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OUR VISION

Our vision is to become one of the most innovative and engaging universities in the western United States known for academic excellence and for connecting the message of Jesus Christ to the global challenges and opportunities of the future.

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Biology professor John Schmitt with the chemical structure of Vitamin D. His research team is studying the effect of Vitamin D on breast cancer.

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Envisioning the Future: Helping Students ‘Be Known’



While attending the recent Lausanne Conference on World Evangelism in South Africa, I heard a story Libby Little told about husband, Tom, and nine other volunteers who were killed in Afghanistan in August. Tom, an ophthalmologist serving the poor with a Christian medical team, had his effects returned to his wife, including a blood-stained copy of his sermon to the team on their last Sunday. In it, he had talked about being “the aroma” of Christ to the world. Their deepest hope was that they would serve and make known Christ to the Afghan people.

It is our deepest desire that George Fox University produce people like Tom Little. When I look at higher education today, the evidence suggests something is missing.

In his 2007 article, “A New Professional: The Aims of Education Revisited,” Parker Palmer describes how some of the most egregious failures in our society—from corporate scandals to social injustices—are the result of educated people who “collaborate with evil” because their knowledge is detached from the human experience.

Palmer suggests college graduates are increasingly unable to “act ethically and courageously in the moment” when their highest values are threatened, in part, because of a breakdown in higher education, which too frequently devalues emotional intelligence, omits values from the learning process, and lacks discernment communities to help students process the knowledge they receive emotionally and intellectually. In this atmosphere, a college education becomes little more than knowledge-transfer.

This model of higher education is deficient for George Fox from a missional perspective, in that it doesn’t lend itself to the kind of Christ-centered education we, or our students, desire, as it tends to neglect the integration of the mind and the heart. Therefore, we are renewing our focus on educating “whole persons” by knowing our students personally, academically and spiritually. In recent conversations with our students, alumni and donors they have agreed that our focus resonates with the reasons they love George Fox. Students, faculty and staff come to George Fox because they desire to be known in these ways.

We believe the desire to be known is the hope each student brings to the college experience. It is also the key to developing the whole persons who are desperately needed to transform our businesses, churches and communities—graduates who are not only competent in their disciplines, but who also have the skill and the will to deal with the challenges that threaten their highest values. This is the future we feel is in keeping with our mission and our unique contribution to higher education.

We have helped prepare many graduates like Tom Little who serve Christ throughout our world. We will continue to value knowing our students in a way that transforms their lives through Christ and the life of the communities around them.

Robin Baker
President

A dramatic sunset was the backdrop for the women’s soccer team as they played their first game at the new Austin Sports Complex. (Page 6)



Rising Numbers: Enrollment, GPA and SAT Scores Increase

George Fox University broke its enrollment record this fall and welcomed a freshman class with the best academic credentials since 2003.

A record 3,484 students – including 655 new traditional undergraduate students – enrolled this fall, marking a 3.3-percent increase over last year’s 3,368 total. The academic quality of undergraduate students increased as the average freshman recorded a 3.6 high school grade point average and 1,113 SAT score.

George Fox also continued its recent trend of enrolling more students from diverse racial and economic backgrounds. Nearly 30 percent of new undergraduate students are non-white domestic students (20 percent) or international students (8 percent). By comparison, George Fox’s ethnic minority population in 2006 was 12 percent.

The school also enrolled students from economically diverse backgrounds, with nearly one-third (30 percent) of the incoming class receiving Pell Grants. The federally sponsored program offers need-based

grants to low-income college students, most of whom come from families that make less than \$20,000 annually, according to the U.S. Department of Education. George Fox was ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as one of the most economically diverse institutions in the National Universities category, ranking 77 out of 266.

With overall enrollment breaking the 3,400 barrier for the first time, George Fox is more than six times larger than it was in 1986, when 549 students attended.

The record incoming class and a strong 84-percent freshman-to-sophomore retention rate led to a record 1,863 traditional undergraduates. Another 260 enrolled in adult degree-completion programs. The traditional undergraduate total marked about a 9 percent increase over the fall of 2009 (1,712). The 655 new students also was a record and marked a 21-percent increase over the previous year’s total (518). At the graduate level, the university’s 16 graduate and seminary programs enrolled 1,361 students.

The high interest level in undergraduate

programs required the university to create a wait list for the first time in school history. For this reason, students interested in enrolling for the 2011 academic year are encouraged to apply early. The university’s early action application deadline is Dec. 1. Those who apply by that date will not be charged the \$40 application fee and are eligible to participate in the university’s scholarship competition.

The school’s priority application deadline (March 1 for transfers) is Feb. 1. Any application completed after that date will be considered on a space-available basis, according to Ryan Dougherty, director of undergraduate admissions.

“I believe our enrollment increase can be attributed to a number of factors, including continued national recognition of our programs, increased awareness of George Fox in our region, and prospective students’ understanding and valuing our mission and vision as a Christian institution,” said Dale Seipp, vice president for enrollment services.



NATIONAL HONORS KEEP ROLLING IN

Latest rankings from *Forbes*, *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Princeton Review* put George Fox on the short list of America's best Christian institutions

America's Best

For a third straight year, *Forbes* ranks George Fox as one of the top Christian colleges in the country and as the top Christian college in the Pacific Northwest in its August 2010 "America's Best Colleges" rankings.

Forbes ranked 600 of the roughly 4,000 colleges in the United States and based its rankings on "the quality of the education they provide, the experiences of the students and how much they achieve," according to the *Forbes* website. George Fox ranked No. 134 overall and joined Wheaton (No. 59) and Westmont (No. 81) as the top institutions in the 110-member Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.

Best National Universities

George Fox University earned a spot in the top tier of the "Best National Universities" category in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2011 "Best Colleges" guide, released in August.

George Fox ranked No. 170 overall, gaining the distinction of being one of the top 200 national universities in the country. The national universities category consists of 262 institutions (164 public and 98 private) that offer a wide range of undergraduate majors as well as master's and doctoral degrees, according to the *U.S. News* website. In all, *U.S. News* ranked more than 1,400 four-year colleges and universities in its annual evaluation.

George Fox was also one of the top Christian universities in the category, joining Azusa Pacific University of California (No. 167) and Biola University of California (No. 170) as the top three schools representing the 110-member Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.

George Fox's strong reputation was earned, in

part, from its 11-to-1 faculty-to-student ratio, one of the most favorable student-to-faculty ratios among CCCU schools.



Best in the West

For the seventh consecutive year, *The Princeton Review* has honored George Fox University as one of its "Best in the West" schools.

George Fox is one of 120 colleges and universities listed from the western states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Other institutions receiving the designation included Pepperdine University and Stanford University.

The *Princeton Review* rankings consider academics, quality of life, admissions selectivity, and financial aid. George Fox received a score of 85 out of 99 in admissions selectivity, an 84 out of 99 in academics, and a 90 out of 99 in quality of campus life.

The following is an excerpt from *The Princeton Review* profile of the university's academics:



"Students resoundingly agree that George Fox is 'a Christ-centered, academically challenging university where students are not a number' and where 'faith and learning' are integrated at 'a high academic level.' Accordingly, the 'devoted, amazing, [and] accessible' professors 'teach not only about academics but incorporate life skills into their lectures/teachings.'"

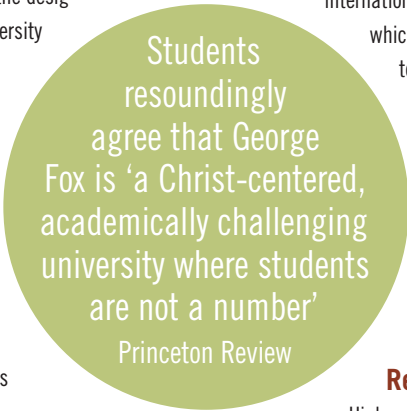
Study Abroad

With more than half of its undergraduates participating in international experiences, George Fox University is a national leader in providing study abroad and international outreach opportunities to its students.

Fifty-four percent of the university's traditional undergraduates study abroad before graduation. According to data compiled by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine for its 2011 "America's Best Colleges" issue, George Fox ranks No. 49 out of approximately 1,400 accredited institutions in the nation in percentage of students studying outside the country. George Fox also was among the top five Christian colleges in study abroad participation.

In addition, the university annually hosts an international service trip, May Serve,

which sends about 20 students to work with the people of a specific country. Past trips have gone to South Africa, Thailand, Malawi, Russia, Romania, Jamaica, Cuba, Brazil, India, Swaziland and the Philippines.



Counselor Recommendations

High school guidance counselors who advise students on college choices say George Fox University offers one of the best undergraduate educations in the state of Oregon.

Based on a national survey conducted by *U.S. News & World Report*, George Fox is tied for first among Oregon schools in the publication's "Best Colleges: High School Counselor Rankings of National Universities" list. George Fox is also the top-ranked Christian college among those schools in the 110-member Council for Christian Colleges & Universities categorized by *U.S. News* as national universities.



Soccer Field Celebration

After years of planning and fundraising, George Fox unveiled its new NCAA soccer field, part of the planned new Austin Sports Complex, with a pair of intercollegiate soccer games in September.

The Bruin men and women played their first games on the new synthetic soccer field installed over the summer. Competition began with the George Fox University men's team falling 3-0 to the Oregon Institute of Technology. The women played to a draw against Northwest University.

During a brief program between games, President Robin Baker honored those who have worked to make the complex a reality, including general contractor The Saunders Company and primary donors Ken and Joan Austin and Brad and Katharine Stoffer. Campus pastor Sarah Baldwin delivered an inaugural prayer.

The event celebrated a significant threshold in a project eight years in the making. In 2002, the Austins, founders of the A-dec



A ceremony between games highlighted the hard work by all those involved in making the fields a possibility.

dental manufacturing company, pledged 23 acres of land on the corner of Crestview and Villa roads for the expansion of George Fox athletics. The project received another significant boost in July of 2009 with the announcement of a \$1.2 million lead gift from the Stoffers and their Boedecker Foundation.

Since then, a \$250,000 matching grant donated by an anonymous Newberg family

in October of 2009 and a \$300,000 donation from Pacific Fibre Products of Vancouver, Wash., this spring helped boost the project's fundraising total to nearly \$2.1 million. Fundraising continues for the complex, projected to cost \$6.5 million.

Visit georgefox.edu/austin-complex for more information or to make a donation.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

MBA Offers New Concentration

The university's School of Business now offers strategic human resources management courses that can be taken as either a Master of Business Administration (MBA) concentration or as credit toward a graduate business certificate.

George Fox's HR concentration or certificate offering is the only graduate-level program in the Pacific Northwest recognized by the Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest association devoted to human resource management with 250,000 members in more than 140 countries, according to the organization's website.

The George Fox HR concentration and graduate certificate consist of three consecutive courses (nine credit hours). The first course began in late October. The concentration aims to prepare students for influential and strategic

work in the field of HR, focusing on the areas of leadership, management and administration.

Counseling Revisions

A restructuring of two graduate counseling degree programs will give students more freedom to specialize their degrees. George Fox now offers a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and a Master of Arts in Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling. The degrees replace the Master of Arts in Counseling and the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Seminary Adds Native American Program

A partnership finalized in June between George Fox Evangelical Seminary and the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies (NAIITS) will result in a new theological education program designed for Native North Americans.

The first offering will be a master of arts in intercultural studies program, tentatively scheduled to begin in January of 2011.

Terms of the agreement call for theological education for Native North Americans and other indigenous peoples to be delivered using instructional approaches and materials developed by NAIITS, according to Terry LeBlanc, executive director of NAIITS.

The courses will be written, directed and taught by faculty of national Native scholars, and each class will incorporate Native worldview and values. The entire program is built around an andragogical (adult learning) rather than pedagogical approach, allowing for greater creativity and flexibility for students to learn in their own unique cultural and social contexts.

Application deadlines

Full-time MBA: July 1 Part-time MBA: Dec. 1
Counseling: Feb. 28 Seminary: July 1

Michael Richeson



World Evangelization Conference

President Robin Baker and two George Fox professors traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, in October to attend a conference that brought together more than 4,000 Christian leaders from around the world.

The Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, held in collaboration with the World Evangelical Alliance, met for just the third time since 1974 with the purpose of “convening Christian leaders worldwide to confront critical issues of our time and help develop a deeper level of unity and collaboration in the ongoing tasks of bringing the whole gospel to the whole world.”

In addition to Baker, MaryKate Morse of George Fox Evangelical Seminary and Sarita Gallagher, a professor in the university’s religious studies department, attended. In all, leaders from about 200 countries participated. Among the issues discussed were world faiths, poverty, HIV/AIDS and persecution as they relate to the future of the church and world evangelization.

“These are critical conversations and a spe-

cial opportunity to connect with people around the world about Christian concerns,” Morse said. “Historically, Lausanne has been a major contributor to the unity of the church and to the importance of evangelism and social justice.”

Serving Oil Spill Victims

A team of 20 Oregonians, including Anna Berardi, director of George Fox’s Trauma Response Institute, visited the Gulf Coast in August to offer community service and technical expertise to those impacted by BP’s oil spill. As part of the 10-day visit, the team produced a multimedia documentary that will serve both as an educational and relational tool.

Berardi served as a disaster mental health specialist, exploring the resiliency and vulnerabilities of those affected.

The Oregonians Supporting Their Gulf Coast Neighbors team, organized by the Northwest Earth Institute, included teachers, religious leaders, artists, students, mental health personnel, and representatives from nonprofit organizations, businesses and the media.



D’Iberville, Miss., mayor Rusty Quave talks about the emotional and economic distress caused by the Gulf Coast oil spill.



Amanda Woodward and Evangeline Martin

Auxiliary Turns 100

The George Fox University Auxiliary marked 100 years of service to the school with a centennial celebration luncheon in August. The event featured Newberg resident George Edmonston, a local historian and storyteller.

The auxiliary began when Amanda Woodward and Evangeline Martin – two pioneering women who are the namesakes of the historic Wood-Mar Hall on campus – founded the organization on Oct. 15, 1910. The mission, which has remained unchanged for 100 years, is to “enlist a larger constituency in the promotion of the interests of the college socially, and to aid in its better equipment for work, along such lines as may be found to be effective.”



Serve Day 2010

For a 12th straight year, the university closed its doors for one day in September to allow students and employees to assist nonprofits, public agencies, churches, retirement homes and individual citizens during a day of service.

About 1,550 students and 300 employees participated in this year’s Serve Day. Teams performed a variety of projects – including construction, painting, weeding and cleaning – for 75 sites in Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas and Yamhill counties. Stops included the Oregon Zoo and the Portland Rescue Mission in Portland; the YMCA and Cat Adoption Team in Sherwood; the MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn; Medical Teams International in Tigard; and the McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity.

New sites this year included Innercity Sports Ministries of Portland, Women of Purpose of Newberg, the United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Marquis Care of Newberg and the Beaverton School District Clothes Closet.

The theme of the event was “In Word and Deed” and was based on Colossians 3:17: “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord.”

Ken McChesney, an assistant professor in the School of Education and a former Serve Day recipient, jumped at the chance to lead a team of students this year.

“I’ve been looking forward to Serve Day in anticipation of bringing comfort to another family in a similar way people brought comfort to us,” he said. “Not only did we get to serve somebody in the community, we also got to become a community ourselves.”

Watch the Serve Day 2010 video: georgefox.edu/serveday

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

By Sean Patterson

Oregon's top high school coach joins George Fox to lead the women's basketball program

Coach Michael Meek has to keep pinching himself. He has landed what he calls "the perfect job." He inherits a perennial Division III power in the George Fox women's basketball team that went 60-3 the past two years and won a national championship in 2009 under former coach Scott Rueck.



Michael Richeson



“When the job came open I was definitely interested, but it wasn’t like I knew from day one this was where I should be,” he says. “I was happy at Southridge. But once I stepped on this campus, I just knew. The more I learned, the more time I spent here, the more I realized this was the ideal situation.”

And it wasn’t just the Bruins’ track record that sold him. “As a Christian, I wanted to be in a place I truly believed in – a place that puts value in the things I value and somewhere I’d want to send my own kids to college,” said Meek, who has two girls, ages 8 and 5, with wife Lisa.

Meek knows he has big shoes to fill. Then again, he’s no stranger to winning championships himself. His teams at Southridge High School in Beaverton, Ore., won five of the last six Class 6A state championships. But Meek, 40, doesn’t broadcast his impressive record. He is humble to the core. In fact, ask him about his greatest basketball memory, and the first thing that comes to mind is an encounter he had with the father of one of his players.

“I was at La Grande High School and we had this senior girl who worked hard but didn’t play much,” he recalls. “After the season, her dad came up to me and thanked me. He told me she had had the time of her life. I’ll never forget it. It was just one of those amazing moments.”

Never mind all those buzzer-beating wins or net-cutting celebrations after another title. Meek’s fondest basketball memory came in a quiet room when a grateful father gave him a hug.

George Fox, which conducted a national search for a new head coach after Rueck left to take charge of the women’s team at Oregon State, found the ideal candidate in its own

backyard. Meek posted a career record of 264-79 in 13 seasons at La Grande (1997-2000) and Southridge (2000-10), and in 2005-06 he was named the MaxPrep National Girls’ Basketball Coach of the Year.

“We have hired Oregon’s most successful current high school girls basketball coach, and I couldn’t imagine a better fit for George Fox,” Athletic Director Craig Taylor said at Meek’s introduction as coach in July.

Mark Neffendorf, a coach who won state titles at Glencoe and Westview (Ore.) high schools, put it more emphatically. “George Fox could search the entire country and not find a better man for the job. Mike is consistent as a person both spiritually and relationally. He’s teachable – and humble.”

After a season in which the Bruins went 28-3 and reached the Elite 8 of the NCAA national tournament, you would think Meek is feeling some pressure to perform. Not a chance.

“I know we’ll be one of the conference favorites and that people will be out to get us,” said Meek, also hired to teach health and human performance classes. “Clearly the expectations are high. But I don’t focus on that stuff. I can’t worry about what others think of us or what people expect of us.”

George Fox returns two first-team all-Northwest Conference players in 5-foot-10 wing Keisha Gordon and 6-5 post Hannah Munger (pictured). All told, the team has eight returners and six promising recruits, including two all-state players.

But until he sees his players on the court – and learns more about the competition – Meek is shying away from predictions.

“I’m not a believer in putting pressure on players to win,” he says. “I emphasize working hard, being coachable, supporting your teammates and building character. You do those things well and the wins will follow.”

Meek would know.

For the season schedule, go to gfubruins.com.

Hunting a Molecular Predator

A Murdock grant allows four biology students to join professor John Schmitt in the fight against cancer.

By Michael Richeson

Jessica Milligan is part of a student team that is researching Vitamin D's ability to stop or slow down breast cancer cells through a grant by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust Foundation.



A grant by the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust Foundation is giving undergraduates at George Fox the opportunity to help fight breast cancer – a disease that will kill 40,000 women this year alone.

Biology professor John Schmitt wrote his proposal for the \$39,500 grant in September 2009 and submitted it to Murdock. Scientists from around the world anonymously reviewed the proposal and passed it along to another panel of experts that awarded the grant. Matching funds by George Fox pushed the total to more than \$47,000.

The grant helps the biology department and George Fox in multiple ways: It gives the university credibility with scientists involved in biomedical research, finances equipment purchases for future students, opens the door to additional grants, and creates paid jobs for undergraduate students.

“Murdock is very committed to involving students in research,” Schmitt said.

The four biology students helping Schmitt worked full time all summer. Each day, they looked at data, planned experiments and discussed their findings with Schmitt. Senior Samantha Smith, in her second year working on cancer research, “helped make some incredible discoveries in prostate cancer research,” Schmitt said.

The three new faces – senior Jessica Milligan and juniors Jessica Magill and Amanda Ankeny – have jumped into the process and become skilled molecular mechanics.

“They bring an energy and a passion to the lab,” Schmitt said. “They are doing things as juniors and sophomores that I didn’t do until I was in graduate school. It’s exciting to see a 20-year-old comprehend science I didn’t fully appreciate until I was well into my PhD.”

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For Magill, a Richter Scholar and a cell/molecular biology major, her desire to fight cancer is personal. Her brother was diagnosed with the disease a couple years ago.

“I knew I wanted to do research as an undergraduate,” she said. “When I found out Dr. Schmitt was doing cancer research, it was just, everything fit. I was thrilled. This opportunity is incredible.”

Cancer is a hostile disease with confounding complexity. It is not bound by age or race or location – whether internally or geographically. Cancer can strike nearly any part of the body, and its causes are legion. It’s a non-fiction version of the mythical Hydra: cut it off one way, and it can reappear stronger and deadlier than before.

Trillions of cells make up the human body. This staggering number of microscopic building blocks works with miraculous efficiency. Our hearts beat, our hair grows, our muscles contract and extend – all without any real thought or effort on our part.



↑ Jessica Magill, Jessica Milligan, John Schmitt, Amanda Ankeny and Samantha Smith will spend two years working on their breast cancer research.

← Jessica Magill became interested in fighting cancer when her brother was diagnosed with leukemia two years ago.



But then one or two of those cells become corrupt. Instead of dying, they divide and replicate, often at tremendous speed. The lump grows. Sometimes the abnormal cells break off and travel to another part of the body. There, they grow and attack on a new front. This happened to more than 1.5 million people in the United States in 2010. This year alone, more than 500,000 obituaries mentioned a fight with the disease.

That's where Schmitt and his team of students step in. The two-year project is called "Vitamin D Regulation in Breast Cancer Cells." Schmitt and the students are testing whether or not the hormone Vitamin D can slow down or stop the growth of cancerous cells.

Vitamin D is a hormone produced in the liver, and it may be able to control an enzyme called CaM Kinase. Schmitt uses an analogy of a car to describe the scenario:

The cell is like an automobile, and the tens of thousands of enzymes (including CaM Kinase) within it act as gasoline. A cancer cell is like a car with the gas pedal floored all the time. Schmitt and his student researchers are testing ways to slow down the car or stop it all together. If they can, then they "open the hood" and try to figure out what happened within the cell.

Can Vitamin D stop the runaway car?

"We went into the project feeling pretty confident," Schmitt said. "I think it's safe to say that we have strong preliminary data to suggest that's the case."

Schmitt and his team have already made significant headway into the research. He and the students will travel to Washington, D.C., this year for an experimental biology conference to present their initial findings. Within the next 12-16 months, the project's full findings will likely get published in a professional journal for other scientists to analyze. After that, clinicians could use the research to create new treatments.

Nearly 40,000 women and 400 men will die from breast cancer this year. If Schmitt and his

team can find a way to stop cancer's reckless road trip, thousands of patients may have new reason to hope a cure is on the way.

▶ **VIDEO:** Richter Scholar Jessica Magill is working to discover a molecular target for chemotherapy treatments. Watch as she shares her story: georgefox.edu/journalonline

🔊 **PODCAST:** Professor John Schmitt discusses his research and what it might mean for the fight against breast cancer: georgefox.edu/journalonline

Advanced Research at George Fox

The chemistry department, led by **R. Carlisle Chambers**, received a \$150,000 grant, which was matched by George Fox, from the National Science Foundation to purchase a \$250,000 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometer. NMR is used for characterizing the structure of molecular compounds and is state-of-the-art equipment that most small universities don't have. George Fox also created the Oregon NMR Consortium, a group of four regional colleges and universities that use the NMR either by visiting campus or controlling the instrument remotely over the Internet.

Biology professor **Jeff Duerr** – in collaboration with professor Jason Podrabsky at Portland State University – received a \$1.4 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to explain the cellular mechanisms of embryonic fish in states of suspended animation. The fish survive for months in extremely oxygen-poor mud flats during the dry season but return to normal function when the rainy season raises water levels. Duerr hopes his research may be applied to advanced organ preservation techniques in human medicine and to long-term space travel.

The Petroleum Research Fund awarded chemistry professor **Michael Everest** a \$65,000 grant for a three-year project to study the interaction of molecules with modified glass surfaces. The molecules, polyoxometallates, are used to improve the efficiency of fuel cells. Most of the grant will go to student and faculty summer stipends and pay for travel to scientific meetings. The funds will support a total of six students over three summers.

A Farmer's Faith

David and Nancy Brown grow Mustard Seed Farms 15 fold in 40 years

By Sara Kelm

It's a cool summer morning, and David Brown (G65) an organic farmer in St. Paul, Ore., stands with a sprayer, gently soaking the small, individually planted kale sprouts in his greenhouse. His clothing – collared shirt and knee-high rubber boots – is an interesting mix of board member and laborer, a fitting image of the various tasks he completes as owner of Mustard Seed Farms. His calmness belies the busy day ahead. First, the lettuce needs harvesting. Then cabbage needs to be packed, irrigation pipes need to be moved, fields need to be weeded. ... The “to do” list appears infinite.

After more than 40 years on the farm, Brown still works 15-hour days, greeting his crew at 6 a.m. He barely stops between coordinating his paid and volunteer crews, tending to new sprouts in the greenhouse, and completing invoices and seed orders. After dark, he does a last irrigation pump switch before coming inside

to check price lists and finish paperwork. Just keeping track of what he needs to do is a full-time job.

“I’m a big believer in notes,” he says.

And naps. When he can, he ducks into his living room, sits down in his big brown leather chair and shuts his eyes. Until his phone rings again: It’s Omar asking where the crew is scheduled next.

Keeping to the schedule as much as possible is a vital part of his business, something Brown learned as a child. After growing up on a farm near Sacramento, Calif., Brown attended George Fox University, where he majored in psychology. During his senior year, he helped farm a piece of land near St. Paul that his father owned. Brown chuckles

recalling the sheep operations he ran while living in Edwards Hall. After graduating from George Fox on Sunday and marrying Nancy (G65) on Monday, the Browns moved out to the farm, and



in the Mustard Seed

they have lived in and farmed around the Willamette Valley ever since. St. Paul is now the home of Mustard Seed Farms, the name a reminder “that God would help us figure things out and make the farm grow,” Brown says. “From as little as 5–6 acres, up to 75 acres, it’s been the Lord’s doing.”

Brown has dabbled with other jobs – raising goats, digging for worms, growing giant pumpkins – and tried seminary for a year. He loved those experiences but never felt fully at ease. The Lord has continued to bring him back to the land, and he loves it. Despite the hectic schedule, he wouldn’t have it any other way.

“I got a psychology degree from George Fox, and I’ve been playing in the dirt for 40 years,” he says.

Farmer Brown and his Mrs. let other people play in the dirt, too. A popular Mustard Seed Farms program is its community garden. In the summer, people pay just \$10 and work 12 hours for a weekly share of produce. More than 40 families participated this year.

The Browns’ farm has become a respected organic farm in Oregon, and their product ships to major grocery chains. Brown produces the Fred Meyer newspaper ad from under the coffee table and grins at the photo of the organic leaf lettuce from St. Paul, Ore. That’s his lettuce right there. Mustard Seed Farms has been certified organic since 1991, a decision that developed out of lifestyle changes the Browns made. The farm provides organic produce for the three major Portland co-ops as well as Fred Meyer, Safeway and Albertsons. Brown says he is “working with God’s creation to feed people. By farming organically and sustainably, we’re working with the way that God made things.”

Family Facts:

Children – two sons: one who graduated from GFU engineering program, one who works in produce for Fred Meyer

Favorite produce – sun gold cherry tomato or a nice fresh cantaloupe

Church – Newberg Friends

Trivia – was the student body vice president to Ron Stansell’s president in 1964-5

To find out more about the community garden program, visit mustardseedorganic.com

To Be Known.

It's the hope each student brings to the college experience. To be known by name. To be understood, valued, encouraged and uplifted. At George Fox, to be known means that professors and staff connect with students in authentic ways – personally, academically, spiritually – recognizing that we all come to this place with different backgrounds, life experiences and dreams for the future. To be known means that students not only learn new ideas, they share their own. To be known means to be heard. When a student feels what it's like to be known in this way, they become inspired. And that's when real change happens. Knowledge moves from the mind to the heart. Careers turn into callings. Faith turns into action. And that's why we begin with a simple promise, that each student will *be known*.

George Fox University introduced its new brand creative strategy this fall, which communicates the university's promise in two powerful words – Be Known. The promise unites the university's programs and people under its most powerful brand asset – our desire to know our students personally, academically and spiritually.

As a Christ-centered university rooted in the Friends tradition, we believe George Fox is uniquely designed to foster authentic and meaningful relationships that lead to personal transformation. Making these types of connections, inside and outside of the classroom, sets us apart.

In the last few years, the university has considered its future, particularly in light of the changing environment in higher edu-

cation where online methods of education are on the rise. After deliberating on our core strengths and mission, the university concluded that a predominately online model is inconsistent with our goal of providing Christ-centered education for the whole person.

“Against the tide, we are strengthening our commitment to high-touch education that educates the whole person and provides the greatest potential for personal transformation. This can only be fostered by genuine relationships in the context of a Christ-centered community focused on loving God and people,” explains president Robin Baker.

Faith touches every facet of the educational experience at George Fox. Faculty and administrators, who are all professing Christians, integrate faith and learning, and are passionate about helping students grow spiritually and discover their vocational callings.

The need to help prospective students and our supporters readily distinguish these strengths led to the work of building a new brand creative strategy – a compelling way to strengthen our reputation and help people make better decisions about which university would be the best fit for them to attend or support.

Creation of the brand creative was a university-wide effort, guided by the understanding that good marketing is not about creating something new, but about clarifying what already is. The process included the participation of more than 300 faculty, staff, board members and donors who shared opinions about what makes George Fox unique and special. A strategic university committee introduced the Be Known concept after a seven-month assessment process. The brand creative strategy focuses on connecting George Fox's passion for personal relationships in powerful ways to the desire college students have to be known on campus.

The next steps are to communicate our promise in engaging ways, strengthen our promise, and especially to live our promise – so more students will benefit from a college education that integrates faith and learning, and develops them as whole persons who become outstanding professionals in their fields.



The photo of every incoming freshman – all 655 of them – was pasted on oversized “Be Known” letters in the quad during the first day of orientation.

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↑ Incoming freshmen, along with orientation leaders, explore downtown Portland before spending the evening at an indoor ice rink at the Lloyd Center Mall. This group made its way to Voodoo Doughnuts.



ANNIE FOR PRESIDENT

By Michael Richeson



Michael Richeson



Smith roots for the men's soccer team during the first game on the new synthetic field.

No way was she going to run for office. The speeches, the long hours, the campaigning ... No thanks. Her last foray into politics had been in the sixth grade when her slogan, "Vote for Annie or she'll kick your fanny," catapulted her into the secretary's seat.

But, as often happens for senior Annie Smith, her plans changed. After serving as the Associated Student Community's public relations director, her friends – along with Kristina Findley, the associate dean of student leadership – encouraged her to run for president. Then she won. "It's kind of an exceptional thing," Smith says. "After the election, I felt this immediate love for the students. It was like, 'I'm going to care for you.'"

Serving as president gives Smith, an admitted extrovert, the perfect excuse to go to every school-related activity that fits in her schedule. "They are things I want to do anyway," she says. "I get to meet as many of the students as I can."

To find out how Smith and her vice president, Brady Mordhorst, won the election, how she's adapted to life as president and why she chose George Fox (and then left and came back again), go to the Journal online at georgefox.edu/journalonline for a photo essay and podcast interview.



After setting out free food in the ASC office, Smith creates a sign announcing an open house for students to come in and meet the leaders in student government.

Board Member Profile: David Andersen

By Kimberly Felton

David Andersen, president of Andersen Construction Company, joined the George Fox University Board of Trustees in 2008. With offices in Washington, Idaho and Oregon, Andersen takes on multi-million-dollar projects, such as the 14-story, 340,000-square-foot Peter O. Kohler Pavilion at Oregon Health & Science University. While Andersen's projects make an impressive mark in the Northwest, his wisdom, business acumen and deep faith are making their mark at George Fox.

Your dad built the business in the 1950s. Did you always plan to step into his shoes?

Not at all. I was going to be a rock star. It came out of seeing the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show when I was little. I started in a band in high school. My first year of college, I had a 1.67 GPA. My dad was paying and said, "No more." That was fine. I went full time into music. The last band I was in, Airborne, toured the West Coast, playing at clubs and colleges.

So what changed?

Our drummer returned from his dad's funeral and began the conversation of, "What really happened to him, and is there a God?"

I asked the question honestly, and one night after a gig, God revealed himself to me. There was a big party at our house when we got home, and I burst in and announced, "There really is a God!" That cleared the room within five minutes.

My grandmother had taken me to Sunday school when I was a kid, but it never dawned on me that Jesus was real. I asked him into my life and never did drugs again. It took me a while to know rock n' roll was not where I needed to be.

Then my question was, "Who is God?" I kept asking God, "Show me what to do."

How did you transition to construction?

I got a job washing skyscraper windows. Dad had started the engineering program at Oregon State University. I was interested and graduated with a BS in business with a construction engineering management minor. In 1980, one of dad's guys offered me a job in the accounting department. I moved up to chief financial officer, and in 1988 became president.

How does being a Christian affect business?

Our nine values came right out of the Bible. Our decision-making comes from those values. Our vision is to be the builder of choice. Our guiding question is, "If our client found out about this, would they choose us?" When you do it like that, people aren't just thinking about getting paid. It's about building a better future.

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Your graffiti at Shriners' Hospital is one example?

I heard from a Fox board member about a similar project in Boston, where kids got involved. I talked to our project team and steel workers. They went to the nursing staff and asked for kids' names, and spray-painted them on the steel beams. The names remain there, in memorial. Everyone got involved, from employees to sub-contractors, the hospital staff and parents. That's the power of setting the mission and vision out there so people can run with it. That's exciting to me.

Your company is involved in everything from hospitals to higher education. What projects do you most like?

Projects that involve organizations with a similar mission and values – organizations that look to help other people, not just put money in their pockets. That's why I like George Fox.

Why did you choose to serve on the George Fox University board?

George Fox is making a very real difference in our world. Serving with the board puts me in touch with a group of godly men and women, and gives me a way to influence our next generation of leaders."

David and his wife, Glenda, have been married 33 years. She was his band girlfriend. They have three children and six grandchildren.



Andersen in front of the Kaiser Permanente Hospital expansion in Beaverton, Ore.



1950–59

Margaret (Weber) Winters (G53) and **Norman Winters (n55)** are 2010 Volunteers of the Year for Friendsview Retirement Community, Newberg, earning recognition at the annual Oregon Alliance for Senior Health and Services luncheon in April at the Oregon Garden. Their total volunteer time averages nearly 120 hours per month, given to both Friendsview and George Fox University, which named him Volunteer of the Year in 2006.

Don Lamm (G56) and **Nancy (Trautman) Lamm (n56)**, after 55 years in ministry, in June retired (from Marion Friends Church, Turner, Ore.) after pastoring seven Friends Churches in the Northwest Yearly Meeting: Newberg, Portland First, Eugene, Rosedale and Marion in Oregon; Quincy, Washington; and Greenleaf, Idaho. He also was district superintendent in two areas and pastored a church in California, and for 12 years was a member of the George Fox University Board of Trustees, now an honorary member. They reside at Friendsview Retirement Community, Newberg.

1970–79

Bill Pruitt (G72) and his wife, Faye, continue to live in Newberg but have taken over pastoral duties at the Marion Friends Church in Turner, Ore.

Karen Rathkey (G72) has joined her alma mater as a payroll specialist II in the Office of Human Resources. She has been an HR administrative assistant at Linfield College since 2005. Previously she worked as an accountant and human resources representative for Inovise Medical Inc., Newberg.

1980–89

Chris (Fitch) Nordquist (G80) is one of the first five new teachers hired by Portland Community College to teach at its new Newberg location. She will teach writing and will continue as an adjunct professor at George Fox.

Mark Thalman (G82) has published a collection of his poetry, called *Catching the Limit*, containing 30 poems written over 25 years. Most are set in Oregon. Another collection, with the working title *The Place Called Home*, is pending. He teaches language arts at Evergreen Middle School in Hillsboro, Ore., where he began 27 years ago.

Randall Weisberg (DMin83) is a Veterans Service Representative with the Louisville Regional Office of the Veterans Benefits Administration, assisting in processing of disability claims for veterans with service-connected disabilities. He also is worship minister at Shively Christian Church in Louisville and teaches undergraduate and

graduate courses (Bible and ministry) online for Grand Canyon University after teaching on the Phoenix campus for two years.

Colleen (Gallagher) Holdahl (G87) received an MBA in human resources management in May from the University of Phoenix. She is in her fifth year as safety compliance coordinator for UPS, Portland, but in her 14th year with the company. For the last 25 years she also has had her own seamstress business, Alterations by Colleen, in her Dundee, Ore., home.

Matt Nosack (G88) was named 2010 Oregon 3A all-state co-coach of the year for leading his Santiam Christian High School baseball team to the state Class 3A baseball championship in June. He guided the Eagles to a 27-2 season en route to the PacWest Conference championship. He has been head coach at the Corvallis, Ore., school for 22 years.

1990–99

Dan Brown (G92) is staff engineer in the acoustics group with Honeywell Aerospace in Phoenix. In a senior role in the engineering organization, he currently is the lead engineer for all Honeywell products (approximately 20 systems) on the new Airbus widebody aircraft. His group designs and builds turbine engines for all sizes of aircraft and is tasked with minimizing their acoustic output. He and his wife live in the Phoenix suburb of Sunrise and coordinate the youth service for their church.

Janet Dondelinger (G94) during the last year worked with the Clark County (Washington) Historical Museum to write curriculum to bring artifacts from early Vancouver, Wash., into classrooms in the Evergreen School District. She piloted the social studies unit in her fourth grade classroom last fall and a

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video is posted on YouTube under "Artifact Detectives."

Tony Pruitt (G95) has joined the George Fox Institutional Technology staff in a new position of media production specialist. For the last two years he has owned and operated his own video production company, Storybox Productions, Newberg.

Sharon Sayler (MBA95) has a new book, published by John Wiley and Sons: *What Your Body Says (and How to Master the Message)*. It addresses how to inspire, influence, build trust and create lasting business relationships. She is co-owner and founder of Impression Engineers, an online marketing and design company based in Portland, in which she helps professionals become stronger communicators and leaders, matching body language to what they are saying.

Tim Anderson (MDiv96) is director of facilities and operations at Santa Cruz (California) Bible Church, using his background in construction and undergraduate degree in manufacturing design. He has been in youth ministry for more than 25 years and is active in The Core, a skate and surf ministry to kids in Santa Cruz, Capitola and Aptos, Calif. As an ordained elder, he also is involved in pre-

marital counseling and has performed five marriages this year.

Tricia (Gates) Brown (G96, MA97) in June received her Oregon landscape construction professional license and co-founded Gil and Trish Landscaping and Garden Design, based in Nehalem, Ore., and serving Oregon's north coast.

Elizabeth (Evon) Lee (G96) has been appointed by Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell to the statewide Independent Living Council, which oversees delivery of independent living services to Alaskans with disabilities. She lives in Bethel, Alaska, and has worked for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp. since 1997 as director of home care, administrator of senior and disabilities services, senior and disabled care coordinator, and medical social worker.

Ruth (Hinds) Royer (G96) is coaching the Wenatchee, Wash., Team in Training, a charity sports training program that is an extension of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Her team this year will participate in the Nike Women's Marathon in San Francisco, the Kauai Marathon in Hawaii and the Portland Marathon. She has been cross country coach at Quincy Junior High for 10 years and a track and field coach for four and is enrolled in a master's degree in teaching program through Heritage University, with the goal of becoming an elementary teacher.

Ryan Chaney (G97), owner/founder of Focal Point Digital Media, has been voted 2010 "Best All-Around Wedding Vendor" by readers of *Oregon Bride* magazine, its highest wedding industry award. The 21-year-old magazine with a readership of 95,000 announced the award in a ceremony in Portland in July. He also was awarded "Best Videographer" for the second consecutive year. Based in Salem, Focal Point Digital Media is in its seventh year and specializes exclusively in wedding videography.

Changing with the Season

Looking out my office window in Pennington House, I can see the seasons change. The trees are changing color, preparing to shed their leaves and make way for something new. Looking down at my desk I find similar circumstances, with exciting changes coming as alumni relations enters a new season of its own.



The most significant change is a dramatic shift in homecoming. After several years of discussion, the university's alumni board voted to move our annual celebration from winter to early fall. With the first fall homecoming in 2011, this transition will allow for an expanded schedule, more robust reunions, better opportunities to engage families, and more favorable weather. The change also prepares the way for the inclusion of George Fox football in three years. Although the details of our all-new homecoming celebration are still developing, I am especially excited for the stronger opportunity this change brings for our alumni to reconnect with George Fox and one another.

Moving homecoming also created an opportunity to develop a new large-scale event for alumni to cheer on the outstanding Bruin basketball programs. **Bruin Madness** will take place on Feb. 5, 2011, and will include a tailgate party, a family fun-zone, two basketball games, and a young alumni event.

Other changes to alumni relations include the development of regional connections events and a more focused effort on alumni of graduate and degree-completion programs. You can find out more about all of our upcoming events at georgefox.edu/alumni or facebook.com/georgefoxalumni.

I look forward to seeing you at a future event!

Sincerely,
Robby Larson
Director of Alumni Relations

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- GTraditional graduate
- nTraditional nongraduate
- MAMaster of arts
- MSMaster of science
- MATMaster of arts in teaching
- DMgtDoctor of Management
- MBAMaster of business administration
- GFESGeorge Fox Evangelical Seminary
- MDivMaster of divinity
- DMinDoctor of ministry
- MEdMaster of education
- EdDDoctor of education
- PsyDDoctor of psychology
- SPSSchool of Professional Studies



Scott Henry (G97) is a teacher and coach at East High School in Anchorage, the largest high school in Alaska with about 2,300 students. He was hired last fall as coach of the girls varsity basketball team, which was 10-7 in the Cook Inlet Conference.

Mark Hovee (PsyD97) is in private practice as a licensed psychologist and certified family

mediator in Paintsville, Ky. He has contracted with Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Ky.; University of Kentucky, Lexington; and Big Sandy Health Care, Prestonburg, Ky. He holds the rank of major in the Medical Service Corps as a reserve clinical psychologist and has authored *Wayward Soldier: A Reserve Psychologist's Memoir and Analysis During the Second American-Iraqi War*.

David Greep (SPS98), now known as the artist David Scotland, has collaborated with other entertainment industry professionals to create and issue a new music video of his song "Money." An August promotion release describes him as a "music revolutionist" and describes the video as bringing current economic issues in America to light, raising awareness of federal decision-making with the aim of giving a voice to the people. It notes the musician has overcome severe obstacles in his life, including diagnosis of cancer and then Asperger's Syndrome, and "his ability to beat all odds has inspired him to stand for the American people and raise awareness."

Tyler Johnson (G99) has been named associate professor of history at Philadelphia Biblical University, starting in August. He received a PhD in U.S. history from Purdue University in 2009 and last fall was a lecturer at Purdue prior to being visiting assistant professor last spring at Gustavus Adolphus College. He and **Karen (Witty) Johnson** (n02) live in Langhorne, Pa.

Molly (Galbreath) McFadden (G99, MAT00) has been named Washington State Teacher of the Year by the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education. She received the Ed Erickson Award and a \$5,000 cash award on Aug. 8. The award recognizes teachers who have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and novel programs that improve and promote career and technical education. She has been with the Edmonds School District since 2000, the first four years at Mountlake Terrace High and since 2005 at Lynwood High, where she is a family and consumer sciences education teacher.

Music to the Rescue

A George Fox senior music recital by an intended athletic training major has led to the creation of one of America's best vocal recording groups and stage appearances with personalities ranging from James Dobson and Luis Palau to President George W. Bush.

Rescue, started by **Jason Overstreet** (G96) after the reaction to his recital, is winner of last

year's Religious Album of the Year Award from the Contemporary A Capella Society of America for its CD "Before the Throne." The Portland-based group also was named runner-up in the Religious Song of the Year category for its song "Unleashed."

Overstreet switched his major after he was talked into trying out for and being accepted in George Fox's Dayspring touring vocal group. It was in that group that he picked up on vocal arranging, tutored by director Derric Johnson, who had directed "Voices of Liberty" at Epcot Center. As a senior, Overstreet completed an independent study course on vocal arranging in which he composed five a capella songs. During his recital he played one piano piece then was joined by eight other friends to perform the five a capella numbers.



"After the recital, I felt God was leading me to take a shot at starting a group and seeing where it would go," Overstreet says.

Where it's gone is to a full-time ministry touring the nation and even overseas. Rescue has released six albums and this year its first single, "Beautiful". In September in Colorado Springs for a Freedom Congress performance,

Rescue released an extended play recording, "InDependence," with four numbers.

The initial Rescue in 1997 had two other George Fox graduates, **Chad Krober** (G97) and **Matt Lusk** (G01). Overstreet is the only member remaining of the original four-member group, which now has five participants, but only four on stage at one time. Overstreet says he now has the "best of both worlds" by being able to be on stage singing or being on the sound board, where he enjoys more creative control.

Emphasizing that Rescue is a ministry – one that appeals to all ages, Overstreet says, the group now is able to "pick and choose" venues in an attempt to spend more time at home. The future: "We'll see where the Lord leads," he says.

2000–09

Dane Batty (MBA01) has compiled and released a new book, published in June by his own Nish Publishing Company, Hillsboro, Ore. The book, *Wanted:*



A Grand Hike

Nearly 50 years after he first hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, **Galen Miller** (G43) wanted to go again. He prepared – for months. He hiked up to seven miles a day in the countryside around his Wenatchee, Wash., home, carrying a 25-pound weight in his backpack.

Miller completed that Grand Canyon hike in November. At age 91. Accompanied by two sons and three other family members, Miller took two days to hike down the Bright Angel Trail from the canyon's south rim, camped two nights at Phantom Ranch Campground near the Colorado River, then climbed back out over the next two days. "In earlier trips, we would go down in a day and up in a day," he says. "We took longer as a concession to my age." His previous trip was at age 75. This was his sixth.

Miller has now backed off his pre-trip routine, but still lifts weights in the Wenatchee Valley YMCA three days a week and hikes three miles during his off days.

A 1943 graduate (when the school was Pacific College), Miller was a member of the baseball team for three years, playing

second base. He worked for two years as a plumber in the Portland area before starting college, then worked three jobs during the school year to stay in school: mopping a restaurant after breakfast, driving a school bus in the afternoon, and working as a plumber on weekends. That left little time for many other activities, but he remembers the Bruin Junior skirmishes and recalls helping in their instigation. "We spearheaded one hassle," he says. "Actually it was downright wrestling."

A religion major, Miller went on to graduate from Bethany Theological Seminary in Chicago with a bachelor of divinity degree, then in 1971 went back to school at Chicago Theological Seminary and completed a doctor of religion. He had two diverse, long and overlapping careers: 30 years as a commercial plumber and 30 years as a minister. After receiving his doctorate,



he was named pastor of the Sunnyslope Church of the Brethren in Wenatchee (which he still attends), then was selected as district executive for the Church of the Brethren's Oregon-Washington district, retiring in 1986.

With his ongoing workout routine are there any further plans for hiking the Grand Canyon? "No, it's not in the offing," he says, citing the "terribly rough" south trail. But he adds: "I wonder about the north rim trail ..."

Gentleman Bank Robber: The True Story of Leslie Ibsen Rogge, One of the FBI's Most Elusive Criminals, is about his maternal uncle. Batty doesn't actually write the story – Rogge, believed responsible for more than 30 bank robberies from which he made away with more than \$2 million, tells it in his own words, with commentaries by Batty, who began the project 10 years ago.

Nigel Hunter (G01) is at Wenatchee (Wash.) High School where he is head coach for girls soccer, a social studies teacher and a teacher with the Advancement Via Individual Determination program, a national college-preparatory program for students who come from non-college backgrounds.

Nathan Sanow (SPS01) in June was named vice president of voluntary sales and market-

ing for Regence Life and Health Insurance Company, Portland. He left his position as senior account executive after nine years with Unum. At Regence, which sells group life and disability insurance products, he will lead the company's expansion into the group voluntary benefits market.

Abby Godwin (G02) was part of nine mother-daughter pairs exhibiting work at the May Friday Art Walk in Baker City, Ore. She lives in Halfway, Ore., teaching art at her alma mater, Pine Eagle High School, taking over teaching art from her mother, Jennifer Godwin, when she retired after 20 years in the position.

Lindsey (Bennington) McDowell (G02) is an administrative analyst and secretary of the board of directors of the Portland branch of

the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Flora (Richards) Richards-Gustafson (G03) in March started her own company, Freelance Flora, in Newberg. She began writing professionally following graduation and now is offering professional freelance writing services on a full-time basis.

Frances Verbruggen (MA03) is the co-author of *Writing Instruction and Assessment for English Language Learners K-8*, published by Guilford Press in April. The paperback is written with Susan Lenski. It features standards-based lesson planning ideas, examples of student work, and 15 reproducible worksheets. Verbruggen is currently pursuing an EdD at Portland State University.

Anne (Robinson) Barrans (G04) and **Tim Barrans** (G04) live in Bend, Ore., where she has

Photo courtesy Wenatchee World



Peacemaker in a Land of Conflict

Esther Mae Hinshaw doesn't look a whole lot like a patrol officer in the classic sense: commanding physical presence, uniform, weapons at hand. Yet, this 5-foot-2-inch, graying 68-year-old retired school teacher is just that – and in a land noted for centuries of conflict.

On a two-month assignment that ended Oct. 1 – and with more in the future – Hinshaw (G64) patrolled the streets of the ancient city of Hebron in the West Bank, about 19 miles south of Jerusalem. It is a city of tension, with nearly daily episodes of conflict between resident Palestinians and Jewish settlers. Participating with Christian Peacemaker Teams and paying her own way, Hinshaw and other team members observed, documented confrontations, stepped in and mediated if possible, and took photographs and logged reports.

“It's hard to know what we have accomplished, but the Palestinians tell us that our presence here makes a difference in how they are treated,” Hinshaw said from Hebron.

The teams of two to six members try to do four city patrols daily, especially when Palestinians are trying to get to the mosque for prayer and children are trying to get to school. If they see people being

detained, they make their presence known. At times she and others spent the night with families – at their request – in the small outskirts village of Bweireh. CPT team members were called because of attacks or anticipated attacks by Jewish settlers. The hope is that their presence will make it less likely the settlers will attack. Hinshaw in one instance slept on the front porch overnight to be a deterrent.



Committed to three years with Christian Peacemaker Teams, Hinshaw had a month of training in Chicago in 2009. This followed her own visit to the Middle East three years ago. “Actually seeing what was happening was a totally different experience” she said. “I was appalled at the impact of the wall on Palestinians . . . (it) generally makes their lives more difficult.”

“I didn't want to come home and just forget about the situation,” she said. After more thought and prayer and at the encouragement of 2003 graduate **Matt Chandler** with CPT, she participated in a two-week “delegation” trip and was convinced of her need to be involved.

When home in Newberg at Friendsview Retirement Community, she participates in Family Friends, a program that pairs older adults with children who have delays or medical issues, and plays and works with a second-grader with Down syndrome.

Photo courtesy Esther Mae Hinshaw

opened a Snap Fitness franchise that has become the company's largest membership franchise in Oregon. He is an electrical engineer with Central Electric Cooperative, the local power company, and recently was promoted to distribution engineer.

Jeff Otis (G04) was one of 13 volunteers traveling last December to Sierra Leone, Africa, where they helped build a new playground for a small village of orphaned children. The volunteers were through Eastlake Community Church, Bothell, Wash., and the Children of the Nations organization. He is with Evergreen Capital Management, Bellevue, Wash., as investment advisor rep-

resentative, and lives in Kirkland, Wash. He was highlighted in a February article, “Young Bellevue: the New Generation of Movers and Shakers,” in the *Belleuve Scene* publication.

Tobin Rummel (G04) received a doctor of osteopathy degree in May from Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, Calif., and now is a physician resident at Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis, Ore.

Grady Shaver (G04), in October, joined the Family Health Centers in Okanogan, Wash., as a dentist. He earned his dental degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine.

Sally Bartlett (MA05), an economic development coordinator in Grant County, Oregon, is one of two new members of the Columbia Blue Mt. Resource Conservation and Development Council. It serves as a catalyst for natural resource-based economic development working in five eastern Oregon counties. Previously, she was state coordinator for the USDA Child and Adult Food Program in Idaho.

Robert Harding (MBA05) in August was named president of Pacific Continental Bank, greater Seattle market. He was promoted from senior vice president and relationship banking team leader for Pacific



Continental's Portland market. He has been with the bank, which has 14 offices in Oregon and Washington, since 2000. Previously he was with Bank of America, the last position as vice president and manager of the Lloyd Center branch, Portland.

Mark Johnson (G05, MAT06) has been named head coach for girls basketball at St. Paul (Ore.) High School. In his fifth year as a science teacher at the school, he was an assistant coach for boys basketball last season. The St. Paul girls have a strong Oregon tradition with 18 state tournament appearances, including a state title in 2007, best in the state.

David Jones (MA05) and **Kathleen Jones** (MAT07) have returned to Newberg where he is enrolled at George Fox to earn a second masters degree – this one in divinity – and she now is periodicals assistant in the Murdock Learning Resources Center. For the last three years they were in Fort Worth, Texas, where she home-schooled their three children and he was a hospice chaplain for Universal Health Services and completed a clinical pastoral education residency with Harris Methodist Hospital System.

Evangeline Pattison (G05) has returned to George Fox as director of event relations. She was an administrative assistant in the Office of University Relations from 2005 to 2007 and currently is completing a degree in George Fox's MEd program. Last year she was a K-8 teacher and education consultant in Krasnodar, Russia, with The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Mark Campbell (MAT06) has been hired as an assistant women's basketball coach at Oregon State University, moving from St. Mary's College, Moraga, Calif., where he was assistant men's basketball coach last season after one year as director of operations. He was the first hire by former Bruin women's coach Scott Rueck, after he was named OSU head coach in June.

Derek Johnson (G06) in December was

named director of Applegate Place Assisted Living in Sutherlin, Ore. Managed by Concepts in Community Living, it has 30 apartments and is a licensed assisted living residence. He moved from Clatsop Retirement Village in Astoria, Ore., where he was administrator.

Joel Gregor (PsyD07) has joined George Fox's psychology doctorate program as director of the Behavioral Health Clinic and as an assistant professor of psychology. For the last three years he was a clinical psychologist at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem, providing therapy, supervision, assessment and neuropsychological screenings in the forensic ward. He also worked part time in George Fox's Behavioral Health Clinic.

Michael Harklerode (MEd07) in July became principal of Siuslaw (Ore.) Elementary School, moving from the Hillsboro (Ore.) School District where he was Teacher on Special Assignment for the last three years, working with administrators to lead staff development.

Rob Melton (SPS07) has founded Tips for Tots, a program in which Salem, Ore., food and drink servers, bussers and other staff donate one night's trips to buy Christmas presents for homeless families in the area. The program has raised \$30,000 in the last 12 years. He is an evening bartender at several night spots in Salem, taking care of his two sons during the day.

Amanda Turner (G08) in July moved to Gimje, South Korea, where she teaches English as a second language to kindergarten through high school students at a public academy.

Mandee (Spotts) Wilmot (G08) and **Ryan Wilmot** (G09) live in Newberg where she is an undergraduate admissions counselor at George Fox. He is a designer at Pivot Group, a marketing firm in Portland.

Jennifer Berry-O'Shea (MAT09) began her teaching career last fall as language arts and social studies teacher at Sweet Home (Ore.) Junior High.

David Courtney (EdD09) is the new superintendent of Butte Falls School District in northeast Jackson County, Ore. Previously, for eight years, he was superintendent of the Harney County (Ore.) School District after seven years as superintendent in Crane County, Ore.

Hannah Dorr (G09) started this summer as an administrative assistant for admissions at George Fox's Portland Center. As a student and temporary employee she worked in the university's human resources and graduate admissions office.

Jennifer Martin (MAT09), in her first year of teaching, has been honored with a 2010 GIANTS award and \$2,000 cash for her exceptional work as a science teacher. She teaches at Homedale (Idaho) Middle School. The award was created by the Idaho Governor's office and is sponsored by the Science and Technology Roundtable. It recognizes teachers for their efforts to link industry and the state's economy to the classroom through enhancement of science and technology education. During the year she also wrote a QWEST grant, receiving nearly \$10,000 for the school to purchase science equipment.

Katie (Andrews) Meinzinger (G09, MAT09) is a music teacher with the Pine Eagle School District in Eastern Oregon. She and her husband, also a district teacher, live in Halfway, Ore.

Anna Philipsen (G09) has returned to her alma mater as assistant director of alumni relations. Since 2005 she has been a self-employed graphic designer, musician and tutor and last year gained marketing experience with a medical manufacturing company. As a student she was Associated Student Community activities director and worked in the university relations office she has rejoined.

Megan Servoss (G09) is with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley (Oregon), overseeing activities at the White City branch,



which has 100 to 150 children 6 to 18 participating daily in indoor and outdoor activities.

Alison Hudson (MAT10) has two positions in the Newberg School District: teaching sixth-grade math and seventh-grade science at Chehalem Valley Middle School and ninth-grade biology at Newberg High School. She also is coaching the junior varsity girls soccer team.

Dave Masenhimer (MAT10) is teaching sixth-grade core and eighth-grade reading at Mountain View Middle School, Newberg.

Karen Shimer (MDiv10) in July became the new pastor of Canby (Ore.) United

Methodist Church. She continues to live in Beaverton, where her husband is pastor of Westside United Methodist Church.

JUST MARRIED

Jennifer Hooper (G91, MA09) and Steven Barker, May 15, 2010, in Portland.

Jason Overstreet (G96) and Marisa Frasier, June 2, 2010, in Hood River, Ore.

Aaron Routon (G00) and Emily Bradford, Aug. 6, 2010, in Sitka, Alaska.

Kimberly Weirich (G01) and Jeremy Zahler, Jan. 15, 2010, in Denver.

Lindsey Bennington (G02) and Brian McDowell, July 4, 2010, in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Nikki Chase (G04) and Paul Blakesley, Sept. 5, 2009, in Clarksburg, Calif.

Scott Merrin (G06) and Laura Chapman, June 26, 2009, in Angola, Ind.

Brandon Rupp (G06) and **Kristine Liptak** (G08), July 25, 2010, in Portland.

Bethany Tibbs (G06) and Gordon Alanko, May 30, 2010, in Salem, Ore.

Alison Towne (G07) and Kyle Olson, April 17, 2010, in Tacoma, Wash.

Megan Weiss (G07, MAT10) and **Timothy Love** (student), July 16, 2010, in Carlton, Ore.

Tim Alvey (G08) and **Rebecca Whitley** (G09), May 29, 2010, in Caldwell, Idaho.

Nicole Clement (G08) and **Ryan Weldon** (G09), July 11, 2009, in Newberg.

Katie Andrews (G08, MAT09) and Stephen Meinzinger, July 10, 2010, in Burns, Ore.

Mandee Spotts (G08) and **Ryan Wilmot** (G09), July 17, 2010, in Yamhill, Ore.

Stephen Pick (G09) and **Jessie Sarver** (G10), June 26, 2010, in Oregon City, Ore.

Kathleen Kehmeier (G10) and **Perry Knudson** (G10), June 19, 2010, in Port Angeles, Wash.

Kyle Johnson (G09) and Haley Johnson, November 27, 2009, in West Linn, Oregon.

NEW BOOK FEATURES FOX

George Fox University (one of his six alma maters) is highlighted by **Anthony (Tony) Blair** (DMin05) in his newest book as one of five models of more collaborative relationships between the nation's churches and Christian colleges.

Church and Academy in Harmony: Models of Collaboration for the Twenty-First Century was published in August by Pickwick Publications, a division of Wipf and Stock Publishers, Eugene. The book carries a review by George Fox President Robin Baker, who had Blair as a student.

The six-chapter book analyzes the historic relationship between church and academy, identifying external forces and philosophical/theological tensions between pulpit and lectern, with the aim of analyzing and recommending how these same forces can be harnessed together in more collaborative relationship in the 21st century.

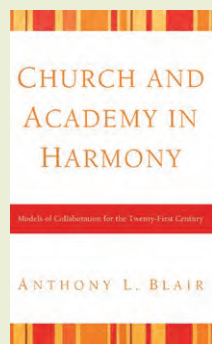
George Fox, Huntington University in Indiana and Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa., are closely examined in the book. Blair earned an MA in ministry from Huntington in 1989, holds two other master's degrees from other institutions and a PhD (1999) from Temple University in addition to his ministry degree from George Fox Evangelical Seminary. He

currently is at Eastern as associate professor of leadership studies/program development specialist.

Blair notes that his background in both church and academy gives him perspective to author the book. He is an ordained elder in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and is a former superintendent of the denomination and currently is co-senior pastor of Hosanna! A Fellowship of Christians, in Lancaster County, Pa.

Hoping the church and academy can become engaged in "a more collaborative relationship," Blair says models "can grow from the unique strengths of existing institutions, as illustrated by the three case study institutions, or can arise from fresh thinking about the role and function of a Christian university, as illustrated by two hypothetical models introduced here."

In his endorsement and review in the book, Baker says: "This book is hopeful and visionary. Perhaps most importantly, Blair writes from a perspective of deep personal faith in Christ and challenges all Christians to be in dialogue and relationship as they seek to engage the world with the message of Christ."





Andrea (Sample) Adamson (G98) and Matthew Adamson, a boy, Henry Shamus, March 16, 2010, in Eagle Mountain, Utah.

Chad Pohlman (G99, MAT01) and **Lacey (Langmade) Pohlman (G03)**, a girl, Payton Joy, April 22, 2010, in Bellevue, Wash.

Jonathan Williams (G99) and **Carol (Walter) Williams (G01)** a girl, Myla Jean, April 6, 2010, in Big Rapids, Mich.

Teddi (VanHooser) Bledsoe (G00) and David Bledsoe, a boy, Landon Otto, Aug. 25, 2009, in Boise, Idaho.

Jessica (Brawn) Brosius (G00) and Micah Brosius, a boy, Finn Christopher, May 26, 2010, in Corvallis, Ore.

Melissa (Heuberger) Nisly (G00) and Ryan Nisly, a girl, Ashlynn Rose, March 18, 2010, in McMinnville, Ore.

Kirsten (Kessler) Thiel (G00, MAT03) and Matthew Thiel, a girl, Brenna Renae, March 26, 2010, in Portland.

Keith Wade (G00) and **Camille (Hansch) Wade (G01)**, a girl, Tegan Camille, March 17, 2010, in Everett, Wash.

Katie (Horning) Evans (G01, MEd04) and Tim Evans, a boy, Elijah Earl, May 23, 2010, in Beaverton, Ore.

Nigel Hunter (G01) and Nicole Hunter, a girl, Genevieve Maxine, April 28, 2010, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Benjamin Larson (G01) and **Shaura (Neil) Larson (G01)**, a girl, Maren Aria, Oct. 23, 2009, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Kelsey (Kaopuiki) Mesa (G01) and Miguel Mesa, a boy, Isaac Michael Keona, June 2, 2010, in Vancouver, Wash.

Brian Odegard (G01) and **Lisa (Sutton) Odegard (G01)**, a boy, Stellan Clarke, April 17, 2010, in Seattle.

Frances (Kuntz) Towne (G01) and **Forrest Towne (G02)**, a boy, Solomon Thomas, March 19, 2010, in Havre, Mont.

Heidi (Hardenburger) Courtney (G02) and Trevor Courtney, a girl, Caitlin Laine, May 2, 2010, in Salem, Ore.

Emily (Martinez) Brent-Fulps (G03) and Evan Brent-Fulps, a boy, Caleb Reide, May 4, 2010, in Portland.

Annalisa (Crabb) Kane (G04) and Derek Kane, a girl, Emmalaina Rose, April 8, 2010, in Portland.



Beginning next issue, we will include baby photos in the Baby Bruins section.

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Christina (Gale) Welstad (G04) and **Kyle Welstad (G04)**, a girl, Addison Grace, Aug. 21, 2009, in Salem.

Robert Gaslin (G05) and **Josey (Hilton) Gaslin (G06)**, a boy, Henry Charles, July 30, 2010, in Baker City, Ore.

Amy (Endicott) Wolff (G05) and Jake Wolff, a girl, Avery Lane, April 23, 2010, in Newberg.

Cheryl Gmirkin (MBA06) and Keith Gmirkin, a girl, Vesper Sage, April 21, 2010, in Boise, Idaho.

Valerie (Plowhead) Parks (G06) and Matt Parks, a boy, Britton Matthew, Nov. 15, 2009, in Corvallis, Ore.

Matt Zarzana (G06) and Angela Zarzana, a boy, Conor Matthew, July 2, 2010, in Vancouver, Wash.

Ginny (Hodges) Carroll (MAT07) and Jeff Carroll, a girl, Sylvia Grace, June 4, 2010, in Red Lodge, Mont.

Brian Snider (G08) and **Rebecca Snider (n09)**, a girl, Hannah Elizabeth, June 10, 2010, in Newberg.

Kyle Johnson (G09) and Haley Johnson, a boy, Kaden Olif, May 18, 2010, in Tualatin, Ore.

IN MEMORY

Charles Morgan (GFES58), July 27, 2010, in Newberg.

Karen (White) Combs (n77), Aug. 12, 2009, in Philomath, Ore.

Leslie (Wanek) Sgaglione (G86), Aug. 8, 2010, in Amagansett, N.Y.

Shanna (Oliver) Cooley (G92), May 21, 2010, in Salem, Ore.

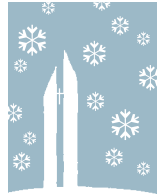
Barbara (Weaver) Godsey (SPS94, MAT00), July 3, 2009, in Dillard, Ore.

Pamela Annette Lynn-Lupp (SPS07), Aug. 4, 2010, Beaverton, Ore.

George Fox University's Traditional Christmas on the Quad

December 3

It's just like you remember from your days as a student! Bring your family and join current George Fox students as we sing Christmas carols by candlelight. Free cookies and hot chocolate will



be provided by Bruin Heritage Society and alumni relations. *For more information, contact alumni relations at 503.554.2131, visit georgefox.edu/alumni or [facebook.com/georgefoxalumni](https://www.facebook.com/georgefoxalumni).*

Regional Connections Event Tacoma – Bruin Basketball at PLU

December 4



The Bruin basketball teams are going to Tacoma, Wash., and we want you there to cheer them to victory! Join other alumni, parents, and

friends, as we pack the bleachers with a small, but loud group of Bruin faithful. A pre-game reception for George Fox fans will be hosted by alumni relations near the PLU campus.

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Christmas Concert

Dec. 10-11 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 12 2:30 p.m.

This year's concert series, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," features more than 135 student musicians from several of the university's music ensembles. Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season through the singing of familiar carols, new arrangements of traditional music, narration and Scripture readings. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors/GFU alumni and \$6 for students/children. *Tickets available online at music.georgefox.edu or through the box office at 503-554-3844.*



Bruin Madness

February 5, 2011

Don't miss this all-new event, destined to become a new favorite George Fox tradition!



Bruin Madness is filled with exciting events for all alumni. From the family-friendly tailgate party and KidZone, to

the young alumni night, there is something for everyone. The event culminates with a basketball doubleheader as the Bruins take on Lewis & Clark. *For more information, contact alumni relations at 503.554.2131, visit georgefox.edu/alumni or [facebook.com/georgefoxalumni](https://www.facebook.com/georgefoxalumni).*

Sticky Faith: Kaleo – a conference for people who engage with youth

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Why do half of believing high school graduates abandon their faith after they exit college? Using research from Fuller Youth Institute, Kara Powell, director of



Fuller Youth Institute, and Jon Furman, local pastor to youth, will address this topic at the upcoming Kaleo conference. Both speakers will provide practical ways to keep students of all ages and grades engaged in their faith, so that they build faith that sticks.

kaleo.georgefox.edu

Scholarship Competition

February 11-12, 2011

Participation in Scholarship Competition is by invitation only. Students with outstanding

academic records, test scores and leadership ability are encouraged to apply to participate. *scholarship.georgefox.edu*



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Junior Sarah Cadd, the activities director for the Associated Student Community, enjoys a warm fall day on a giant slip 'n' slide set up on the Quad. Visit our Facebook page for the complete photo gallery at on.fb.me/c0Bc3w