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Professor Lon Fendall's book *To Live Free* recounts the fight William Wilberforce (right) waged to end the slave trade in Britain – a battle depicted in the film *Amazing Grace*



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Readers Forum

Hoover and Hatfield

Many readers responded to our "Tell us More" (see back page) photo of Mark Hatfield and Herbert Hoover taken in Newberg on Aug. 10, 1955. Some shared their memories of the men or the day:

>> I may have taken this picture. I covered the event as a reporter and photographer for the *McMinnville News-Register*.

Ralph Beebe (54), professor of history emeritus, Newberg, Ore.

>> The event (dedication of the Hoover-Minthorn house) was broadcast on the McMinnville radio station. I sang the first and fourth verses of the national anthem.

Priscilla Doble Jeffery (52), Riggins, Idaho

>> My family includes fanatics from both political parties, and so it is saying a lot when I tell you no one ever had anything to say but good for Mark Hatfield. He was respected by all, even those who disagreed with him.

Debbie (Dominy) Seibert (79), Oregon City, Ore.

>> Herbert Hoover was known to our family as "The Chief." He was greatly admired and loved by all of us. ... He gave us a copy of his wonderful book, *Fishing for Fun and to Renew the Soul*.

Pete and Betsey Collins, Carthage, Maine

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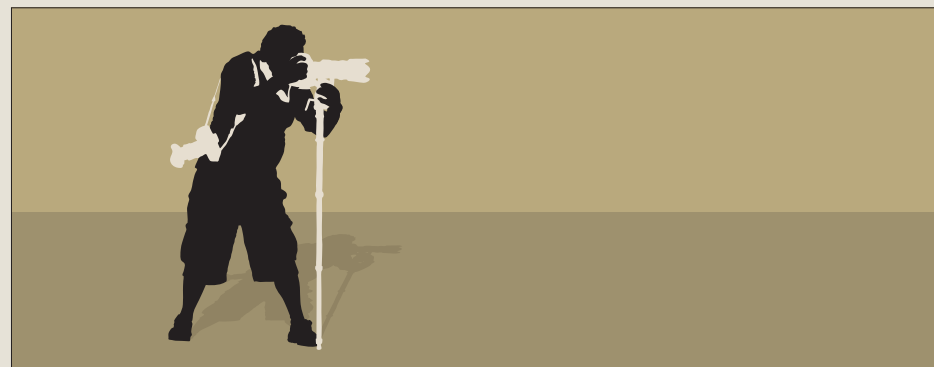
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Give us your best shot

Readers' photo contest call for entries

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

The winning entries will be featured in the Fall 2007 *Journal*. First place will be awarded \$250, second place \$100, third place \$50. Other entries may be published. Runner-up entries also will be featured in the Fall 2007 *Journal*.



Competition rules

- The competition is open to all amateur photographers (people who do not earn more than 50 percent of their annual income as photographers). George Fox employees and their immediate families are ineligible. Each contestant may submit no more than three photographs.
- A photograph may be submitted in one of two ways:
Digital: You may submit a jpg file, copied to a compact disk.
Print: You may submit an unmounted 5"x7" or 8"x10" print.
- Attach a label to the back of each print or CD with your name and address. Entries will not be returned

unless accompanied by a self-addressed, self-stamped envelope.

- Please include the following information with your entry: name, mailing address, e-mail, phone, title of entry, and a 50- to 100-word description of how the photograph conveys the idea of "a matter of mind and spirit."

Submissions

- Mail your entry to *Journal*, George Fox University, #6069, 414 N. Meridian St., Newberg, OR 97132.
- Deadline: July 1, 2007
- The winner will be notified by Aug. 15.

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It's a flat world after all



Our world is changing rapidly. Not only is it becoming smaller, it is also becoming "flatter." These changes allow individuals and businesses from around the world to collaborate and compete in entirely new ways that some people see

as opportunities and others view as threats.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. David Brandt
President

**"Our world
needs
entrepreneurs,
servants, and
healers."**



Bruin Notes



President David Brandt announces retirement

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

Brandt has guided the university in the

expansion of programs, facilities, and locations. During his tenure, the university has grown from 2,345 students to 3,185.

George Fox has transformed from a primarily undergraduate institution into a university with nearly equal graduate and undergraduate populations. Brandt has

overseen an academic restructuring that created the position of provost and divided the university into six schools, each led by a dean. Eleven new undergraduate programs have been added, including engineering, nursing, political science, and theatre. Six new

graduate programs were started, including doctorates in education and management. Specialized accreditations have been attained for athletic training, engineering, and social work programs.

Brandt oversaw the 2001 construction of the \$7 million Stevens Center, the 2004 addition/renovation of historic Wood-Mar Hall, the 2006 renovation of Hoover Academic Building, and the 2006 construction of Le Shana Residence Hall. He also commissioned the award-winning architectural firm ZGF to create a 40-year master plan for the Newberg campus in 2004.

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

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



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

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

Board seeks new president

The George Fox Board of Trustees has begun the process of seeking a new president. A search committee representing trustees, faculty, staff, and students is reviewing candidates. Kent Thornburg ('67) serves as chair. After the search committee does its work, the board will make the final decision. Board chair Barbara Palmer says the committee is on track



to meet its goal of selecting finalists this spring. "I am encouraged by the quality of the applicants in our pool," she says. "I appreciate your prayer for this committee and our candidates."

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

Left: Kelly James Right: Janelle Townsend

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Equality Ride plans visits

The Soulforce Equality Ride, a group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and activist allies, has included George Fox University in its list of 32 Christian colleges and universities it intends to visit this spring. The stated purpose of Soulforce is “freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppression through the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance.” The colleges to be visited — including Notre Dame University, Baylor University, and Seattle Pacific University — have policies that reflect the traditional, orthodox Christian position on homosexuality.

The April 5 visit to George Fox will be the group’s eighth stop on its West Coast route. About 25 riders are expected. Brad Lau, vice president of student life, says while the university disagrees with the group’s views on homosexuality, Equality Ride will be met with gracious hospitality. “Our goal is to engage in a civil discourse characterized by humility, love and grace, but also firmly planted in scriptural truth.”

equalityride.georgefox.edu

High notes for music department



Ryan Jenkins, a freshman from Hillsboro, Ore., was one of four Oregon students selected to sing in the National Choir this year. The American

Choral Directors Association assembles the National Choir, which performs at its annual national conference. Jenkins sent in an audition tape last October. Out of 1,400 applicants from around the nation, the association chose 304.

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

A National Association for Music Education panel in Virginia selected the university’s Symphonic Band and Concert Choir to perform at the All-Northwest Division Biennial Conference in Portland in February. Only five colleges from six states — Oregon,

Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Montana, and Wyoming — performed at the event, and George Fox was the only school to have both its choir and band chosen.

Schools sent recordings to Virginia for review in a blind audition. Among others picked were chamber choirs from the University of Oregon and Eastern Washington University.

The February event drew high school



choral and band directors from throughout the Northwest. “This really got our name out there,” said Loren Wenz, choir director and chair of the Department of Performing Arts. “Many in the Northwest music community who hadn’t heard of us before know who we are now.”

This was the first time both the band, conducted by Patrick Vandehey, and choir were chosen for the conference.

Above right: Kirk Hirona. Above left: Gary Allen. Left: Mally Boyle

Parting is such sweet sorrow



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

The witty and warm associate professor of writing/literature left a legacy of compassion and spiritual

depth. She was also known for fun outfits — “T-shirts with Shakespeare stuff on them,” professor Deb Worden recalls — and a wry sense of humor.

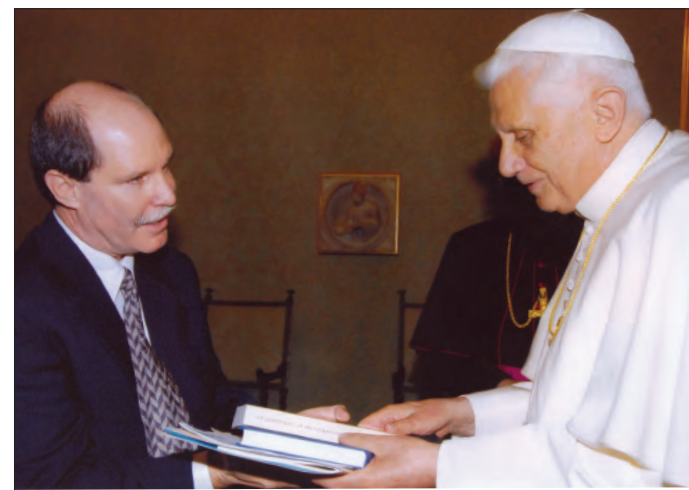
An instructor at the university since 1992, Richmond was humble and quick to offer a word of encouragement. “I couldn’t wait to get my mail as a student because of the witty comments she would write on my papers,” former student Lanette Smith says.

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

Richmond died at home at age 54 with husband Keith and daughters Holly and Shannon by her side. The university honored



her memory with a service Feb. 8, at which colleague Kendra Irons, assistant professor of religious studies, shared: “Little did I know, when I met her, how much she would teach me about language, life ... and alliteration.”

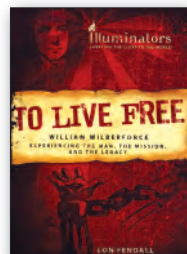


Vatican visit

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

A force to reckon with

Professor Lon Fendall releases a book about William Wilberforce as a major motion picture tells his story



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

"I'm convinced Wilberforce is the greatest Christian political figure in modern times," says Lon Fendall, director of the university's Center for Peace and Justice and the author of a recently released Wilberforce biography, *To Live Free*.

Wilberforce's struggle for justice is receiving renewed attention this spring with the American debut of *Amazing Grace* (amazinggracemovie.com), a major motion picture based upon his life. Fendall attended an advance screening and calls the film a fine historical drama. "I hope it will help American audiences to realize how important Wilberforce was to



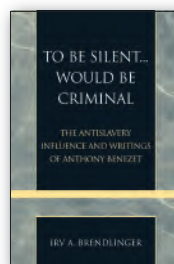
"You may choose to look the other way but you can never again say you did not know." British parliamentarian William Wilberforce spent 19 years arguing for the abolition of the slave trade. The 18th century reformer is the subject of a book by professor Lon Fendall.

the later success in the U.S. in ending slavery," he says.

The name of the film is taken from the famous hymn, which was written by Wilberforce's minister, John Newton, a reformed slave-ship captain.

Unsung hero

A recent book by religion professor Irv Brendlinger calls attention to one of the first Americans to argue for the end of slavery. Brendlinger argues that a little-known Philadelphia Quaker was probably the most significant force in advancing the cause against slavery and the slave trade in the 18th century. *To Be Silent ... Would Be Criminal: The Antislavery Influence and Writings of Anthony Benezet* was released in October. Brendlinger's book *Social Justice Through the Eyes of Wesley, John Wesley's Theological Challenge to Slavery*, became available in January. (See "Point of View," page 28)



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



Left: Courtesy Samuel Goldwyn Films. Above right: Far right: Molly Boyle. Right: Kirk Hirota

Women's basketball: youth served with conference title

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

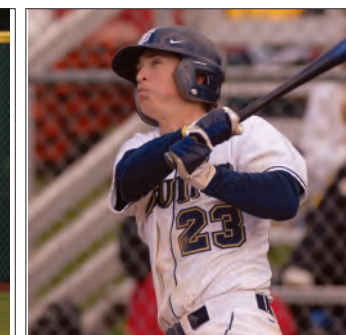
Turns out, it was a winning combination. With just one senior, the Bruins won their fourth Northwest Conference championship in eight years, sharing the title with the University of Puget Sound. After rolling past No. 23 Gustavus Adolphus College 61-47 in the first round of the NCAA tournament, George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

Rueck won his fourth conference coach of the year honor and junior forward Katy Campbell (11.4 ppg, 8.9 rpg, .) was named conference player of the year. Senior guard Robin Taylor (13.2 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 2.4 apg) earned first-team conference honors. Junior center Melissa Marek-Farris (10.4 ppg, 6.8 rpg) anchored the league-leading Bruin defense, swatting a conference-leading 2.6 blocks per game. Rueck picked up his 200th win on Feb. 16. His 11-year record is 202-80.



Senior guard Robin Taylor celebrates the NWC championship

Perfect start for baseball



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

Anchoring the Bruins are senior Dan Wentzell (left), an all-West Region Second Team outfielder last season, and sophomore Third Team All-American infielder Bo Thunell (right).

At press time, the Bruins were living up to expectations, starting the season 9-0. The Bruins went 29-15 last year, marking their 11th straight winning season under coach Pat Bailey. George Fox won the 2004 NCAA Div. III national title.

Peer recognition

Mark McMinn, professor of psychology in George Fox's Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology, received this year's Narramore Award for Excellence in the



Integration of Psychology and Theology. The Christian Association for Psychological Studies gives

this peer-review award.

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

McMinn earned a bachelor's degree from Lewis & Clark College and a PhD in clinical psychology from Vanderbilt University. He taught at George Fox from 1984 to 1993 before leaving to help start the PsyD program at Wheaton College in Illinois. McMinn returned to teach at George Fox in 2006.

by Tamara Cissna

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

The bones — skull, ribs, pelvis, femurs, knee caps — lay anatomically aligned on a table in the morgue operated by the Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala. Patrick Stone, clinical psychologist and George Fox adjunct professor, watches as a technician analyzes the remains for clues to an identity and cause of death.

Struggling to wear his “clinical hat,” he wonders aloud how she and other forensic scientists can do this gruesome work day after day. The scientist tells Stone she knows they all must be a little crazy, but they are driven to help their countrymen

recover loved ones and expose the atrocities committed during the country’s 36-year civil war when more than 200,000 Guatemalans “disappeared” and were buried in mass graves.

Stone, too, is there to bear witness and publicly acknowledge their suffering. A former infantry soldier who served in Vietnam, he is a lifelong student of wartime trauma survival and a seasoned counselor to veterans.

He is driven by a yearning for restitution that began 37 years ago during the Vietnam War. Then 20 years old, Stone was a squad leader of 12 men in the jun-

gles of the country’s central highlands. During one engagement, he fired a rifle grenade that killed a teenaged Vietcong soldier. That moment, he says, altered his life — as taking a life or engaging in combat does for any soldier.

“The real truth is you are a changed person,” says Stone. “You become acutely aware of evil. You gain an understanding of your basic instincts and of what humans can do to each other.”

He also carries an ever-present sadness for the life he took. Stone works tirelessly for restitution — trying to understand the psychological aftermath of war

a path forward

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



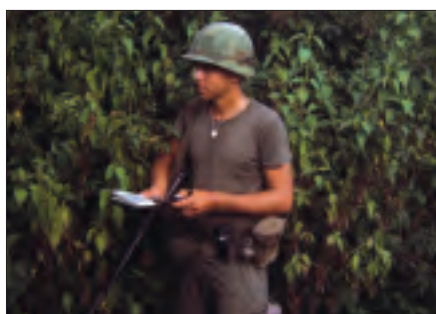
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and to help those who have been traumatized to recover.

Stone's quest for reconciliation has compelled him to travel the world — to Guatemala to observe how it's recovering

from its war trauma, to Kenya where he taught at Daystar University and studied tribal communities, and back to Vietnam where he visited the likely graveyard of the man he killed and met a village elder who probably fought against him.

He also helps traumatized combat veterans find new paths forward. Stone has



Patrick Stone (left, as a soldier in 1970) felt permanently changed by his combat experience after killing a teenage Vietcong soldier. Stone returned to Vietnam in 1995 and met with a village leader (above) who Stone likely fought against. The elder drank tea with him and led him to the graveyard where the youth Stone killed probably was buried.

spent thousands of hours counseling veterans in his private practice and advocates for widespread support. "There are many governmental resources for veterans, but the critical unmet needs are social and psychological — in the community where people live their daily lives," says Stone, who served as an advisor to the U.S. Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on mental health care delivery systems in 2003-04.

The cruelty of war

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

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

While in Africa, Stone met a young Eritrian woman who was raised in Canada. At age 16 she decided to visit her birthplace. During her stay, the Eritrian Army drafted her for its war with Ethiopia, despite her dual citizenship. During one operation, her squad captured teenaged enemy soldiers and didn't have resources to keep them alive by Geneva Convention standards. So her sergeant forced each member of the squad to lead a captive into the desert with a single bullet in their gun — to kill their enemies or themselves. Knowing in the end her captive would be killed either way, she shot the young man and was haunted by nightmares for years.

"We don't grasp the immediacy of

these dilemmas," he says. "But for many returning soldiers, these types of grueling decisions have been an immediate part of their lives — whether to shoot the driver of a speeding car or an approaching child, for example. Then they must integrate these memories throughout the rest of their lives."

Supporting the troops

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

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

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

The helper's role

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

For individuals

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

"Listening to a veteran is not an intel-

lectual exercise; it's an emotionally entangling experience," Stone says.

Listen. Many people who would like to help are afraid they won't know what to say. "Don't let your emotions get in the way. Let it be about supporting the other person, not your reactions. Take the person to coffee. Get to know him or her."

For the time, it's best to set aside your own political and spiritual convictions

and just listen. "We should not try to convert war veterans to becoming anti-war activists — maybe later, but not immediately during their adjustment home," he says.

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

Friends in the field

As a Quaker-founded institution,

George Fox University aligns with the Friends Church in its commitment to seeking nonviolent solutions for resolving conflict.

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

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

There is no clash between espousing pacifism and ministering to victims or participants of war, says Lon Fendall, director of the university's Center for Peace and Justice. "In the face of any human suffering,

we ask: Who is hurting? How can we help?"

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

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

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

For university resources on peacemaking and conflict management, visit georgefox.edu/offices/peace_justice.

A painful homecoming

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

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

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

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

Westfall, who served for nine months beginning in May 2003, says she came back a changed person with troubling questions about life, God, and Christians' priorities. "I really had a difficult time trying to figure out what was going on in my head," she says. "People would ask, 'How are you doing?' I would answer honestly and



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



tell them I was struggling, hoping they really wanted to know. But before I could even complete the sentence, they would pat me on the arm and ask,

'Are you seeing someone?'

"People started to realize I was different and were uncomfortable around me, so they just ignored me. I felt alone

and ostracized, which made everything even more devastating."

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

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

She still has nightmares, flashbacks, triggers — the struggles of post-traumatic stress disorder. She feels more equipped these days to recognize situations that might be difficult for her and relies on the tools she has developed to deal with them as they occur.

"The young ones are the ones I worry about because they haven't developed the life skills yet," Westfall says, "especially if they have no one to talk to or someone who wants to try and understand."

a path forward

"People ask me how it was over there, and when I answer their eyes glaze over. So I just shut up."

If a person talks about horrific experiences, stay connected. It's all about staying engaged and actively listening, he says.

It's OK to ask for details, but don't be pushy. No one likes to be interrogated.

Don't show pity. Veterans want empathy, but not sympathy. Nobody wants to hear, "You poor boy."

Realize you cannot save or fix people. This is between God and them; it's their story, not our story.

Allow time. Providing support is not a one-time occasion. The need for processing might last years or decades, and the needs change as people mature. It takes time for them to discover themselves in their new identity.

For churches:

Focus on the individual upon his or her return, not on politics or theology. Honor the person. "At that moment, it's about the individual." Don't be critical or take political pot shots. A traumatized person is in a self-centered state. He or she may not be able to handle anything beyond dealing with the trauma.

Support the families. Be mindful of how difficult it has been to have their family life disrupted. Try to provide support and a social network. Create a community, a container, to help them navigate transitions and difficulties.

Sponsor support groups for returning veterans that focus on the existential issues. This can be as helpful as professional counseling. Choose a leader com-

mitted to facilitating conversation, guided by guidelines such as these.

Offer ceremonies or rituals. Some churches hold Veterans Day breakfasts to honor military service. Tell the veterans, "We honor your service." Perhaps a church espousing pacifism could say, "We honor your sacrifice."

The road home

The greatest factor in war veterans' level of traumatization depends on the intensity and the duration of their combat experiences — the dose effect. Most return home able to lead fulfilling, productive lives. Even those with serious symptoms often function well, especially if they are well supported when they return. Veterans who remain most troubled tend to be those who give in to addiction or become isolated from social support, Stone says.

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

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

Stone's path forward includes trying to honor the man he killed by giving back to the world and bearing witness to the consequences of war. "As a Christian and a warrior and a person who would like to see all wars end, I encourage veterans and care providers to contribute to God's kingdom — even in the aftermath of war's brutality to body and soul," he says.



a picture worth 1000 lives

This story begins with a photograph:

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

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

"My first reaction was, 'I didn't get there soon enough,'" says Ron Hays (n74), executive director of the Marion-Polk Food Share.

Hays saw the photograph in *The Oregonian* in July 1994 alongside a story detailing the hardships faced by Rwandan refugees as they fled the ethnic violence of their homeland.

At the time, Hays was working in children's services, but previous experience as a paramedic led him to believe that he could have prevented the death of the child in the photograph.

"I wasn't going to stand by and let it happen again," he says.

Of the many challenges Rwandan refugees faced, waterborne diseases were among the worst. The problem, as Hays saw it, was that such diseases can be treated easily.

"With hydration and some antibiotics, many would not die from them," he says.

As a paramedic, he could start an intravenous drip, which would help those suffering from cholera and shigella recap-

ture some of the nutrients they needed. At the very least, he'd be giving them a fighting chance.

Called to action

Hays laminated a cutout of the photo and packed it with him when he left on a relief mission with a crew from Medical Teams International (formerly Northwest Medical Teams).

In Goma, Zaire, at a refugee camp, he met a woman and her son who had found a 6-year-old girl in the road and brought her to the team's medical station to be treated.

"She was so small she didn't look more than 2 years old," Hays says.

He spent two weeks feeding her with a syringe before finding an orphanage that could take her in. Hays also arranged for the orphanage to take in the son and mother because she could cook.

by Eric Howald

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

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

Trouble at home

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

It reminded him of a Bible verse:

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

Hays applied for the executive director position at the Marion-Polk Food Share and was hired in August 2005 — just weeks before Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and other areas of the Gulf Coast.

Medical Teams International called him about responding to the area, but Hays needed to focus on the more immediate concerns of his neighbors.

It's a task that isn't as simple as having handouts when someone needs them.

"It means building a sustainable system and teaching people how to handle a crisis situation, or food shortage, in their own home," says Hays.

To do so, he needs the members of the Marion and Polk communities — all of them — to be on board with the mission of the food bank.

For community members, it means

volunteering or finding other ways to help. The effectiveness of the food bank is measured in its ability to connect with the community; its results are amplified by the number of volunteers it taps.

"We have one woman who is donating birthday packs, with cake mixes and candles, so that any child who has a birthday has a cake. That's a wonderfully small idea that can have a huge impact if more people get involved," he says.

He encourages volunteers to bring along their children and to pass along their philanthropy.

Full circle

The photograph that inspired Hays now hangs on his office wall, a gift from the photographer who was also hoping his work would change the world.

Ten years after the photo appeared in *The Oregonian*, Hays wrote to the photographer, Tim Zielenbach, to tell him of how the photo served as an inspiration.

"I was absolutely floored," says Zielenbach, who now works as a wedding photographer in Savannah, Ga. "It was concrete validation of why we do what we do. Anyone who goes out and tries to tell a story through pictures is thinking about and hoping to move someone to action."

Zielenbach won't take credit for Hays' actions, but says he is grateful to have supplied a spark.

During his next trip to the Pacific Northwest, Zielenbach made a point of stopping in to meet Hays. He brought with him a poster-sized print of the photo.

This story ends with that photograph.

It's a photograph of a girl whose tears inspired a man to travel the world helping anywhere he could — only to find himself back at home — and a boy whose death was not in vain because other lives were saved.



A life-changing photo

Inspired by an image of suffering Rwandan children, Ron Hays (n74, left) has focused his career on helping those most in need. Hays will graduate this summer in the first class of George Fox's new executive MBA program.

Mexico after Hurricane Pauline, Honduras after Hurricane Mitch, India after the Gujarat earthquake, New York after 9/11, and Sri Lanka after the 2005 tsunami.

During his responses to these crises, he embarked on a quest to educate emergency care workers in Third-World countries. "While I was traveling, I met so many

Above: Tim Zielenbach. Right: Jeong Ahn

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PSY-FI

Psychology professor Jim Foster's novels take readers to space and into the minds of madmen, stretching the boundaries of science and the imagination

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

Once he did, there was no slowing him down. In science fiction, Foster discovered the portal to a place he could flesh out all the outlandish, fantastic ideas that came to him.

Nothing sci-fi is off limits. In his books, man and dinosaur coexist in a modern-day world, a Dr. Frankenstein-like mad scientist creates a super brain, and a religious cult discovers an antigravity device and escapes to another planet.

"Honestly, I'm not sure how I come up with this stuff," he admits. "I might just happen to see a book title or a magazine, and that will trigger an idea for a story. One of my sisters was creeped out by one of my books. She told me 'We never knew you had those kinds of thoughts going through your head all those years.'

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

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

Fear of failure

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

His first story was turned down; a string of rejection slips followed. Undeterred, Foster soldiered on. He eventually published short pieces in small science-fiction journals, and that whet his appetite to do more. He wanted to write a novel.

Then came a stroke of good fortune. Foster began work in 1990 on a time-travel tale in which dinosaurs get transported to modern times and wreak havoc. He liked the premise, but he confessed to his brother that it probably wouldn't get pub-



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

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lished. "Nobody knew me as an author, and at the time there wasn't a big market for dinosaur novels," he says.

But Foster got a break late that year, when Michael Crichton published *Jurassic Park*, in which a scientist uses DNA technology to bring dinosaurs to life on an isolated Caribbean island. The bestseller — and subsequent Hollywood blockbuster directed by Steven Spielberg — ignited a wave of interest in dinosaurs and gave sci-fi publishing giant Tor Books a reason to take a chance on Foster's submission in 1993. Two years later, after extensive revisions, they published *Footprints of Thunder*. It remains the most popular of Foster's six novels, with two printings and more than 92,000 copies sold.

"It took me a lot longer to write books in those days," he says. "I didn't get to write until after putting the three kids to bed."

Imagination unleashed

Encouraged by *Footprints*' success, Foster followed with a psychological thriller, *Fragments*, and, in a spurt of productivity, four more books in a six-year period beginning in 2000 (see sidebar, next page). His novels include elements of time travel, experiments-gone-wrong, and murder-mystery.

"My books go all over the place, which presents a dilemma at times," he admits. "One of the problems with writing such diverse stories is the fact you never know what section of the bookstore your novel will be displayed. I heard of one of my books ending up in the horror section.

Another was considered a mystery. The bottom line is, I write books that I myself would enjoy reading."

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

Foster, who goes by the pen name



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James F. David — a moniker he devised to avoid being confused with Alan Dean Foster, another science-fiction writer — defines a satisfied author as one who is true to himself. "I won't read similar books to the one I'm working on, as I don't want to be influenced," he says. "When I do

read someone else, I'm always asking the question, 'How would I tell that story differently?'"

Foster loves classic science fiction, particularly the works of Ray Bradbury, Arthur C. Clarke, and Jules Verne. But he can't explain his fixation with the genre. "I suppose I'm drawn to the challenge of creating an internal logic — of bending the rules of physics and sticking to those rules. That's why I'm not big on fantasy novels. Those have no boundaries and anything goes. They conjure up spells to explain reality."

He also avoids proselytizing. "I don't write 'message books' and I don't preach. I do, however, treat Christianity with respect and reverence."

Faithful following

Foster doesn't make a living as an author — he earns about \$17,000 for each book, plus a percentage of sales over a threshold of about 35,000 copies — but he's content knowing his prose makes readers consider alternate realities. The formula has worked: Foster regularly receives e-mails from fans nationwide, and a New York library chose *Footprints* as one of its "young reader's favorites," generating fan mail from enthusiastic youngsters. His books are marketed extensively — from independent bookstores to national retailers Wal-Mart, Borders, and Barnes and Noble.

He can't help but recall that he nearly gave up. "I was pretty discouraged with all those rejection letters early on," he says. "I'm convinced there are a lot of great would-be novelists. They just haven't written down their ideas. Or, if they have, they're afraid it isn't good enough.

"My advice: write it down and get it out there. You just never know."

Tales of mystery and imagination

The novels of Jim Foster (aka James F. David)

Footprints of Thunder (1995)

Overnight the boundaries between yesterday and today dissolve, transforming the world into a crazy-quilt mixture of dinosaur-infested forests and modern cities. As scientists race to find a solution to the time disruption, people all over the world struggle to survive encounters with prehistoric predators. Much of the action takes place in what is left of Portland, and even Newberg plays a role in the novel.



Fragments (1995)

A psychologist with cutting-edge neurotechnology links the minds of autistic savants to create a super-intellect. Unknown to the researchers, they choose to conduct the experiment in a house where a young woman died mysteriously. As a result, the experiment takes a turn no one could predict and ends in disaster.



Ship of the Damned (2000)

The survivors of the experimental team in *Fragments* are gathered together again to help a group of people being forced to dream of a ship in the desert, filled with trapped sailors. Lack of normal dreaming is killing them. Linking the minds of the dreamers together, the researchers discover that the ship is a World War II cruiser used in an experiment in 1943, an experiment that never ended.



Before the Cradle Falls (2002)

A serial killer known as "Cradle Robber" is working his way up the West Coast, killing children. When the killer arrives in Portland, a detective who recently lost his own child is assigned to stop the murder spree. But Detective Sommers

and his team aren't the only ones on the murderer's trail. A mysterious man begins to appear and save children from danger as if he knew what was going to happen. Detective Sommers comes to believe that the mystery Good Samaritan has returned from the future and may be the key to not only stopping Cradle Robber, but bringing his own daughter back from the grave. Unfortunately, the price of saving his daughter could be the destruction of the city.

Judgment Day (2005)

God calls together a small group of believers for a new Exodus. When God reveals the technology needed to leave the planet, the "Fellowship" becomes a space power, first orbiting satellites, then building a space station, and then exploring distant planets. As the believers struggle to fulfill God's plan, Satan organizes the forces of the world to stop them, even sending a demon to assist Satan worshipers in destroying the Fellowship. The action begins on Earth and moves to the stars as God and Satan go to war.

Thunder of Time (2006)

Ten years after the time disaster that brought dinosaurs to the modern world in *Footprints of Thunder*, time is unraveling again. Worse, Nick Paulson, director of the newly formed Office of Security Science, discovers that time is being manipulated. Unless Paulson can unravel the mystery and find the source of the time disruption, the Earth will once again have the time-space continuum shredded. The mystery sends Dr. Paulson and his teams to the jungles of the Yucatan, to a secret base on the moon, and even into the past to a Mayan civilization that practices human sacrifice.

Alumni Connections

1970-79

Gordon Shepherd (G77) is principal of Nucla Junior/Senior High School in western Colorado. The school has 160 students in grades seven through 12.

1980-89

Scott Celley (G82) is vice president of external affairs for TriWest Healthcare Alliance, based in Phoenix. Partnering with the U.S. Department of Defense, the company provides access to health care for active and retired service members and their families in a 21-state area in the West. Owned by an alliance of 15 Blue Cross Blue Shield plans and two hospitals, it employs 1,600. Previously, Celley served as senior advisor to former Arizona Gov. Jane Dee Hull.

Julie Morland (G83) is teaching land surveying at Renton (Wash.) Technical College after 12 years as a land surveyor for the city of Seattle. She obtained her surveyor's license in 2003 and served as president of the King County chapter of the Land Surveyor's Association of Washington in 2005.

Cindy (Mortier) Helvie (MA86) and **Mike Helvie** (MA86) are missionaries with Global Partners, serving as mission directors in Albania. They work with three other families in planting a church in Durres. With Global Partners since 1992, they previously spent nine years in ministry in South Africa.

Wayne Hurty (G88) has relocated his cardiology practice to Willamette Heart in McMinnville, Ore. Board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, and nuclear

cardiology, he previously served two years with Northwest Cardiovascular Institute in McMinnville. He and his wife, **Sarah (Ridgeway)** (G88), live in Carlton, Ore.

1990-99

Jeffery Larson (G92) has joined the staff at Willamina (Ore.) School District, teaching social studies and serving as head track coach. He has taught 10 years in eastern Oregon and twice was named Oregon 2A Coach of the Year in track.

Larson the Liaison

Meet your new alumni director

Robby Larson, the new director of alumni relations, needed just two days to get into the spirit of his new position. "I started on a Wednesday, and by Friday I had bought a George Fox hat and was cheering on the Bruin basketball teams," he says.

Larson, 28, arrived in January from California Lutheran University, where he was director of student programs. He grew up in Portland before attending Pacific Lutheran, from which he earned a marketing degree in 2000, and Cal Lutheran, where he earned an MBA in 2002.

Larson says he's honored to provide services and events that promote relationship between the university and its 18,000 alumni. "I'm at a place that honors Christ and is rich in tradition," he says. "My job is to keep alumni connected to what we're doing here and remind them why George Fox is such a special place."

Keep in touch with Larson: Call 503-554-2130, e-mail rlarson@georgefox.edu, visit georgefox.edu/alumni

Keep in touch with the Journal: Send current news to George Fox Journal, 414 N. Meridian St. #6069, Newberg, OR 97132; call 503-554-2126; e-mail alumni@georgefox.edu



Andy Olson (SPS92) was reelected in November to a second two-year term as a member of the Oregon State House of Representatives. A Republican, he represents District 15, which includes his hometown of Albany and surrounding communities. He holds the position of vice chair of the House Revenue Committee. Olson retired two years ago after 29 years with the Oregon State Police, retiring as a lieutenant and after serving as station commander in McMinnville, Ore.

Paul Seideman (G92) has been promoted to assistant vice president with Washington Mutual Bank, managing the Spokane main office.

Jamie Boutin (G94) in September became a physician recruiter for Providence Health Systems in Portland after previously serving as a senior corporate recruiter with Volt Services Group, Beaverton, Ore.

Catherine Hampton (G95) has been named 2006 Oregon High School Journalism Teacher of the Year by Northwest Scholastic Press and the University of Oregon School of Journalism. She has been teaching English at Marshfield High School in Coos Bay, Ore., for the last nine years and journalism for the last six years. Her students have created an award-winning newspaper.

Julie McCord (SPS95) is a human resource consultant in Camas, Wash. Saying she wanted to help southwest Washington get its share of funding for transportation, job development, and job training, she was named the Democrat candidate in the November election. She opposed incum-

bent Ed Orcutt, who was reelected as District 18 representative in the Washington State House of Representatives.

Mandy (Lindquist) Schmidt (G95) and **Patrick Schmidt** (G93) live in Redmond, Ore., where he is a postal worker and she has opened Red Cup Design, organizing and assembling scrapbooks. A former teacher in Newberg, she realized her interest in crafting artistic bulletin boards. She then expanded that concept to scrapbooking as a business after serving as a consultant in Newberg for 12 years.

Martyn Mayfield (MAT97) and his family are in Chengdu, China, where he is in charge of the foreign department for expatriate children at a Christian international school.

Bryan Bredell (MBA98) has been promoted to regional president of North Valley Bank, Business Bank, heading both the Santa Rosa and Ukiah, Calif., business banking offices. He joined North Valley Bancorp in 2005. Headquartered in Redding, Calif., the company operates 20 commercial banking offices and five business banking locations.

Mychal Leno (SPS99) is a residential broker with Coldwell Banker Mountain West Real Estate, Salem, Ore. She owns a professional photography business and previously was a gaming commissioner.

2000-06

Joel Chavez (ME01) on Sept. 10 was installed as pastor of the Boardman (Ore.) Community Church. Ordained by the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination and in the

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MAMaster of arts
MSMaster of science
MATMaster of arts in teaching
MBAMaster of business administration
GFESGeorge Fox Evangelical Seminary
MDivMaster of divinity
MEdMaster of education
EdDDoctor of education
PsyDDoctor of psychology
SPSSchool of Professional Studies

Alumni Connections



In memory **Megan Heffernan** (G96), a free-spirited young alumna who died in the 2002 Bali terrorist bombing, was remembered last October in London at the unveiling of a memorial for the 202 bombing victims. The Prince of Wales led the tributes at the ceremony in St. James' Park. Heffernan's name is written in the stone wall behind a five-foot marble globe carved with 202 doves, each representing a victim of the bombings.

ministry since 1978, he previously started churches in San Jose and San Francisco. He moved to the area three years ago and is now an administrator with the Morrow County School District's English as a second language program. He also serves as a planning commissioner for the city of Boardman.

Sue Ann Coffin (G01, MA04) is specialized transportation trainer for Salem (Ore.) Area Mass Transit. With the district for two years, she teaches how to communicate and assist passengers who have mental illness, disabilities, or are elderly. She instructs contracted providers, Department of Human Services volunteer drivers, Veteran's Administration drivers, and transit operators.

David Wood (MA01) has opened a private counseling service in Salem, Ore. Licensed by the state as a marriage and family therapist, he specializes in marriage and individual adult therapy.

Neil Cantrall (G02) and **Kelsey (Baron) Cantrall** (G03) are in Pucallpa, Peru, working with Food for the Hungry. They began in October. He teaches English and Bible in a community high school and she helps with health education of the sponsored children in the surrounding communities.

Bryan Free (G02) has released two CDs, *Poison I Drank From*, in 2004 and *Lust*, in 2006. He was one of six finalists from 1,400 applicants in a

recent independent songwriters showcase in Los Angeles. Praise is coming for his songwriting, solo singing, and keyboard work. Portland State University's *Vanguard* newspaper in its Nov. 22, 2006, edition said he has music that is "strikingly original, crossing genres with the greatest of ease and tackling personal issues and conflicts with such honesty and insight that it's truly a wonder he isn't much more famous. But he will be." Columnist Peter Swensen said Free would "definitely be one of the top contenders" on a list of people or bands named "the best in town."

Eugene Hodges (G02, MAT03) teaches fifth grade at the American School Foundation of Guadalajara in Mexico.

Rick Johnson (SPS02) is founder of Better Dads, a fathering skills program designed to inspire and equip men to be more engaged in the lives of their children. A graduate and certified trainer with the National Center for Fathering, he develops and delivers parent-training workshops across the Northwest for businesses, schools, churches, civic groups, and social service agencies. He has written two books, *That's My Son - How Moms Can Influence Boys to Become Men of Character*, published last year, and *Better Dads, Stronger Sons*, just released.

Jeff Kirksey (G02) and **Sarah (Welstad) Kirksey** (G04) have moved to Pennsylvania, where he is student activities director at Geneva College

in Beaver Falls and she has joined the staff of the Chippewa Evangelical Free Church in Chippewa Township. In May, he received a master of science degree in educational administration from Baylor University, where he coordinated orientation and welcoming programs for freshmen and transfer students and she served as office manager for the university's reaffirmation and accreditation program.

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

Camille Hearne (G03) is back in her hometown of Halfway, Ore., as mental health therapist at the Pine Eagle Clinic. She is a contract employee with Mountain Valley Mental Health in Baker City, Ore. Previously she worked for May Day, a crisis intervention program for sexual assault and domestic violence victims in Baker City, and at Mountain Valley Mental Health as the developmental disabilities services coordinator.

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



Westmont bound

Westmont College named **Gayle Beebe** (G81) its eighth president in February.

For the past seven years, Beebe served as president of Spring Arbor University in Michigan, where he was instrumental in improving campus

facilities through a \$45 million capital campaign. Prior to leading Spring Arbor, Beebe served as dean of the graduate school of theology at Azusa Pacific University. He and his wife, Pam (Hagen) (G87, MA90), have three children: Anna (14), Elizabeth (12), and Ricky (8).

Kyle Johnson (G04, MAT06) teaches language arts at Mapleton (Ore.) High School.

Gabriel Pinski (MDiv04) is now manager of foundation and corporate support for Catholic Charities USA, the fourth largest charity in the U.S. with 1,700 local agencies and institutions nationwide. Headquartered in Alexandria, Va., it seeks to reduce poverty by half by 2020. Previously Pinski was director of grants and outreach for LArche Greater Washington.

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

Mandy Lefebvre (MAT06) is choir director at Gladstone (Ore.) middle and high schools.

Jennifer Moore (MBA06) in December became executive director of United Way of Benton and Lincoln counties (Ore.). Previously she

was campaign director for United Way of nearby Linn County for four years.

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

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

Amy (Harris) Tuning (G06) teaches at June Elementary School in Kotzebue, Alaska.

JUST MARRIED

Steve Comfort (n79) and **Elizabeth Carlson** (SPS01, MBA04), Nov. 24, 2006, in Newberg.

Donna Hurl (G97) and Keith Ramsey, Sept. 16, 2006, in Woodburn, Ore.

Carmen Guerricagoitia (G98) and W. Carson McLean, Sept. 9, 2006, in Carlisle, Pa.

Mari Martin (G98) and Nathan Neubauer, Sept. 22, 2006, in Princeville, Kauai, Hawaii.

Corrie Chasteen (G99) and Ben Herman, Sept. 16, 2006, in Eugene, Ore.

Becky Portman (G99) and Dave Schultz, Aug. 26, 2006, in Foster City, Calif.

Korie Lynn Jones (G00) and **Brandon Buerkle** (G03), Oct. 7, 2006, in Newberg.

Church challenge

Gregg Lamm's philosophy of ministry is simple: "As followers of Jesus Christ, let's be an example of doing good and invite others to join us on that road."

Lamm (G80), lead pastor-teacher of 2nd Street Community Church in Newberg, did just that in February. His church donated \$2,500 to Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, destroyed by fire Feb. 6. Second Street made the gift even though the Quaker congregation had saved just \$15,000 to secure a build-

ing of its own and had no tangible connection to the Portland church.

"I know there are so many churches that have huge reserve funds," Lamm told *The Oregonian*, which featured Lamm on the front page of its Feb. 26 issue. "If that money is just sitting there, why not even take a little bit of it and do something like this? I want to challenge people to think that way."



After 14 years as campus pastor at George Fox and a stint as interim pastor in Adrian, Mich., Lamm returned to the area last summer. "Seeing how God wants to connect with people in ways lifelong, not just within

a four-year cycle, is pure joy," he says of his new job. Lamm shares his thoughts about faith, living, and learning at stayingthecourse.blogspot.com.

Left: Janette Townsend. Above left: Courtesy Spring Arbor University

Alumni Award Winners 2007

Jack Rea ('70) Christian Service Award

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



Jack Rea



Sam Farmer

Sam Farmer (1952-54, '92) Outstanding Alumnus

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



Harold and Nancy Thomas



Jimmi Sommer



John Connor

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

Harold and Nancy Thomas have dedicated their lives to missionary service. They served the Aymara people of Bolivia, South America, from 1972 to 1989 before cooperating with the

Bolivian Friends Church in theological education, leadership training, social development projects, and church planting. From 1999 until recently, they served as founders and codirectors of the Center for Intercultural Studies, a master's degree missiological program at the Bolivian Evangelical University in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. They continue to work as missionaries appointed by Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church.

Jimmi Nicole Sommer ('97) Outstanding Recent Alumna

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

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

John Connor and his wife, Margie, work with the Department of World Missions of the Wesleyan Church, an organization they joined in 1970. John

was a principal at the Pilgrim Wesleyan Seminary in Zambia, Africa, taught theology in the Philippines and Korea, and was a consultant for church development in 26 countries with Global Partners, a mission arm of the Wesleyan Church. He has written three books and, as director of the JESUS Film Partnership, trains teams to use the film for evangelism and church planting.

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

Street smarts

Jonathan Ridenour (MA06, center) and **Brian Goff** (BA90, left) opened the doors of Evergreen Clinical last summer, providing uninsured and underinsured Portlanders with low-



cost psychotherapy. Also on staff is **Jeff Nelson** (MA05, right). He and Ridenour are both students in George Fox's PsyD program. "Our goal is to provide hope to those we serve," says Ridenour. Integrating spiritual issues into therapy is a key element of their work.

When his home group from Evergreen Community Church was helping another church minister to the homeless, Ridenour saw the need for low-cost therapy services. George Fox professors Wayne Adams, Mary Peterson, and Clark Campbell helped Ridenour apply for a grant, provided informal supervision as he began seeing clients, and helped develop Evergreen as a practicum site for the university's PsyD program. As the service began to expand, Goff, a licensed psychologist, came on to help form the clinic.

evergreenclinical.org.

Lora Wilson (MA01) and Greg Goodenough, Sept. 10, 2006, in Salem, Ore.

Carlos Stevenson (G04) and Michelle Messenger, Sept. 8, 2006, in Eagle Point, Ore.

Lynette Brazell (SPS05) and Jose Trevino, Oct. 21, 2006, in Eugene, Ore.

Matthew Cox (G05) and **Beth Klopfenstein** (G05), Oct. 14, 2006, in Vancouver, Wash.

Heather Dougherty (G06) and Shannon Gregory, July 6, 2006, in Bend, Ore.

Amy Harris (G06) and Joel Tuning, July 22, 2006, in Madras, Ore.

John Hossler (G06) and Jennifer Brown, Aug. 11, 2006, in Missoula, Mont.

Valerie Plowhead (G06) and Matt Parks, Oct. 28, 2006, in Albany, Ore.

Arwen Presley (G06) and Samuel Weisser, Sept. 30, 2006, in Butteville, Ore.

BABY BRUINS

Paul Brown (G89) and Karen Brown, a boy, Sean James, May 10, 2006, in Portland.

Paul Huizinga (G91) and Maureen Huizinga, a boy, Thomas Ryan, Dec. 8, 2006, in Glen Allen, Va.

David Simonsen (G92) and **Luwana (Stanton) Simonsen** (G92), a girl, Clara Blessing, Feb. 25, 2006, in Olympia, Wash.

Matthew Zoller (G92) and Chiqui Zoller, a boy, Matthew Alexander, Sept. 9, 2006, in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Rob Poznanski (n93) and Melissa Poznanski, a girl, Hayden Elizabeth, Jan. 23, 2006, in Auburn, Wash.

Tina (Stauffer) Bucher (G95) and Anthony Bucher, a girl, Haidyn Grace, May 9, 2006, in Springfield, Ore.

Jon Newswanger (G95) and Shawn Newswanger, a boy, Dillon Christopher, Nov. 2, 2006, in Salem, Ore.

Elizabeth (Monlezun) Smith (G95) and **Trevor Smith** (G95), a girl, June Marie, July 7, 2006, in Eugene, Ore.

Ryan Weller (G95) and Paulette Mixon-Weller, a boy, Preston Smith, Sept. 15, 2006, in Portland.

Meredith (Jessup) Dougherty (n96) and **Ryan Dougherty** (G99), a boy, Quinn Jessup, March 31, 2006, in Newberg.

Paul Reimer (G96) and Candi Reimer, a boy, Aaron Phillip, Oct. 11, 2005, in Fresno, Calif.

Christy (Ortman) Walbuck (G96) and Mac Walbuck, a boy, McKellen Gyasi, Nov. 2, 2006, in Boise, Idaho.

Michelle (Quaas) Whitmire (G96) and Jake Whitmire, a boy, Brady Alexander, born Nov. 21, 2006, adopted Nov. 22, 2006, in Eagle Point, Ore.

Stephanie (Sanders) Adams (G97) and Thomas Adams, a girl, Ellianna Grace, born May 6, 2006, in Littleton, Colo.

Amy Dent Beebe (G97) and **Sean Beebe** (G97), a girl, Anya Argia, Oct. 14, 2006, in Salem, Ore.

Jesica (Parnell) Hanson (G97) and Joseph Hanson, a boy, Nicholas Alexander, May 6, 2006, in Bakersfield, Calif.

Eric Walker (G97) and Mary Walker, a girl, Makayla Marie, Aug. 29, 2006, in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Monte Wilber (G97) and Guenevere Wilber, a boy, Aidan James, born Dec. 6, 2006, in Topeka, Kan., adopted Dec. 15, 2006, in Williamsville, N.Y.

Jason Wolf (G97) and **Kristen (Van Houte) Wolf** (G98), a boy, Josiah David, Sept. 17, 2006, in Eugene, Ore.

Hans Schneider (G98) and **Rebekah (Crover) Schneider** (G99), a boy, Coen James, Sept. 20, 2006, in Newberg.

Tricia (Rice) Bates (G99) and Ryan Bates, a boy, Neil Jeffrey, Sept. 2, 2006, in Silverton, Ore.

Rachel (Powell) Brandt (G99) and Tony Brandt, a girl, Abigail Joanna, July 9, 2006, in Albany, Ore.

Rachelle (Schieck) Wieg (G99) and **Jason Wieg** (G00), a boy, Hudson Brady, Jan. 4, 2007, in Newberg.

Michael Dahl (G00, MAT02) and **Carrie (Johnson) Dahl** (G01), a girl, Elsie Noelle, Jan. 15, 2007, in Portland.

Jenifer (McAlister) DeWolfe (G00, MAT04) and Daniel DeWolfe, a boy, Vaughn Edmund, Oct. 14, 2006, in Portland.

Sarri (Tate) Gibson (G00) and **Joel Gibson** (G01), a boy, Carter Mac, March 21, 2006, in McMinnville, Ore.

Britton Lacy (G00) and **Michelle (Walter) Lacy** (G01), a boy, Ethan Michael, March 24, 2006, in Gresham, Ore.

Anne (Jeli) Stewart (G00) and Rod Stewart, a boy, Owen Clark, Oct. 29, 2006, in Portland.

Debbie (Ross) Taylor (G00) and Seth Taylor, a girl, Micaela Rose, Sept. 15, 2006, in Madras, Ore.

Sarah (Rush) Van Dermyden (G00) and Kevin Van Dermyden, a girl, Grace Pearl, Oct. 27, 2006, in Visalia, Calif.

Richard Brown (G01) and **David (Ankeny) Brown** (G02), a girl, Abigail Grace, Oct. 10, 2006, in Stanford, Calif.

Eric Costa (G01) and Jerilee Costa, a boy, Ransom Samuel, Nov. 19, 2006, in Clackamas, Ore.

Katie (Horning) Evans (G01) and Timothy Evans, a girl, Selah Marie, Jan. 3, 2007, in Portland.

Annie (Haglund) Schilperoort (G01) and **Kevin Schilperoort** (G01), a boy, Callum Christopher, April 26, 2006, in Tualatin, Ore.

Brenda Edmunds (G02) and Garrett Edmunds, a girl, Bethany Rachael, Oct. 6, 2006, in Clackamas, Ore.

Conley Bergh (G03) and Stephanie Bergh, a boy, Joseph Taylor, Oct. 23, 2006, in Tualatin, Ore.

Candace (Cox) Lute (G03) and Tyler Lute, a boy, Cade Michael, March 22, 2006, in Salem, Ore.

Dara (Ortman) Wills (n03) and Christopher Wills, a girl, Sydney Grace, Dec. 12, 2006, in Portland.

Zach Bascom (G04) and **Jessica (Bryant) Bascom** (G05), a boy, Owen Terrance, Oct. 5, 2006, in Newberg.

Janine (Hockett) Duronslet (n05) and Jean-Paul Duronslet, a boy, Jean-Luc, Oct. 9, 2006, in Portland.

Ryan Littrell (G05) and **Caitlyn (Wehr) Littrell** (G06), a boy, Liam Chase, Dec. 23, 2006, in Tualatin, Ore.

IN MEMORY

Ruthanna (McCracken) Hampton (G36), Nov. 23, 2006, in Newberg.

Irene (Swanson) Haisch (G40), Dec. 4, 2006, in Newberg.

Herschel Thornburg (G46), Oct. 25, 2006, in Newberg.

Leona (Harris) Thornburg (G49), Dec. 31, 2006, in Newberg.

Milford House (n51), Jan. 3, 2007, in Newberg.

Fred Littlefield (G51, MDiv75), Oct. 24, 2006, in Haviland, Kan.

Hal May (G51, GFES61), Oct. 11, 2006, in Newberg.

Wayne Piersall (G51), Jan. 5, 2007, in Newberg.

Delmer Ransdell (MDiv53), July 31, 2006, in Tigard, Ore.

John McClimans (GFES57, MA89), Jan. 6, 2007, in Sheridan, Ill.

Rodney Vickers (G63), Sept. 30, 2006, in Portland.

Brenda (Bloodgood) Long (n64), Jan. 25, 2007, in Portland.

Sandra (Dickinson) Olson (n66), Sept. 27, 2006, in Portland.

David Johnson (MA75), Oct. 24, 2006, in Chiloquin, Ore.

David Miller (SPS90), Dec. 29, 2006, in Portland.

The writer she wants to be

In London, the newspaper reviews described her writing as "exquisite," "intriguing," and "engaging." Her photo ran in *The New York Times*. The National Endowment for the Arts gave her a \$20,000

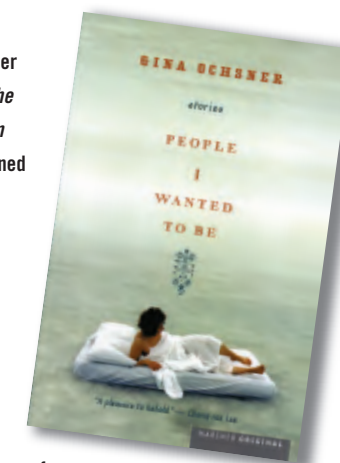


fellowship to travel and research. **Gina (Withnell) Ochsner** (G92) is writing her way to literary acclaim. Her most recent collection of short stories, *People I Wanted to Be*, won the 2006 H.L. Davis Oregon Book Award for Short Fiction. Her 2002 collection, *The Necessary Grace to Fall*, won the same award as well as the

Flannery O'Conner Award for short fiction. Her stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Best American Nonrequired Reading*, *Kenyon Review*, and *Prairie Schooner*, and have earned her a slew of literary awards.

Now, the 36-year-old mother of three is an aspiring novelist. Supported by the NEA Creative Writing Fellowship, she traveled to Russia and Latvia last June to gather details for her first novel *The Russian Dreambook of Color and Flight*, due out in 2008.

Ochsner says she is praying often as she feels her way through the complex process of crafting her first book. She fears a misstep. "I'd rather see this thing stay in the drawer than be print-



ed and regret it forever," she says.

"Sometimes publishing is the worst thing that can happen if a writer is not ready." Her backup plan, she says, is a second novel tentatively titled "The Persuasion of Water."

Few seem to share her doubts. To help fund a research trip to Latvia for her second novel, she

applied for a \$20,000 grant from the Guggenheim Foundation. They sent \$30,000.

Amazing grace ... and open eyes

by Iro Brendlinger

The powerful film *Amazing Grace* has made people aware that John Newton wrote the hymn *Amazing Grace* and that he was the “converted slave trader,” become pastor. He is colorful, even more than the film portrays. Rough. Tender. Committed. Faithful. Poetic. Relational. But especially, enigmatic.

Rough? Yes. He grew up on the sea (his dad was a sea captain), joined the navy in his late teens, rejected authority and went AWOL, was caught, but was such a problem that his commander discharged him to the captain of a slave ship. He later became a slave himself for 18 months. Eventually, he served as first mate on a slaver and then led three slaving voyages as captain. He handled the rough side of life with aplomb.

But he was also tender, faithful, and relational. Even in his “sinful” period in Africa his childhood sweetheart, Mary Catlett, remained in his heart, and he never broke trust with her. Separated by years and continents, he returned to find and marry her. Their love was rich and romantic until death. His tender letters to Mary are preserved and worth reading.

Add to that, he was “committed.” While pastoring in London he had an aunt in an insane asylum. St. Mary of Bethlehem. She could have no visitors, so every day he walked to a place where he could look high up to a window where she was waiting. It was his consistent ministry of encouragement.



“What cultural blindness might I wake up to in 20 years?”

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

But what is so enigmatic about him? Just this: Newton did not leave the slave trade because of his conversion. In fact, he became a slave trader after his conversion to Christ, and he left slaving not for reasons of conscience, but illness. The enigma intensifies. The above journal entries were written on slaving voyages and the hymn *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* was probably written on a slave ship with slaves stowed in the hold. He believed his slaving job was “the appointment Providence had marked out” for him. That, he reasoned, was why his life had been spared

through slave insurrections and storms at sea. He did not write against the slave trade until 34 years after he’d left it, and he never wrote against slavery itself.

I share Newton’s journey not to demean him, but to learn. What do I learn from Newton? That it is so natural to be blinded by our culture, even as Christians who love God. What do I learn about myself? That I am no different from Newton: I too am blind about the ways I contribute to harming others and my world. He

later lamented that he had done these horrid things with a clear conscience.

If I stop there, I’m safe; it’s Newton’s problem. But I won’t stop there. I must ask what cultural blindness might I wake up to in 20 years? What blindness will the church awaken to? How can my cultural blinders be removed? What actions should I take?

This may be a good time to ponder anew the heart of God, who asks us to break the bonds of injustice, share our bread with the hungry, clothe the naked, set the oppressed free, steward the earth ... love our neighbors.

Amazing grace doesn’t stop with my acceptance of forgiveness; God’s grace is “amazing” because it can open my eyes to the injustice and destruction around me that my culture makes me unaware of.

It is amazing, eye-opening grace. It calls me to take action.

Iro Brendlinger is a professor of religion. Read about his book on slavery, page 8.

Left: Janette Townsend

50-Year Reunion April 27–28

Members of the class of '57 and their spouses are invited to a reunion celebration. Class members will march in the spring commencement ceremony and be inducted as “Classic Bruins.” Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with your classmates and your alma mater. alumni@georgefox.edu, 503-554-2131

Commencement April 28

The university will host two commencement ceremonies on the Newberg campus Saturday, April 28, in the Miller Gymnasium/Wheeler Sports Center. Traditional undergraduate com-

mencement will be at 2 p.m. with audience seating beginning at 1 p.m. The commencement for graduate, seminary, and professional studies students will be at 7 p.m. with audience seating at 6 p.m. 503-554-2140

Golf Tournament July 10

The fourth annual George Fox University Golf Tournament will be held on the South Course of the Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha on Tuesday, July 10. The



tournament helps provide scholarship money for George Fox undergraduate students and gives the university and the Portland area business community the opportunity to become better acquainted. georgefox.edu/golf, 503-554-2116

Seattle Mariners July 28

Watch the Mariners take on the Oakland Athletics in Seattle with the George Fox family. Lunch at Safeco Field begins at 11:30 p.m., and the game at 1 p.m. Cost is \$40 for the game and lunch; tickets go on sale mid-May. alumni.georgefox.edu, 503-554-2121



Motorcycle Rally August 11


Alumni, parents, and friends of the university are invited to cruise with fellow riders from the George Fox community during the annual Motorcycle Rally. This year's event will include three rides and a biker's barbecue dinner on the Newberg campus. If you are interested in helping plan this event or would like more information, contact alumni relations: alumni@georgefox.edu, 503-554-2131



**Saturday, April 14, 2007
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**An Evening with
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The **Act Six** program annually provides full scholarships to a multicultural group of 10 Portland high school students beginning in the fall of 2007.

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Dynamic duo

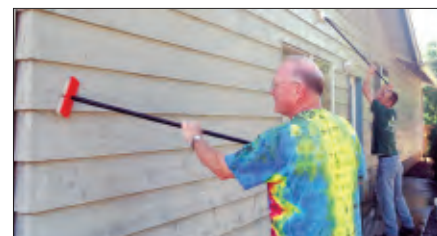


The fall 2006 issue of *Journal* included this photo of arguably the two most famous political figures in Oregon history. Both have ties to George Fox University. They are (left) Mark O. Hatfield, future Oregon governor and U.S. senator, and Herbert Hoover, the nation's 31st president. The two leaders were photographed Aug. 10, 1955, when Hoover returned to Newberg on his 81st birthday to dedicate his boyhood home as a national historic site. Hoover lived in

Newberg from 1884 to 1889 and attended Friends Pacific Academy, the forerunner to George Fox University. At the time of the photo, Hatfield was a state senator and the dean of students at Willamette University. Hatfield has been a member of the George Fox Board of Trustees and today teaches classes part time on campus.

Many of you answered our call to identify these two statesmen. You can read some memories of the day and the men

on page 2. Congratulations to Vic Napier (MBA '04) who received a \$50 gift certificate to the George Fox University Store for correctly identifying the two men. Napier said Hoover was obvious, but it took some time to identify Hatfield. "He's just a kid!" Napier wrote.



▲ Tell us more . . .

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



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