manager and principal with the Commerce Bank of Oregon, based in Portland. She began her 30-year financial services career with U.S. Bank, holding positions in treasury management, investments, human resources, retail banking, and most recently as commercial banking relationship manager. She is on the board of Northwest Business for Culture and the Arts.

Glen Woods (MA96) is children's pastor for Portland Open Bible Church (since 1996);

Celia Nunez (G99, MBA05) served as a keynote speaker for the 18th Annual Conference Mujeres Unidas de Idaho (United Women of Idaho) in July. MUI is a corporation



that develops female Latina leaders and addresses issues affecting their communities.

Nunez has held a variety of leadership positions in both the private sector and state government, ranging from executive director for the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs to the highest-ranking Latina in the Oregon Legislative Assembly as a policy analyst for the Oregon Senate Majority Office. In January she was named to the Wilsonville, Ore., City Council. She is State Farm's agent recruiter for the Pacific Northwest region.

works for Paulson's Floor Coverings, Portland, in customer service and the warehouse; is a doctor of ministry (pastoral leadership) student at Western Seminary, Portland; and administrates a large Christian Internet Relay Chat network.

Ryan Chaney (G97) is owner of Focal Point Digital Media, Salem, Ore. In August he received a national Creative Excellence Award from the Wedding and Event Videographer's Association at its national convention in Las Vegas, Nev. The award, for a July 2006 wedding in Portland, was in the category of wedding reception coverage. Chaney's firm is the only full-time Salem production company specializing exclusively in wedding videography.

Jimmi Nicole Sommer (G97) is participating in the Junior Foreign Service Officer training

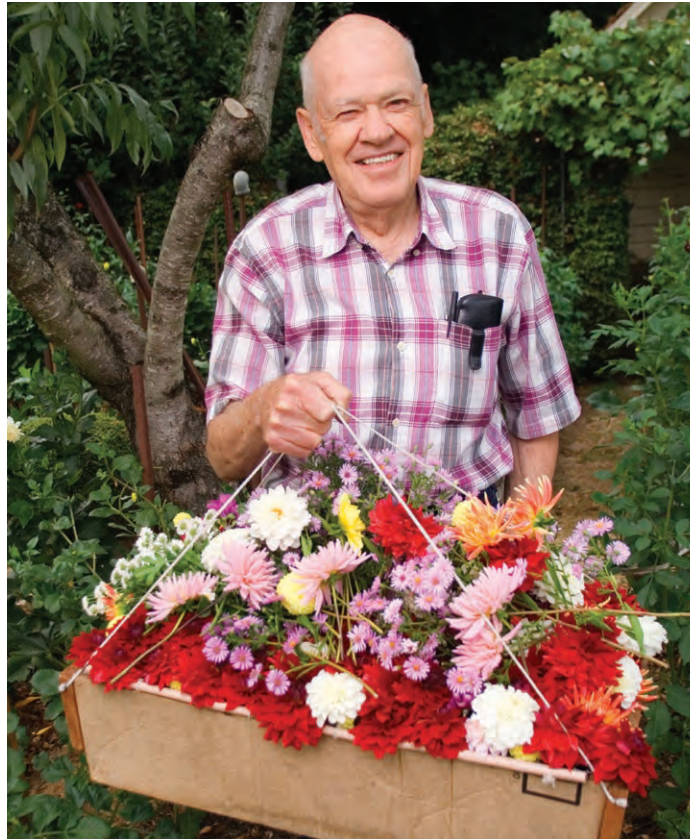
Grandpa Roy by Barry Hubbell

Three decades of students have known the lanky, smiling gentleman, but many don't even know his last name. He's simply "Grandpa Roy."

"I'm beginning my 65th semester at George Fox," Roy Hiebert tells the new freshman who joins him for lunch at his table in Klages Dining Room. It's an opening line the 82-year-old Hiebert uses to introduce himself and start the conversation of why he's dining with a roomful of students less than a quarter his age.

Nearly a third of a century from his start as a George Fox employee, and 15 years after his retirement from his work in Plant Services, Hiebert remains a campus fixture. Without official contract, but with a routine as regular as an employee, Hiebert is Campus Grandpa, with his "office" the dining commons. There he eats with students three meals a day on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and often Sunday afternoons. He's not there just for meals on the house. "I want to pay for my meals," he says. "I don't want (students) to say 'Oh, he just comes here for free meals.'"

He sometimes joins students already seated, but often he sits at an empty table and allows students to seek him out. It's a routine that has not changed over the years. Hiebert says conversation topics remain basically the same: relationships with roommates or even potential spouses, coping with sorrow at the death of loved ones, career choices and life goals, and spiritual needs. Hiebert emphasizes he doesn't give advice. "They just like to



have an older person around to talk with them," he says. They need someone to listen, to mull things over, he says.

Despite the changing hairstyles and clothing of students, Hiebert is hesitant in answering a question about what has changed about students. He's now talking with students who are children of those he dined with two decades ago. "They're still pretty much the same," he notes. "But more and more they show the effects of media."

"I bemoan the fact that they have a manmade society," he says. "I grew up on the Montana prairie. They have trouble relating to the way I grew up." Hiebert smiles when he says students now listen

to "noise," comparing it to the sounds of meadowlarks, crickets, and coyotes, as he grew up.

He observes that students now "talk together more by remote control," using cell phone calls, e-mails, and text messaging rather than in-person conversation. "I kid them that my generation has hip and knee replacements and their generation is going to have thumb joint replacement."

Hiebert now has given up the familiar old-style bicycle for which he had become noted by earlier students. He used it to ride from his home two blocks west of campus, then across campus. "I gave it up about five years ago," he says. "It dumped me three times in one year."

When he's not with students he's mostly tending his garden – especially the flowers. He's become nearly as associated with them as with his mealtime

presence. A couple of times each week in each season except winter, he brings flowers – hundreds of them – to give away. This fall he left hundreds of dahlias twice a week on a table at the dining room exit. They're gone in just minutes, limited to one to a student. In the summer, without undergrad students, flowers are delivered desk to desk, building to building to employees. He also keeps the Bruin Den service counter supplied with fresh flowers.

Hiebert says he has no plans to retire anytime soon from his volunteer Campus Grandpa post. "I enjoy it," he says. "I guess I'll do it as long as I'm physically and mentally able."

program in Arlington, Va., near Washington, D.C., specializing in consular, Spanish, and area studies. In February 2008 she will leave for Matamoros, Mexico, where she will serve as a consular officer with the Foreign Service, U.S. State Department.

Katrina (Townley) Gavie (n98) is an investigator with USIS, an information and security services company headquartered in Falls Church, Va. The company provides background screening and risk management assessments and is the largest supplier of background investigations to the federal government. It is also the major source of background and drug screening services to commercial institutions nationwide.

Dianna Howell (SPS98, MBA student) is one of five former Linn-Benton Community College (Ore.) students in June to receive a Distinguished Alumni Award for accomplishments in their professions and through community service. She is branch manager for Barrett Business Services, Albany, Ore.

Donovan Mattole (SPS98) has been promoted to director of corporate human resources for Nautilus, Inc. Headquartered in Vancouver, Wash., the company manufactures fitness equipment, including Nautilus, StairMaster, Bowflex, Pearl iZumi, Universal, and Schwinn Fitness.

Michael Ryan (SPS98, MAT00) is now one of less than one percent of Oregon teachers who have received national board certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization to advance the quality of teaching and learning. He passed the year-long voluntary assessment that measures teacher performance and the ability to increase student achievement. Ryan is a fifth grade teacher at Lee Elementary School, Canby (Ore.) School District. He has been with the district for seven years.

2000-07

Trevor Hurley (G00) has been named manager of the Salem, Ore., main branch of Wells Fargo Bank. He will oversee customer service, sales, training, and community involvement for the 12-member staff. He previously managed the Mount Angel, Ore., branch.

Debbie (Ross) Taylor (G00) is the new varsity girl's soccer coach at Madras (Ore.) High School. This is her fifth year of coaching, the third at Madras. In addition, she is a mom, a custodian for her Madras Free Methodist Church, and a substitute teacher once a week in the Madras School District.

Katie (Pritchard) Hadley (G01) in May received a master's degree in nursing from Pacific Lutheran University and is now a family nurse practitioner at Tacoma Emergency Care Physicians as an ER provider for two Tacoma, Wash., area hospitals.

Bryan Odegard (G01) and **Lisa (Sutton) Odegard** (G01) live in Seattle where she has begun her own full-time business as a personal chef. He is wine director for an investment company with a cellar of more than 30,000 bottles, selling and buying wines at auction.

Brinell (Anderson) Slocumb (PsyD01) in August became a full-time core faculty member in the clinical psychology doctoral program at Philips Graduate Institute in Encino, Calif.

Kelly Ballard (DMin02) is the new lead pastor at Cedar Mill Bible Church, Beaverton, Ore., with a congregation of about 2,400 members and a 12-member pastoral staff.

Steve Burchett (MBA02) is president and owner of Revest Funding LLC, in Vancouver, Wash., and recently joined the Washington Association of Mortgage Brokers. His firm provides nationwide mortgage brokerage services for investors and business owners.

Heidi (Vander Stoep) Kellar (G02, MAT03) and **Nathan Kellar** (G02, MAT03) are teaching in the Cup'ik Eskimo village of Chevak, Alaska. He teaches freshman English and history and she teaches middle school reading. This is their fifth year teaching and taking part in the local cultural activities.

Timothy Williams (G02) is a graduate student at Harvard School of Public Health. As a master's-level social worker he has spent the last year working in practice and research settings in order to better understand and improve the physical and mental health conditions of HIV-infected children. This summer he was a principal investigator for a research study with AIDS orphans in rural Uganda.

Jessica Lebold (G03) in October returns to her

work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Republic of Congo on the east coast of Africa. She was in Newberg while on furlough after 18 months in the Congo, based in Brazzaville, the capital. To prepare for serving she worked on her French in Neuchatel in Switzerland and now has begun to learn Lingala, a prevalent trade language used by various ethnic groups.

Laura (Steenon) Seratt (G03) has been hired as drama teacher at Reynolds Middle School, Fairview, Ore. It has 1,000 students in sixth through eighth grades.

Robin (Green) Spangler (G03) teaches second and third grade at Williams Ranch School in Penn Valley, Calif. She received a multiple subject teaching credential from National University.

Emily (Condie) Christensen (G04) and **Brad Christensen** (G05, MAT06) have moved to Cairo, Egypt, where she is attending graduate school for a master's degree in teaching of English as a second language. She teaches part time on a graduate fellowship and he teaches middle/high school at an international school.

Joshua Hunter (G04) received an MBA in April from the Pepperdine Graziadio School of Business and also received a master's in public policy from the School of Business, with a specialty in international relations. He has started a construction company to build high-end custom homes and development in the San Francisco area.

Virginia Krause (n04) received a doctor of pharmacy degree in June from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and has accepted a practice residency at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Portland.

Jeff Pieper (MDiv04) has joined the Luis Palau Association. He serves on the staff of the Next Generation Alliance, a global network of evangelists the Palau organization started in 1998. He travels domestically and internationally to serve evangelists through teaching, preaching, counseling, and helping organize evangelistic events.

Brian Cottrell (G05) is teaching English with Teachoverseas.org at Sanda University in Shanghai, China.

Heidi Janosek (n05) graduated in June from Western States Chiropractic College,



Crossing Borders

Daniel Smith-Christopher (G77), professor of theological studies and director of peace studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, recently wrote *Jonah, Jesus and Other Good Coyotes: Speaking Peace to Power in the Bible* (Abingdon Press). The book contends that biblical peacemaking recognizes and then crosses – or “runs” – borders. All too often, he says, borders and other imaginary lines drawn between groups of people have a way of becoming the basis for conflict, bigotry, and ultimately, war. Smith-Christopher says that when this happens, it is important to intentionally cross the “borders” that separate groups.

Smith-Christopher, who has authored several other books, earned his master of divinity degree from the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, and his doctor of philosophy from Oxford University (Trinity College). From 1986 to 1988 he did volunteer peace work and research with the Quakers in Israel/Palestine.

Portland, with a doctorate in chiropractic medicine. She is now in private practice in southeast Portland and also supervises interns at the clinic at Western States.

Philip Lentz (G05) received a master’s degree in exercise and sports science in June from Oregon State University. He is an assistant athletic trainer at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.

Jesse Merz (MAT05) is founding artistic director of the Columbia Gorge School of Theatre, a summer theater camp for students ages 8-18 from across the nation. In its 11th year, the camp offers training in acting, singing, and dancing, and produces more than a dozen shows each year. It is located on the 142-acre Blue Moon Ranch in White Salmon, Wash. He is currently teaching acting at the University of California, Davis, where he is also pursuing an MFA degree in acting. He serves as assistant artistic director for the THIRDeYE Theatre Festival.

Jessica Nims (G05) has been promoted to district manager for Kelly Scientific Resources, based in Seattle, Wash., managing the Washington State and Alaska area.

Dan Predoehl (G05) is a student resident director for Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison.

Josh Preister (G06) is assistant track coach for George Fox while continuing to prepare for participation in next June’s United States Olympic Trials. This June, in Dallas, Texas, at a U.S.A. Track and Field sanctioned meet, he topped the 7,000-point plateau at 7,106. He is now training for a mid-March meet in San Diego, Calif. This summer he completed a master’s degree in sports administration at the U.S. Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala. He has started his own company, Ultimate Track and Field, designed to expand the sport in Oregon.

Sharon Warren (MEd06) is the new principal at Englewood Elementary School in Salem, Ore. The school has 37 staff and 340 students. She joined the Salem-Keizer Public Schools in 1999 and has been at Keizer Elementary School since 2003 as an instructional coach.

Cynthia Sax (MAT07) is in her first year of teaching the fourth grade at Mary Woodward Elementary School in Tigard, Ore.

JUST MARRIED

Susan Crisman (G89) and Wes Cook, July 21, 2007, in Newberg.

Melissa Bullock (G92) and William Webb Thomas, July 1, 2007, in Forest Grove, Ore.

Jennifer Swanborough (G94) to David Hricik, Aug. 18, 2007, in Portland.

Nathan Sundgren (G96) and Felicia Clawson, Aug. 4, 2007, in Arlington, Texas.

Katrina Townley (n98) and Benjamin Gavic, Aug. 26, 2006, in Meridian, Idaho.

Darren Wiens (G98) and Gretchen Kemp, Jan. 20, 2007, in Boring, Ore.

Max Bebb (G01) and Samantha Hayden, June 2, 2007, in Walla Walla, Wash.

Anne Craner (G04) and **Sam Huckaby** (MBA student), June 16, 2007, in Pleasanton, Calif.

Samuel Greene (G05) and **Elisabeth Mehl** (G05), Aug. 4, 2007, in Springfield, Ore.

Melissa Jackson (G05) and Mitchell Baughman, Aug. 27, 2006, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Chris Kelley (G05) and Crystal Karstensen, March 31, 2007, in Newberg.

Jill Steinfeld (G05) and Justin Wang, July 14, 2007, in Portland.

Sarah Troyer (G05, MAT06) and Josh Grosenbach, Dec. 16, 2006, in Newberg.

Bethany Allen (G07) and Kevin Dirksen, June 15, 2007, in Gresham, Ore.

Catherine Hager (G07) and Parker Howell, June 23, 2007, in Beaverton, Ore.

Audrey Higuera (G07) and **Trevor Williamson** (G07), June 23, 2007, in Medford, Ore.

BABY BRUINS

Christopher Davis (G93) and **Angela (Broussard) Davis** (n93), a girl, Valya Carolin, Sept. 2, 2005, in Magadan, Russia, adopted Dec. 11, 2006, in Anchorage, Alaska.

Kevin Dougherty (G93) and **Kim (Cain) Dougherty** (G95), a girl, Dacey Rose, May 9, 2007, in Waco, Texas.

Jamie Boutin (G94) and Jennifer Boutin, a girl, Abby Grace, April 16, 2007, in Portland.

Anne (Basden) Dunlop (G95) and Christopher Dunlop, a boy, Matthew Walter, born/adopted April 10, 2007, in Vancouver, Wash.

Kristina (Arnold) Lim (G95) and Richard Lim, a boy, Jaron Jonathan, April 23, 2007, in Fort Collins, Colo.

Abby (Bailey) Drinen (G96) and John Drinen, a girl, Alita Naomi, May 4, 2007, in Chandler, Ariz.

Abigail (Popp) Holloway (G96) and Nick Holloway, a boy, Gunnar Archie, May 16, 2007, in Portland.

Jeannie (Ford) Lansford (G96) and Shane Lansford, a girl, Lauren Elizabeth, June 18, 2007, in Lemoore, Calif.

Mandalyn (Wright) McKay (G96) and Timothy McKay, a girl, Allison Renee, July 11, 2007, in Caldwell, Idaho.

David Dewar (G97) and Paige Dewar, a boy, Andrew Peter, March 26, 2007, in Portland.

Jeff Gillespie (MAT97) and **Cynthia (Marshall) Gillespie** (G00), a girl, Aria Jane, March 26, 2007, in Portland.

Cambria (Tetzlaff) Rollo (G97) and Brian Rollo, a girl, Gretchen Sophia, July 12, 2007, in Bellingham, Wash.

Alison (Brown) Stolfus (G97) and Mitch Stolfus, a girl, Madelyn Pearl, May 11, 2007, in Salem, Ore.

Heidi (Bergman) Adams (G98) and Nick Adams, a boy, David Michael, March 3, 2007, in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Kelly (Webb) Congleton (n98) and Tyler Congleton, a boy, Jack Tyler, March 13, 2007, in Klamath Falls, Ore.

Carine (Warren) Crooks (G98) and Bradley Crooks, a girl, Ayla Mariette, March 3, 2007, in Anacortes, Wash.

Nate Hyde (n98) and **Julie (Smith) Hyde** (G99), a boy, Jackson Dean, Sept. 1, 2007, in Medford, Ore.

Charity (Fleming) Pancake (G99) and Shannon Pancake, a girl, Grace Elizabeth Marie, May 14, 2007, in Olympia, Wash.

Amy (Schultens) Schwartz (G99) and **Brant Schwartz** (MAT02), a boy, Avery Bruce, May 1, 2007, in The Dalles, Ore.

Adam Cordero (G00) and **Jennifer (Gerhardt) Cordero** (G01), a boy, Noah Scott, Aug. 13, 2007, in Portland.

Trevor Hurley (G00) and Ronda Hurley, a boy, John Caedmon, July 17, 2007, in Silverton, Ore.

Benjamin Kroon (G00, MAT02) and **Sarah (Hopper) Kroon** (G01), a girl, Ella Joy, April 19, 2007, in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Valerie (Cole) Pontius (G00) and Aaron Pontius, a girl, Ayla Ellen, Oct. 7, 2006, in Tigard, Ore.

Jon Rickey (G00) and **Angela (Cornelius) Rickey** (G01), a boy, Joshua David, June 27, 2007, in Glendale, Ariz.

Tiffany (Currier) Schumacher (G00) and Todd Schumacher, a boy, Mason Richard, May 28, 2007, in Vancouver, Wash.

Danielle (Brock) Barton (G01) and John Barton, a girl, Natalie Grace, March 22, 2007, in Salem, Ore.

Merrick Brownlee (G01) and **Hannah (Laughland) Brownlee** (G02), a girl, Grace Marie, June 22, 2007, in Portland.

Jeremy Comstock (G01) and **Emily (Fagenstrom) Comstock** (G02), a boy, Grady Connor, June 21, 2007, in Great Falls, Mont.

Jennifer (Englizian) Henshaw (G01) and **Matthew Henshaw** (G01), a girl, Ellie Anne, Sept. 2, 2007, in Spokane, Wash.

Nigel Hunter (G01) and Nicole Hunter, a boy, Noah Phillip, Jan. 21, 2007, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Ilse (Friberg) Kryemadhi (G01) and Abaz Kryemadhi, a girl, Anisa Joy, June 6, 2007, in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Benjamin Larson (G01) and **Shaura (Neil) Larson** (G01), a girl, Amalie Ailan, Aug. 31, 2007, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Heidi (Vander Stoep) Kellar (G02, MAT03) and **Nathan Kellar** (G02, MAT03), a boy, Benjamin Nathan, April 23, 2007, in Vancouver, Wash.

Matthew Rider (G02) and **Shannon (Boland) Rider** (G02), a girl, Sophia Christine, April 8, 2007, in Portland.



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Kristine Hayes (SPS03, MAT07) and **Matt Hayes** (MBA05), a girl, Natalie Mae, Nov. 24, 2006, in Tualatin, Ore.

Ryan McWayne (MAT03) and Leslie McWayne, a boy, Aidan Finlay, July 6, 2007, in Lebanon, Ore.

Jenna (White) Luoto (G06) and Kirk Luoto, a boy, Landon Michael, July 10, 2007, in McMinnville, Ore.

Molly Jean (Gallagher) Walter (G06) and Joshua Walter, a boy, Aiden Joseph, June 9, 2007, in Portland.

IN MEMORY

James Webb (G43), June 25, 2007, in Astoria, Ore.

Janet (Hinshaw) Snow (G53), Sept. 10, 2007, in Newberg.

Jeni Siefken (G73), July 18, 2007, in Newberg.

Jayson Jewell (G89), Aug. 21, 2007, in Germantown, Md.

William Williams (SPS91), May 21, 2007, in Milwaukie, Ore.

Mary (Johnson) Gerth (SPS97), May 30, 2007, in Portland.

Jeanette Crosby Kruljac (SPS99), May 20, 2007, in Independence, Ore.

Living faithfully behind the plastic curtain

by Ken Badley

Imagine this 1962 scene – a Christian family takes a few minutes after each evening meal to pray together. The father of that family – my father – regularly asks God to protect Christians behind the “Iron Curtain” and the “Bamboo Curtain.”

Those Cold War terms grow in meaning for me as I hear stories about Christians in communist countries facing persecution and death because they dare to follow Christ.

Now jump to the winter of 2006, when my wife and I join with church friends to try living more simply. We read Mary Jo Leddy’s *Radical Gratitude* (Orbis, 2002) and discuss how more gratitude might lead us to view our material possessions differently. Leddy says many wise things in her book, but the image that will not let go of me is this: in our society we live behind a plastic curtain.

For Leddy, the phrase “plastic curtain” suggests the poor quality and lack of meaning of most material goods, and is a popular slang word for credit cards.

For many of us, “plastic curtain” may bring back echoes of past prayers for Christians in the communist world. Of course, it’s unfair to compare religious persecution to our struggles with materialism. That said, the initial shock of considering the phrases side by side remains a helpful reminder to prevent us from taking our wealth for granted. And to my point here, it reminds us of the risks to faith that a materialistic society throws at us.

Almost all readers of this magazine



“Our problem comes from a society that pressures us to live by unbiblical economic values ...”

know the gist of the Bible’s teaching on wealth, poverty, and the love of possessions: our wealth may keep us out of heaven, loving money leads to all kinds of evil, we should be grateful for what God has given us and be generous with it.

A dearth of knowledge of God’s economic principles does not appear to be our problem. Rather, our problem comes from a society that pressures us to live by unbiblical economic values and to acquire more material goods as if such acquisition would satisfy our deepest needs.

Our task as Christians in a wealthy country is to find strategies to understand this desire for goods, to resist the materialistic pressure and advertising, and to develop structures in our thinking that remind us of the fundamental biblical stance of gratitude and the generosity that properly flows out of that gratitude. We can break free from the fruitless search for happiness in buying more stuff.

And breaking free from our stuff is exactly what some of us need to do.

We can begin by understanding the pressure to want more goods, a pressure we usually don’t even notice. One effective way to prick the balloon is to cut out cable television and its many advertisements. At the least we can help children learn to watch TV critically so that advertising has less power over them.

Other effective steps can include starting a gratitude journal. Imagine the effect if every day we all noted a few ordinary or extraordinary things for which we are thankful.

Or consider how we handle Christmas. We can set the tone in our families for the entire year by setting dollar limits or requiring that gifts be handmade, used, or directed to charities.

We also need to be careful about comparisons. We tend to compare our material status to those with more goods. We must wean ourselves from that destructive mental habit, perhaps by refusing to read the advertisements in the newspaper’s auto feature and real estate section.

Finally, we need to return to where Leddy helped us start: We thank God for the special gifts of Savior, Spirit, Word, and Church. And we thank God for the daily gifts of food, water, work, clothing, a roof.

Out of our gratitude comes generosity and hospitality in our daily living.

Ken Badley is associate professor of Educational Leadership and Foundation Programs. This article first appeared in the May/June 2007 issue of Faith Today.

Family Weekend

November 2-4

Students will share the spirit of campus life with their families. Musical

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WEEKEND

and theatrical performances round out a full weekend of family-style events, which include worship with the George Fox community at a Sunday morning chapel service, a holiday bazaar, and the university's production of a new play, *Whatever Kindles*.

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Portland Christmas Celebration

December 11



Join President Robin Baker and his wife, Ruth, for the traditional George Fox Christmas Celebration in Portland. This year's Portland Christmas Celebration will feature

holiday music, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pittock Mansion. Enjoy the company of the George Fox family as we

celebrate the birth of Christ.

Tickets are \$21; reservations are required by Dec. 3. Register online at alumni.georgefox.edu/events.

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Homecoming

February 8-9, 2008

Homecoming offers the perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends and your alma mater.



Our theme, "In Step With George Fox," reminds us of the personal journey that each alumnus took as a student, and serves as a call to all alumni to reengage with this place they once called home. Reunions will be held for the classes of 1938, 1948, 1968, 1978, 1983, 1988, and 1998. Affinity reunions are planned for alumni of Pacific College and for those who took a ballroom, western line dance, or rhythms class from Steve Grant.

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February 23, 2008



Wes Davis, pastor of New Life

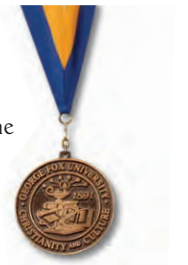
Church in Kitsap, Wash., will share how we can equip youth to do more than spiritually survive. He also will talk about ways God redeems our hurts to bring healing to others, including the young people we lead. Kaleo is for people who minister to youth – pastors, parents, teachers, and friends.

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Inauguration

March 6-7, 2008

Planning is under way for the inauguration of Dr. Robin Baker as the 12th president of George Fox University. All alumni, parents, and friends of the university are invited to attend the installation ceremony, as well as other inaugural events. More information will be available soon.



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How do you like them apples?

During the 1980s and 1990s, the university's annual Madrigal Dinner provided medieval merriment by the bushel. Also known as Ye Olde Royal Feaste, the dinner music theater performances were directed by music professor John Bowman, who retired this summer after 27 years at George Fox.

Jennifer (Brownlee) Sinclair ('91) wrote to identify the royal couple in the summer 2007 issue's "Tell Us More" photo as Brad Clark ('90) and Shelley Hawkins ('90), now a married couple. "It's been more than 15 years for me, but when I saw them on your back cover, I knew them in a heartbeat," she wrote. "A concert choir member for four years, I savored the Christmas-time approach of the Madrigal Dinner more than anything. It was a rare chance to engage with an audience at close range, whether dressed as a beggar in rags trying to steal chicken bones, or as royalty avoiding said beggars with the utmost disdain. And, all the time, singing our hearts out. Thank you so much for the memories this recalled. They are fond ones. And God bless you, Doc. You'll never, ever be forgotten."

Congratulations to Gregg Koskela ('90) - college roommate of Brad Clark - whose response was selected at random to receive a \$50 gift certificate to the George Fox University Store.



← Tell us more...

This one is for all alumni and friends from 1891 to 2007. Can you tell us what object deep in this pile drove these students to such apparent madness? Even better, can you share your own stories of "brawls," "flashes," and similar mascot mischief? All responses will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate from the University Store. Submit entries to journal@georgefox.edu or mail them to *Journal*, George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St. #6069, Newberg, OR 97132.



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