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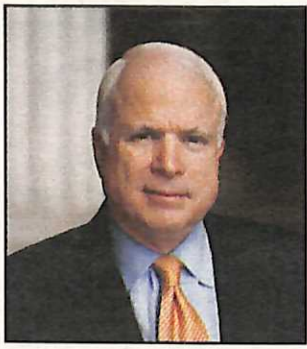
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Increased sliding and gliding causes administration to rethink chapel policy

By BRIDGETTE HARMON
News Editor



Recently students have been blatantly swiping and ditching in front of George Fox Student Life staff members.

Photo by ERICA BADER

Slide and glide. Swipe and ditch. No matter what you call it, students' habit of sliding their cards for chapel and leaving before the service is over has caused the George Fox administration to consider changing its chapel attendance policy.

"While we have no firm plans at this point to change our chapel attendance system, it is certainly a concern," said Mark Pothoff, dean of students.

In a recent email survey conducted by George Fox students Laura Jones, Lauren Miller and Tiffany Nevills, 37.6 percent of the 109 students who responded admitted to sliding and gliding.

"Especially in the last year or two," said Pothoff, "we have had an additional problem with students getting up and leaving in the middle of chapel, which feels disrespectful. People even walked out during former president Brandt's farewell speech."

Sarah Thomas Baldwin, campus pastor, said, "There are two main conversations about this issue: Should we require chapel? And, if we do require it, what is the best way to hold students accountable?"

Some of the most common reasons for swiping and ditching that Pothoff hears from students are:

- I only like the worship, not the teaching.
- I shouldn't be forced to be spiritually formed.
- I'm too busy—chapel time is my only chance to study or eat.
- The teaching in chapel doesn't agree with my personal beliefs.

Chase Tedrow, a senior political science

major, said, "I don't think I ever swiped and ditched, but I can see why some people do. I've walked out of a few chapels halfway though because I thought the doctrines the speakers were teaching were at least borderline heretical."

One example of such a teaching that Tedrow mentioned was a speaker in the fall of 2006 who said all religions lead to God. This speaker said that Christians should participate in the practices of other religions such as Buddhism and Hinduism and learn from their teachings in order to fully understand God.

Pothoff and Baldwin have listened to several suggestions on how to counteract sliding and gliding, from making chapel attendance completely optional to posting staff members in the Bauman lobby during chapel.

One proposed solution under consideration is to install a second set of card scanners in Bauman. Students would then have to slide their cards going in to chapel and coming out of chapel in order to receive credit. This is the system for recording chapel attendance at Pepperdine University, for instance.

Corban College, on the other hand, has recently made their chapel attendance voluntary. Dr. Kent Kersey, campus pastor at Corban, said, "Chapel attendance is an expectation, not a requirement. The value of this is that students at chapel want to be there, and that adds a unique atmosphere to our chapel program."

Both Pothoff and Baldwin would prefer to keep chapel a mandatory element of George Fox

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George Fox MBA student project helps secure Google Grant for Portland YWCA

George Fox University Press Release

Portland, Ore. (Jan. 15, 2008) – Thanks to a team of students from George Fox University's Master's in Business Administration program, the Portland YWCA was recently awarded a Google Grant™ of free Google AdWords™ advertising on Google.com.

"This is great news and was a direct result of the MBA team from George Fox University," YWCA Director of Development Bruce Patton said. Patton noted the "special effort by team



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member Gregory Jackson, who made us aware of the grant."

Jackson spent extra time helping YWCA staff pursue it. The YWCA is one of 36 public-benefit organizations in the greater Portland area that have been assisted by the university's community consulting teams. Emmanuel Children's Hospital will benefit from sales of a Christmas CD featuring the musical talent of local churches. Two teams worked on project management, sales strategy and marketing of the CD, available at Shari's Restaurants and local Christian Supply stores.

In addition, Marion Polk Food Share is excited about its new fund-raising video, developed by a George Fox team. Past clients of the program include the Shriners Hospital, the I Have a Dream Foundation, Medical Teams International, Girl Scouts of America, and the Portland Police Activities League for Youth.

The students who make up each team work together in a cohort from the beginning of their MBA Professional or Executive Track program. Together, they evaluate current business and management practices of the cooperating public-benefit organizations, pinpoint strengths and weaknesses, and develop plans and tools for improvement.

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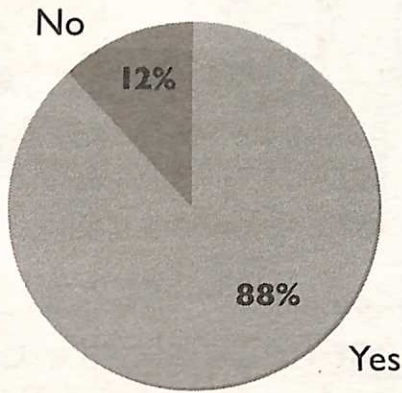
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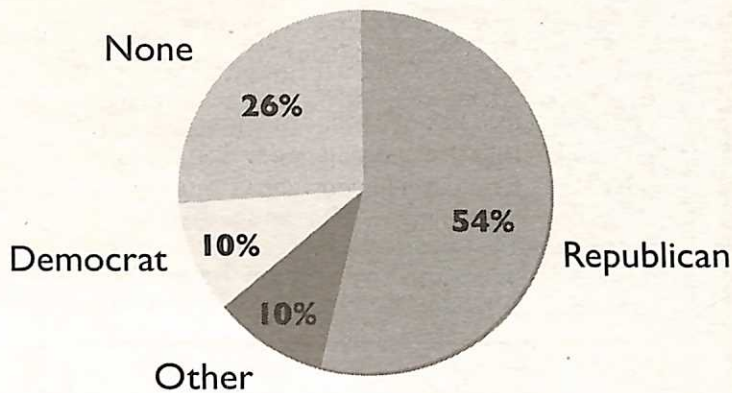
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Election 2008

Do you plan to vote in the upcoming election?



Which political party are you affiliated with?



What is the most important issue in the 2008 presidential election?

- Iraq war - 41.5%
- Economy - 22.1%
- Health care - 11.7%
- Immigration - 7.8%
- Marriage - 7.8%
- Energy - 5.2%
- Other - 3.9%

These are the results of an informal, random poll of Newberg campus GFU students on Jan. 18, 2008. It is not intended to be representative of the campus as a whole.

Primary front-runners positions

By LAURA JONES, Reporter

Hillary Clinton
The war in Iraq: Voted for the invasion in 2002, but is now opposed to it. She will start a phased withdrawal from Iraq within 60 days of taking office, according to CNN.com. She would organize a multi-billion dollar Iraqi refugee fund after withdrawal, as stated on her official website.

Immigration: Would legalize illegal immigrants by having them learn English and pay fines. She would make it more difficult for businesses to hire illegal immigrants. She voted for a fence along the Mexican border. She also seeks to reunite families separated by immigration policies.

Education: She wants to reform the No Child Left Behind Act, increase access to Early Head Start. She wants to cut the minority drop out rate in half and make college more affordable and accessible.



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John McCain



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The war in Iraq: Voted for the invasion in 2002, and is in favor of troop increase. He will not create a timetable for troop withdrawal because he believes we can win the war by further training the Iraqis in security, accelerating reconstruction, and pressuring Syria and Iran to stop harboring insurgents

Immigration: Would accept illegal immigrants by having them learn English, U.S. history, and civics and go to the back of the line to become legal citizens. Voted for a fence along the U.S./Mexico border.

Education: Believes that states should have the power to develop and enforce their standards without federal regulation. Wants to enlist retirees for tutoring and thinks that good teachers should earn more than bad lawyers. He wants to create tax-free savings accounts for college, and to focus educational resources on those with the greatest needs.

The war in Iraq: Supported the invasion, and was slightly in favor of troop increase. He will not create a timetable for troop withdrawal because he believes that America needs to win the war.

Immigration: Would allow 120 days for illegal immigrants to register and leave, whereupon they could apply to become legal citizens. Voted to finish the border fence by 2010 and still supports it along with a surveillance system. He believes that we should increase border patrol, not give amnesty, enforce immigration laws on employers, and discourage dual citizenship.

Education: Believes that the states deserve more power to construct their own educational programs and standards. He would encourage the development of the arts as well as the sciences in public schools.

Mike Huckabee

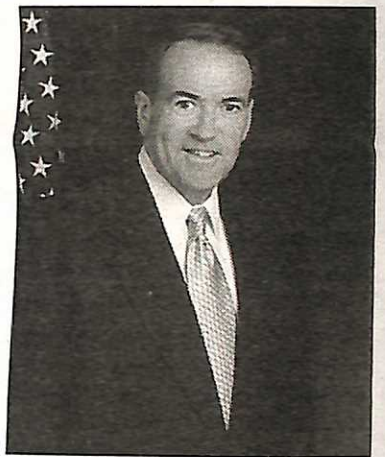


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Barack Obama



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The war in Iraq: He was opposed to the invasion since the beginning and to any further troop increase. He will withdraw one to two brigades a month to finish within 16 months. He will also give humanitarian aid to refugees and diplomacy for Iraq.

Immigration: Voted for the Mexican border fence. Would have illegal immigrants by learn English, pay fines, and go to the back of the line to become legal citizens. He wants to help promote the Mexican economy in order to discourage illegal immigration.

Education: Would reform the No Child Left Behind Act by further funding it, expand the Head Start program, make math and science a priority, address the drop-out crisis, expand afterschool opportunities, summer learning opportunities, college outreach programs, and English Language Learners.

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Church accountability as important as any other kind

By ROBERT LESLIE
Editor-in-Chief

As a Christian, I firmly believe that accountability should be an important part of walking with our Lord. It can be very easy to find ourselves thinking or acting wrongly because of misinterpretation, our own preconceptions, or just because we live in a fallen world and are constantly under assault with messages and ideas that are not of the Kingdom. Without someone with whom you can be completely transparent, someone who knows you through and through, subtle or even blatant mistakes or sins can go unnoticed, giving them time to fester and corrupt us. An accountability partner is a friend who watches your back and is willing to ask you the hard questions. I am familiar with the idea of Christian accountability, and I embrace it without reservation on an individual basis. But should there also be some form of accountability for communities of believers?

Last semester in Corey Beals' Christian Foundations class, I had the opportunity to hear theologian and author Dr. Ron Sider speak to my class. In preparation, we read an interview with Dr. Sider by *Christianity Today* from April 2005. Among the subjects discussed, Dr. Sider mentioned briefly his conviction that every church should be a part of a structure of accountability:

"It's simply wrong for a local congregation to have no accountability to a larger body ... I'm not saying it has to be one of the current denominations. There can be new structures of accountability ... [But it] is flatly unbiblical and

heretical for an individual congregation to say, 'We'll just be by ourselves and not be accountable to anybody.'"

This statement surprised me at first and made then made me think hard. First of all, Christian accountability is an idea that I support; Dr. Sider was merely taking the logical next step and applying the concept to bodies of believers. Secondly, this was not just a hypothetical or distant question for me. My home church (as far as I know) is not a part of any such system of

Shouldn't there be some form of accountability for communities of believers just as for individuals?

accountability. It is what Dr. Sider would call a "lone ranger" church. So these strong words from a respected theologian made me pause and address this issue where it touches my own life. I have since found myself returning to the question of whether or not I agree with Dr. Sider.

My first question upon returning to this subject, was why I was shying away from this suggestion at all. I've finally concluded that it comes from a suspicion and distrust of religious authorities. I don't like the idea of a council or group outside and above my home church passing down sanctions and edicts. This likely comes from having been raised in such an independent church, but it is certainly also influenced by what

I know or have heard about the histories of Christian denominations that submit to a ruling figure or organization. However, when I look again at what Dr. Sider is saying, I don't think that this kind of authority based accountability is what he is promoting.

The relationship he describes really seems more akin to the individual accountability that I identified earlier, one based on friendship rather than authority. In such a relationship, a group of churches, large or small, who share common values regarding theology, tradition, and moral practice, could meet and intermingle regularly to lovingly check up on one another, ensuring that everyone was adhering to a commonly-held interpretation of Scripture. Such a structure would serve to bring churches straying from the fold back to center. I am certain that such church organizations do exist, and it seems to me that this arrangement is safer and preferable to the "lone ranger" style while staying away from authoritarian based models. Whether independent churches join or begin their own accountability relationship, I would agree with Dr. Sider that churches ought to be accountable in some manner. Trying to follow Christ alone, whether as an individual or a church, is not a wise move. We are stronger as one, learning together to live like Christ and reaching out in His name.

Do you agree or disagree? Write to us at crescent@georgefox.edu, and let us know what you think. We welcome thoughts, opinions, and criticism from students and staff alike.

Kenyan student speaks about election violence at home

By NATALIE GOULD
Guest Writer

The words murder, machete, and massacre are not ones often associated with an election, but recently for Kenyans, such is the case. Controversy over the December 27th reelection of Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki has led way to a violent uproar of the people.

It started as a routine election scheduled to take place every five years. Mwai Kibaki had been in office for several years and the citizens of Kenya were ready for a much needed change. Raila Odinga was ready to step up and offer this change and a ratification of the antiquated constitution.



Reuters

Kenyan police battle protesters in the aftermath of the country's disputed election.

the force of the riots, but his brother and sister are right in the heat of it.

"At first, you could not even step outside your house without fear of being killed. Every store and business closed down which of course led way to much robbery. It is getting better each day, but you still are afraid of leaving the house," says said Nasiombe.

Not only does this reaction to the election affect the citizens of Kenya, it is disintegrating its tourist-friendly reputation. Kenya has been very high on the priority list of travelers worldwide due to its unspoiled beauty, it's safety, and the graciousness of its inhabitants. According to CNN.com, the violence may not even affect the tourists. The aggressors are not interested in injuring those who have nothing to do with the controversy. Though this may be the case, any vacationer will think twice before embarking to Kenya.

"It's especially sad because our reputation is ruined. We have been a peaceful nation for over 16 years. We are not a violent nation, and this happens and everyone's opinions are changed to think Kenya is an unsafe place to be, when it is not at all," said Nasiombe.

The riots are not ones of minimal proportions. Over 600 have been killed and some 250,000 displaced, leaving this nation in a state of turmoil and uncertainty. Nasiombe said most people who live close enough are moving to Uganda to try to escape the present situation and any more escalation that could transpire in the near future.

So where does this leave George Fox? There are several organizations that are doing what they can to provide some of the basic needs for these burdened

Kenyans. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an example of one of the several organizations devoted to providing medical supplies, surgical expertise, and delivering food to those who have fled their homes. Other organizations sharing the same vision include the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), World Vision, Concern, and the World Food Program. Each of these websites has a place to donate money or a contact address to send items or food for those who wish to help. And above all, pray.

"At first, you could not even step outside your house without fear of being killed."

- Ernest Nasiombe, freshman

Most of the youth was in favor of Odinga, and the night before the results were announced, polls showed Odinga was leading the race by half of a million votes. However, on the morning of December 29th, the chairman of the electoral commission of Kenya, Samuel Kivuitu, announced that Mwai Kibaki had won the election. Instantly, the country erupted and speculation of a rigged election was on the lips of the Kenyans. A recount of the votes is unpromising because all power lies in the hands of the president, so unless Kibaki agrees to it, nothing more can be done.

Although we may feel thousands of miles away from this eruption of violence, it holds special importance for freshman Ernest Nasiombe. He is from the tribe of Luhya which is one of the predominate warring tribes against Kibaki, who is from the tribe of Kikuyu. Nasiombe says that his parents are in a safe place away from

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BUSINESS

Senior Capstone Projects

By JOSH BORRELLI

Reporter

Many business majors at George Fox dream of someday starting and running their own businesses. Thanks to Business Senior Capstone, each one gets to do just that -- and while still in college! Under the direction and supervision of Professor Dirk Barram, senior business majors form small business teams that plan and eventually operate their own original businesses. This year, 70 students have taken up the challenge. Each group is given \$450 to start their business, and they are expected to turn a profit on their project by the end of the spring semester. "This part scares a lot of students, but they do just fine" stated Professor Barram.

The \$450 given to each team comes from the Patrick Kibler Memorial Fund, which was founded after the tragic death of business major and senior Patrick Kibler in 2004 [See story below]. Half of any profit made from a Senior Capstone project is donated back to the memorial

fund while the students are allowed to keep the other half. Because this is a year-long class, students are given the fall semester to plan. According to Barram, coming up with the idea is always a hard and lengthy process. Once an idea is decided upon, teams must fine-tune their idea by choosing a location, facilities, products/services, and target customers. Then they focus on marketing, predicting sales, and the target market. Finances are considered as each team develops a revenue forecast and a projected income statement. In the spring, the businesses begin! Teams staff their businesses, open them, and operate, monitoring their financial business success as the semester progresses. At the end of the semester, the student teams give a formal presentation to the entire business department faculty and turn in a written report concerning their business.

These Senior Capstone project businesses can take on many different

forms. One of the more memorable business projects from last year sold t-shirts with GFU-specific slogans, such as "Slide and Run," or the "Lifestyle Agreement." This year, the projects are quite varied once more. One business named "Brewin' Calendars" will create a custom calendar for its customers with personal photos, personal dates and even picture captions.

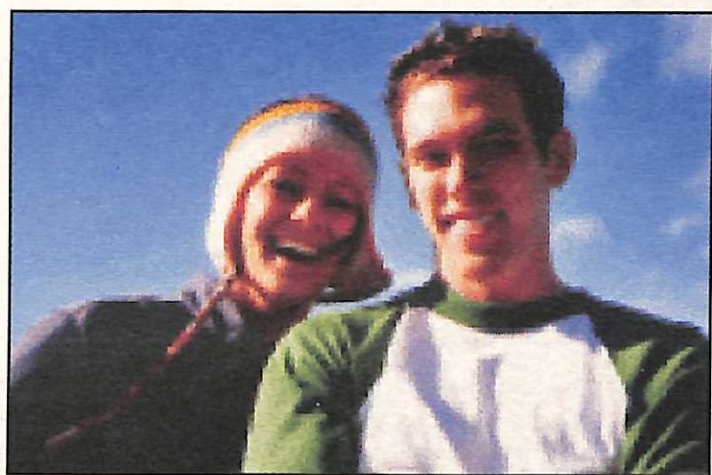
Another business idea is the Newberg Saturday Market. Located on the

George Fox campus, merchants are able to rent a booth at the Newberg Saturday Market for a mere \$15. The market hopes to provide easy access to fun and interesting items for students and community members alike. A third business project is focused on marketing. This business will essentially flood George Fox with advertising. Most Senior Capstone businesses are readying to open soon, so keep an eye out and support your fellow students!

These Senior Capstone project businesses can take on many different forms and types of businesses.

Patrick Kibler Memorial Fund

GEORGE FOX JOURNAL



Patrick Kibler and Liz Clark
Photo from georgefox.edu/journalonline

Pat Kibler loved life and treasured relationships. When an alleged drunk driver killed him in late December 2005, the campus was overwhelmed with sadness.

Family and friends described Kibler, a business major, as free-spirited. "He was so much fun — busy all the time, sleeping or busy," his mother, Vickie Kibler, said at his memorial service. But while he had a playful, mischievous side and an appetite for adventure, he remained a loyal son, brother, and friend, according to fellow student Liz Clark, graduate of 2005. The George Fox community hasn't forgotten him. To honor his memory, a Patrick Kibler Memorial Fund was created, the proceeds of which were used to fund the start-up of a senior capstone course.



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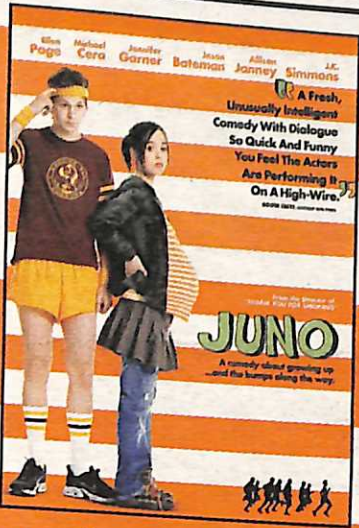


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A movie review: *Juno*, "the best of a bad situation."

By KALEIGHA RAMEY
Editor

Though this movie has been out almost a month, it has become almost as popular as *Little Miss Sunshine*, and has been the topic of many of my discussions throughout the holiday break, so I thought a review was in order. Most people love it, some hate it, and some just can not decide what to take seriously and what to laugh at. The film walks the fine line between an "indie" film, and a "studio" film, resembling the quirkiness and graphic integration of films like "Napolean Dynamite," while still bearing the professionalism of a blockbuster drama-comedy.

The main character, Juno (Ellen Page), is a smart-mouthed, quick-witted character who defies all social casts by sleeping with a "jock," dressing like a boy, and having a teacher-loving cheerleader as a best friend. She says everything you wish she wouldn't, and shows no fear in telling adults exactly how she sees it.

Sixteen-year-old Juno gets pregnant early on in the film, due to a boredom inspired sex-capade with her friend Paulie Bleeker (Michael Cera), who, as her dad says later, "doesn't seem like he has it in him." Gawky and extremely young looking, Bleeker runs cross-country with the pack of runners that provide a background for the entire film. Also making up the supporting cast is Juno's best friend, Leah (Olivia Thirlby), a sharp-tongued young lady, with a "fondness" for male teachers. Juno's parents, played by Jason Bateman and Jennifer Garner, also play a huge role in the humor of this movie.

The plot is good, the execution better, the humor dry but appealing, the only thing wrong with this movie is the reality factor of it. Juno is too young to be having sex, to be pregnant, to make a decision about adoption, much less deal with the emotional repercussions of all of these things. In its attempt to be humorous, the film makes a lighthearted affair out of teen pregnancy, and though Juno's situation is probably the best that it could be, supportive parents, and a loving adoptive situation, the truth is, it is still sin. This fact makes the ending hard to swallow, as we see Juno sitting on the sidewalk strumming on her guitar with Bleeker, singing a love song, without a care in the world. There is no redemptive quality to the movie, no evidence that Juno will make better decisions in the future. Instead, we are told that it's all okay because she "loves" Bleeker. How long will that last, one wonders? She's still only 16.

For entertainment purposes, I'd give the film an eight out of 10, but try to extract any morally sound values, and the rating falls to a six.

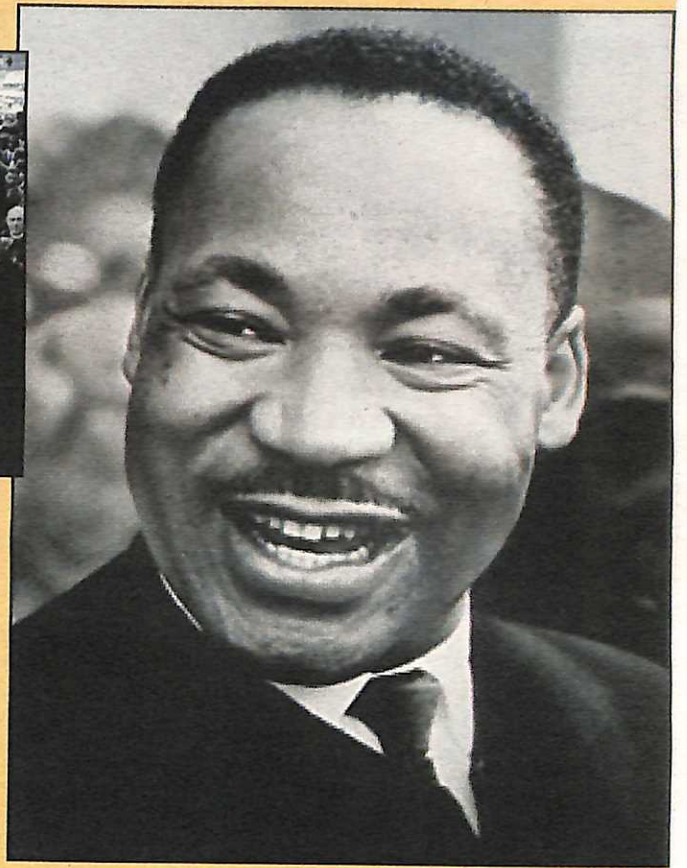
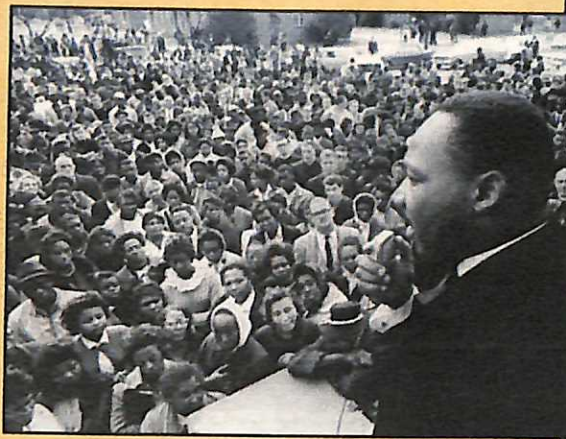
Making the slow transition from Winter to Spring

Long tops, skinny bottoms, boots and scarves seem to be all the rage this transitional season. Unlike Los Angeles, Newberg is still averaging freezing temperatures, so a few more layers are required. However, that doesn't mean that fashion is impossible. Drew Barrymore, Jessica Alba, Kate Hudson, and Rachel Bilson (in order from left to right), capture the most popular winter/spring looks.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"I have a dream..."



Photos from Stanford University

"I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope...

And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'

MLK Jr. Week Events:

Today: Matt Hennesse, pastor of Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church speaks at chapel on "Unity in the Body of Christ, 10:40-11:30 a.m. in Bauman.

Thursday: Film & Discussion session from 7-8:30 p.m. in EHS Rm. 102.

Friday: Campus Ministries service opportunities.

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FASHION FOR 2008



Crazy Season

By DAN BENNETT
Guest Reporter



Just in case you missed it, last year's college football season was kind of crazy.

When 1-AA Appalachian State upset fifth-ranked Michigan in Ann Arbor on the first Saturday of the season, you could almost feel that a bizarre season was already in the works. And

the season that followed did not disappoint: several teams that reached the top two positions in the country were beaten by inferior opponents, a sophomore won the Heisman Trophy, and Navy beat Notre Dame for the first time in 44 years.

Louisiana State, a team with two losses on its record, eventually emerged from the field to beat Ohio State in the national title game and capture the Bowl Championship Series national championship trophy. However, many pundits working the radio and newspapers claimed that the national championship game proved nothing more than that LSU was better than OSU. In fact, one ESPN radio host refused to call it the national title game at all and instead referred to it as "The Last Game of the Season."

Since when did college football's national championship become so devalued in the eyes of so many media members and fans? The answer is three letters long: B-C-S. This season, more than any other, proved the necessity of a playoff system in D-1 college football. After all, when five teams have a legitimate rhetorical claim to the national championship, what other system could resolve the dispute better than a playoff?

Kansas finished the season 12-1 after dismissing Virginia Tech, a team which was heavily favored in the Orange Bowl. Georgia was playing better than any team in the nation down the stretch, and if it wasn't for a misstep against Tennessee on the last week of the season, the Bulldogs would have met LSU in the SEC championship game. Instead, they settled for dismantling undefeated Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl. USC lost two games by a combined eight points, and throttled Illinois in the Rose Bowl. West Virginia lost twice this season, but defeated Oklahoma soundly in the Fiesta Bowl.

With the resumes of these teams (heck, throw Missouri in there, too), does it make any sense not to have a playoff?

Some would argue against a playoff based on the extra amount of games it would create for the players. To remedy this, how about LSU doesn't play Louisiana Tech and Middle Tennessee? Eliminate the cream puff games, and a playoff wouldn't add any extra games to the schedule.

Here's how a potential playoff format could work: the BCS bowls (Rose, Fiesta, Orange and Sugar) would host the top eight teams in the country based on the BCS rankings. Then, the winners of those games would meet in two additional bowls, while the winners of those two bowls would emerge to play in the BCS National Championship Extravaganza (I suppose the name can be discussed later).

To win the title, a team would need only to play three games in addition to the regular season, so prolonging the season no longer stands as a viable argument against such a system. Also, can you imagine the revenue which would be created from having a playoff system like this? It's not too much of an exaggeration to say that a college football playoff, properly designed, would be bigger than March Madness.

And while there would be room for disputes about which teams get a spot in the four BCS games, it would be difficult for a team outside of the top eight to argue for a viable chance to play in the national championship.

Admittedly, any playoff system is bound to be imperfect. But hey, it looks a lot better than the alternative, which is what we are stuck with now.

Bruins Make It Nine Straight Wins by Beating Boxers

George Fox University Press Release



Katy Campbell

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Post players Katy Campbell and Melissa Marek-Farris combined for 33 points, leading the 16th-ranked George Fox University Bruins to their ninth straight win, a 75-53 decision over the Pacific University Boxers in a Northwest Conference women's basketball game Saturday evening here at the Pacific Athletic Center.

Both teams were on target offensively early in the game, with five lead changes in the first six minutes. George Fox took the lead for good 11-9 on a three-pointer by Jaime Hubka with 14:34 to play, and the Bruins used a 12-0 run to extend the margin

to 14 points at 25-11 with eight minutes left. Three consecutive baskets in the lane by Ashley Bellamy sparked a 12-2 Pacific run that got the Boxers back in the game, cutting the gap to 27-23 with 1:20 on the clock. After Campbell, who had 11 first-half points, and the Boxers' Kristina Stevens traded baskets, Kaleigha Ramey hit a buzz-beater from just inside the half-court line to give the Bruins a 32-25 lead at the break.

Tiffany Behary hit a three from the top of the arc to open the second half for the Bruins, and the teams essentially traded baskets, George Fox maintaining a lead between seven and 14 points, for most of the half. Marek-Farris kept the Bruins safely in front by scoring 12 points in the period. Amy Pedersen's jumper in the lane brought the Boxers within 10 at 60-50 with 6:44 to play, but the Bruins ended the game with a 14-3 run to clinch the victory.

Campbell had 17 points and Marek-Farris 16 for the Bruins, and Hubka chipped in with 10. Kristen Shielee just missed a double-double with eight points and nine rebounds off the bench, leading the Bruins to a 39-27 advantage on the boards, and also blocked five shots. Hubka handed out five assists. The Bruins shot .450 (27-60) from the floor for the game, including 7-21 from three-point range, and made all 13 of their free throw attempts (the team record is 18-18 in a game at Linfield in 2003).

Pedersen finished with 13 points and eight rebounds to pace the Boxers, and Stevens and Christine Kim added 10 apiece. Kim had three assists. The Boxers shot .364 (20-55) from the field, making 3-11 on threes, and were 10-11 (.909) from the charity stripe.

George Fox (14-1, NWC 6-0) heads for eastern Washington the weekend of Jan. 25th, starting with Whitman College on Friday at 6:00 p.m. Pacific (2-12, NWC 1-5) visits Willamette University Friday, also at 6:00 p.m. Both games will be followed by NWC men's contests at 8:00 p.m.

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Feb. 8th against Willamette at 6 PM
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*"For whom the Lord loves, He corrects,
even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights."
-Proverbs 3:12*



The Incarnation of Christ

By TAYLOR MARTIN
Reporter

The incarnation of God is often viewed as a single event in the history of humankind; the coming of Jesus Christ to our world over two-thousand years ago. Yet to say that God limited himself in a physical form to our world for nearly 33 years ignores the history of God incarnate since the time of Abraham.

"Why did God choose Israel?" A common criticism of the Old Testament is that God showed favorites by singling out Israel as the only people able to receive grace and salvation. While this is one way to look at it, there is another interpretation of God's blessing upon Abraham and his descendants. We often use the same adjective together with Christ and Israel — chosen — and yet we fail to see the similarities in their roles as God's hands and feet to the world. I contend that God did not choose Israel in order to limit grace to a single nation, but instead chose Israel in order that they may, in effect, be Christ to the world.

From the time of Abraham, God makes it clear that it isn't simply about blessing Abraham, but instead it is so that the whole world may be blessed through Abraham and his descendants (Genesis 12:3). Isaiah is also filled with many redemptive themes, and not just for Israel. In Isaiah 49:6, God says to Israel, "I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

God intended Israel to be a nation of community; it wasn't originally designed to be under the rule of a king. It was supposed to be an example to the rest of the world about the grace and concern for justice found in Yahweh. A large community like Israel caring for the sick and the forgotten fits perfectly in with the messages of Jesus, and with the New Testament idea of the church being Christ to the lost.

If Israel was the incarnation before Jesus came around, and Christ fulfilled the role until his death, who is the incarnation in today's world? The church. We are the literal hands and feet of God reaching out to the lost and needy of this world. In today's world the church is Jesus. We are Israel.

Get to know Frederica

GFU's Spring Theological Seminar speaker



Frederica Mathewes-Green will be the key-note speaker for George Fox's Spring Theological Conference. She will speak at chapel Jan. 28, an evening session Jan. 29, and chapel on Jan. 30.

Mathewes-Green is a Christian author and speaker, who has published eight books, written for national newspapers and magazines, and has spoken over 400 times at venues across the U.S. She is recognized for her movie reviews which are often published in *Christianity Today*.

She lives near Baltimore with her husband of 34 years, Father Gregory Mathewes-Green.



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Frederica's thoughts on... "Walk Hard"

By FREDERICA MATHEWES-GREEN

Christianity Today



Photo from FirstViewing

songs, Dylanesque songs with incomprehensible lyrics, rock, hard rock, frenzied growling rock, music like the Beatles in their India phase, music like the Beach Boys—oh, you name it, it's in there. So in addition to telling a hilarious, fast-paced story that hits all the clichés of singer-biography movies (lots of drugs, lots of rehab, lots of wives, plenty of costume changes, hairstyle changes, and the accumulating wrinkles of age), the film must also deliver spot-on music parodies. What's more, this is music that audience members know very, very well, so it's not like parodying, say, Puccini. Those watching the film could sing the original models of these songs in their sleep. The performer, too, must be top-notch, and not just a good actor but a singer able to go from Bobby Darrin to Bob Dylan, John Lennon to Johnny Cash, in a heartbeat.

Well, it works. If only for the music numbers, this movie deserves a standing ovation. Much of the credit goes to John C. Reilly, an actor with a rubbery face and the voice of an angel. He played simple, good-hearted men in two of my favorite recent movies, "Magnolia" (1999) and "The Good Girl" (2002), but it was in "Chicago" (2002) that I first heard him sing, and the sweet sadness of his "Mr. Cellophane" placed a heart at the center of that frantic, heartless story. In "Walk Hard," Reilly has to produce a seemingly-impossible range of vocal styles, and does it well. The material he has to work with is excellent too, as perfect in exemplifying these many genres as the songs of "A Mighty Wind" were to the folk scene. Give the "Walk Hard" soundtrack album to your hippest musical

friends this Christmas (the ones hip enough to not mind some double-entendre lyrics) and they'll be delighted... It's only a comedy, of course, but it still could have been better. Compare "Walk Hard" with "Anchorman" (2004), another comedy produced by Judd Apatow. The idiots and egoists who populate the TV-news world of "Anchorman" are hilarious, but they also have their feet on the ground as real, consistent characters, with believable (if ridiculous) motivations. "Walk Hard" gets to feeling more like a spray of birdshot. One joke after another comes at you, not all of them successful, and around about the middle it began to sag. This comedy is less like Apatow's usual work (off-color comedies with some surprisingly conservative themes, like "40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Knocked Up") and more like such parodies as "Scary Movie," "Epic Movie," or even the granddaddy of this genre, "Airplane" (1980). A lot of "Walk Hard" is genuinely funny, and the music is truly impressive. But the substructure, the story and characters, are pretty thin.

I brought with me two youngish adult friends, who disagreed: they both thought it was hilarious, and one said it was the most she'd laughed since the first time she watched "Anchorman." But, she said, next time she'd want to have the fast-forward button handy.

Not only is there plenty of crude language, and a more than sufficient quantity of toilet humor (when Dewey gets his sense of smell back, he lingers joyfully over a handful of horse manure), but there is an naked orgy scene in a motel room during which a waist-down view of a man fills a corner of the screen. The filmmakers must have thought this uproarious because the same view recurs a minute later, but viewers over the age of 14 will not find it particularly clever. For some potential viewers, that bit of information will be enough to decide them not to go at all. It's a shame that a film with so much that is genuinely entertaining, and musically impressive, will alienate viewers with a moment that isn't even funny. "Walk Hard" could have traveled a lot further if it had avoided the low road.

"Well, it works. If only for the music numbers, this movie deserves a standing ovation."

-Mathewes-Green

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 23

10:40- 11:30 a.m.
MLK Jr. Chapel:
Matt Hennessee
Pastor

Friday, Jan. 25

10:40-11:30 a.m.
Greenroom

Sunday, Jan. 27

8 p.m.
Sabbath

Monday, Jan. 28

10:40-11:30 a.m.
Spring Theological Conference:
Frederica Mathewes-Green
Author, Speaker

Tuesday, Jan. 29

7-8:30 p.m.
Evening Chapel:
Frederica Mathewes-Green

Wednesday, Jan. 30

10:40-11:30 a.m.
Frederica Mathewes-Green

Frederica's work can be found on-line at frederica.com.

Slide and glide

COVER STORY

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community life, although they do not want to hinder students' spiritual growth by overly policing chapel attendance.

"The current way I see it," said Baldwin, "chapel is the best way to communicate the centrality of Christ in our community. It strongly defines who we are and is distinctive to what George Fox is about."

"The culture of George Fox is centered on Christ, which is not optional. Chapel should not be an elective, but part of the fabric of our community," said Baldwin.

Pothoff said, "I encourage students to go in to chapel with an attitude that God can teach them something." Although Pothoff understands many of the reasons students give for not attending chapel, he says there are many other opportunities to earn chapel credit, such as Bible studies, service opportunities, and alternative Spiritual Formation events.

"I just want people to be honest," said Pothoff. "If you scan your card, you're agreeing to go to chapel and stay the entire time."

Baldwin adds: "None of us are in charge of our spiritual formation; the whole point is allowing Jesus to be in charge."

News in a Flash

GO-ED AFRICA INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Want to spend a semester abroad? How about in Uganda?

Come to the Go-Ed Africa Informational Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 30 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Foxhole.

Students from previous semesters of Go-Ed Africa will be there to answer questions, show photos, and tell stories about this incredible semester abroad program.

GEORGE FOX THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE: Speaker and author Frederica Mathewes-Green will speak at George Fox University's Spring Theological Conference Jan. 28-30. The theme for the conference is "The Heart of Christian Faith and Praxis."

In addition to chapels, Mathewes-Green will speak during a luncheon on Monday and in Bauman at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

MLK WEEK EVENTS:

Jan. 21: Service day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rescue Mission, Next Step Transitional Facility and the Wherehouse.

Jan. 22: "Beloved Community" with Steve Sherwood (Religious Studies) in Hoover 105, 7-8 p.m.

Jan. 23: Chapel with singer Julianne Johnson, accompanied by Michael Allen Harrison and a message from Matt Hennessee.

Jan. 24: Film and discussion on MLK, EHS 102, 7-8:30 p.m.

Jan. 25: Serve with Urban Ministries, meet in Bruin Den at 6 p.m.

MAKE THE CRESCENT YOUR PAPER: We want to know how we're doing! What do you think of your student newspaper so far this year? What did you like or dislike? What kind of things should we include in future issues? Email us at crescent@georgefox.edu.

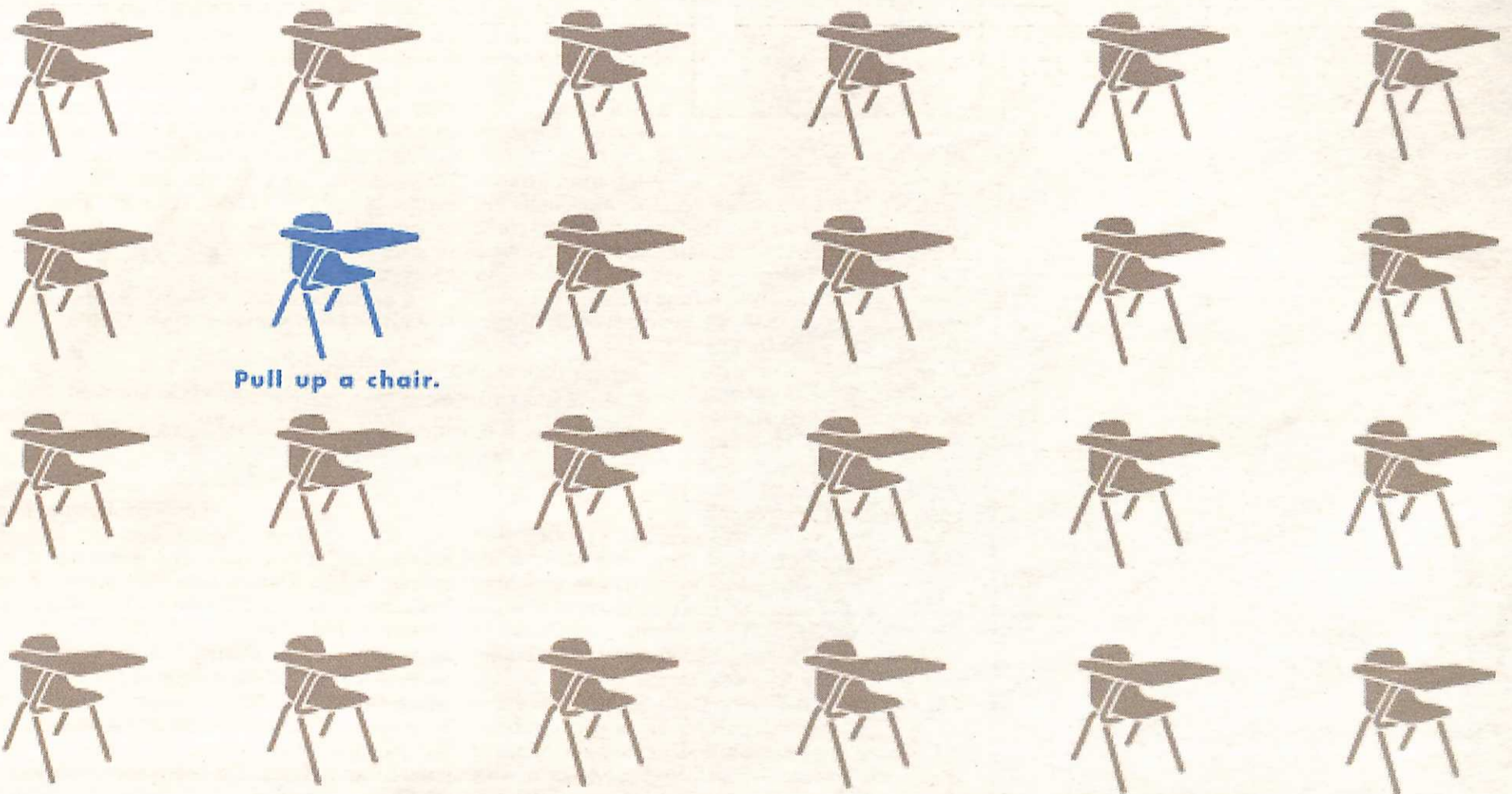
In addition, the Crescent is looking for people with something to say. The Crescent accepts article submissions, opinion pieces, and letters to the editor from students, faculty, and staff.

MULTIMEDIA CONCERT BY KENN WILLSON: Kenn Willson, professor of music at George Fox University, will perform "Viennese Connections," a multimedia showcase of the university's Bösendorfer Imperial Grand piano, at 4

p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in Bauman Auditorium. The Bösendorfer Imperial Grand, made in Vienna, is nine-and-half-feet long and is the only concert grand piano in the world with 97 keys.

Wanted: Staff reporter for spring semester

Email crescent@georgefox.edu for more information



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