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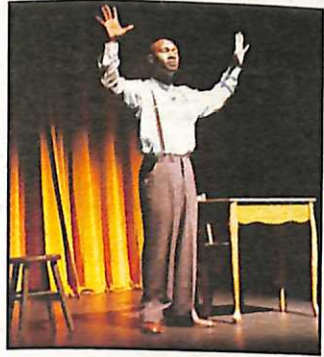
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Beware falling trees

By TAYLOR MARTIN
Reporter

The recent bad weather has developed a serious safety concern on campus. A major reason why the George Fox campus is so beautiful is the many big trees adorning the quad surrounding the dormitories. Yet these same trees can also be a safety threat.

Just this year, the campus has seen two major risks associated with fallen trees. Earlier this year a coast pine fell right in front of Edwards Residence Hall. As well, a couple of weeks ago, an oak tree fell at the steps of Minthorn Hall. While no major damage was caused, it was fortunate that the tree did not fall at a slightly different angle and crush the hall itself.

In the past few years, numerous trees have fallen on campus. One such instance was last winter when a tree fell on student Todd Harlow's car right across from Pennington Hall. "I had just walked right past my car, and a tree fell on it. It was an amazing coincidence." Harlow's unfortunate circumstance proves it can happen to anyone.

"I parked it in the George Fox parking lot, thinking it would be safe," said Harlow, "but...you just never know." Harlow also wishes to let everyone know that if a falling tree ever smashes their car, he could offer some advise.

In the winter of 2004-05, during a particularly bad week of ice, a tree fell into Barclay House, knocking off its deck and causing major damage to the backside of the building.

Clyde Thomas, director of Plant Services, says, "Wherever trees exist, risk increases to property and people." However, the university has taken some solid steps in trying to limit that danger.

Just over a year ago, Plant Services started a tree hazard assessment program in which they have been consulting with Carl Anderson, an arborist from Tilikum. Through Anderson's expertise and the program, Plant Services has removed six trees that posed a threat to our campus.

One of the main problems, especially with the trees on the quad, is the fact that the lawn is kept green during the summer. The issue with many of the trees is that fungi attack their roots, leaving them susceptible to root-rot and a less firm base. This problem is worsened by the continual watering during the summer, because dry summers usually subdue those fungi.

For this reason, and armed with this knowledge, Plant Services is changing the way they water during the summer. "Our current practice, based on these understandings, is to water the quad as little as possible, barely keeping the lawn green." This practice is especially focused around the base of the trees; irrigation water is set so that the water does not strike the trunk of the tree.

New student union building slated for next major construction project



Students regularly have to wait in long lines to get into the dining hall, particularly during lunch hours.

Photo by SCOTT BROWN

The current student union building (SUB) may be nearing the end of its usefulness. Over 1,000 students are on the meal plan - the most there has ever been - and increasing numbers of students enroll each year. According to George Fox University's 40-year Master Plan, which initiated the construction of the LaShana housing complex, the next significant building project will be a new student union building.

"The current SUB represents several phases of construction," said Brad Lau, vice president of Student Life. "And it is becoming increasingly inadequate for our growing student population." Lau said the university is planning to build a new student union building within the next four to six years, depending on how much money it can bring in. The new building will be constructed on the current site of the tennis courts.

"This location will feature our beautiful canyon," said Lau. "And eventually we will build another bridge connecting the new student union building to the other side of the canyon."

George Fox students are aware of the diminishing space in the SUB, particularly while

By BRIDGETTE HARMON
News Editor

they are waiting in line for lunch after chapel. Although Bon Appétit does a good job of moving students through as quickly as possible, the lunch lines consistently stretch out the doors of the building.

"The dining hall can get pretty crowded," said Denny Lawrence, general manager of Bon Appétit. "But there are always empty seats." Until the new student union building is constructed, Lawrence and Lau have been developing short-term strategies to maximize space, including coordinating with the registrar to stagger meal times and possibly utilizing the Bruin Den and Villa Café areas in the future.

Lawrence was also recently invited to listen to presentations by Dirk Barram's management classes on ways they developed to make the Bon's service more efficient. "There were several very good ideas," said Lawrence. "We are in the process of evaluating and implementing some of the proposals that are budget-neutral and long-term. We are not advertising the changes, but we hope the students will soon give us

feedback on how we are doing."

Lawrence said the most significant space issue is actually in the kitchen. The cooks often have to share counter space, and one cook has been coming in at 4:00 a.m. to do her part of the food preparation for the day so that she has access to the space and equipment she needs.

As part of the preliminary planning process for the new student union building, Lawrence, Lau and some student representatives have visited several campuses in the area to explore current trends in student unions buildings and dining halls.

"New facilities are generally moving away from the traditional 'all you can eat' cafeterias to food courts with declining point systems," said Lawrence. In the current system at George Fox, students pay for an entire meal each time they go into the Bon and can then eat whatever they want. With the declining point system, students would only pay for what they actually ate.

"This system would force students to budget their points for their personal eating habits," said Lawrence, "which would

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George Fox focuses on Lent as a season of sacrifice

By NATALIE GOULD
Reporter

The Season of Lent is now upon us. For many, Lent is something solely observed by Catholics, but for an increasing number of people, Lent is becoming an integral part of modern Christianity.

Lent at George Fox started with the Ash Wednesday Chapel on February 6 where students, if felt led, were called to sacrifice a part of themselves and give their sacrifice to God in an act of self-denial and worship. The imposition of ashes (the placing of an ash cross upon the forehead) is performed as an outward sign of participation in Lent.

Many students in the Ash Wednesday Chapel partook in this ancient tradition. Ben Gowan, the ASC Student Chaplain, gave some interesting insight into George Fox's standing on Lent. This is the first year the university has given its full attention to Lent. Because the university is supporting and encouraging Lent, the students are more motivated to give of themselves in an attitude of reverence toward the Lenten season. "It's awesome because it's a combination of post modern Christianity and old tradition, but it's giving up something significant to us in our personal tradition," says Gowan.

It is a unique opportunity to be able to practice Lent in a small university setting such as George Fox because of the community around us. It creates something like a support group when several friends and dorm mates are also participating in this tradition.

The tradition of Lent is symbolic of the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. In ancient times, participants would follow a rigorous routine complete with classes, strict instruction and discipline. Traditionally, Lent was characterized by fasting as well as abstinence as outlined by the national Episcopal conference. However, modernly,



Photo by ERICA BADER

A George Fox student receives a cross of ash on the forehead for Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

Protestants consider Lent to be a choice rather than an obligation.

If fasting from food is not something that particularly appeals to you, but you want to participate in this Lenten Season, there are many other ways to observe this tradition. You could give up something, such as coffee or soda, that you rely on as a daily amenity. Along with that other ideas are to sacrifice entertainment devices such as TV, Facebook, Myspace or even treats like sweets, fast food, pizza, or other things of the sort. There are endless possibilities for what you can sacrifice in this act of worship to God.

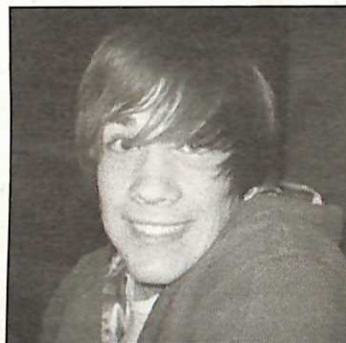
This is the first year Lent at George Fox has been mostly student initiated. There are some tools that are helping students through Lent such as the Reader, provided at Ash Wednesday Chapel and found at various spots around campus, and the Prayer Calendar. Students are also taking the initiative upon themselves to hold each other accountable in prayer and fasting,

or whatever it is they chose to give up. There are some situations where students participate in Lent solely because they feel obligated by those around them. Students aren't quick to participate in a forty-day long activity if it is very difficult for them and requires a sacrifice. This is why it is a very unique opportunity to be surrounded by others who are suffering along side you, besides the fact that it is a very biblical principle to create support for one another in suffering.

Remember that Lent is not supposed to be easy, but it is intended to challenge and stretch you beyond what you think you are capable. But through this suffering comes peace and promise of the returning God. It will draw you close to the Lord if your heart is in the right place and willing to be molded. Stand encouraged that although this may be one of the most difficult parts of your year, it will bless you beyond belief. Gowan makes a profound point that "it is about having a spirit of treating the Lenten Season well and keeping the focus on God." If we remember those two things, we should be in amazement of what we can gain from this time of self-sacrifice.

GFU students talk about their sacrifices

"I gave up soda and dessert because I've never done it before and I want to participate in this school-wide movement. I'm not just giving things up, but I'm taking on something: I'm praying more." - Sam Conrad, freshman



"I'm giving up Facebook to refocus and be thankful for the things God has given me" - Jon Archer, junior



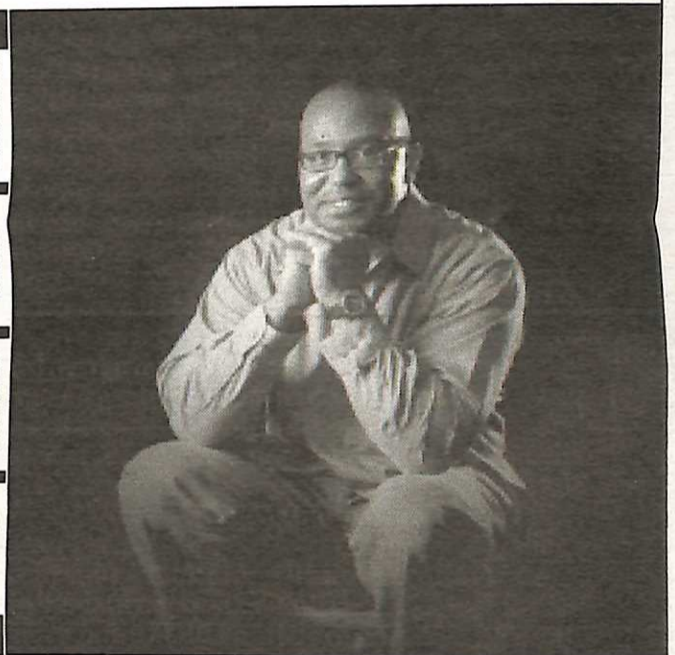
"I gave up cookies to recognize that Christ gave up so much on the cross. So I can afford to give up something small." - Whitney O'Riley, freshman



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Letter to the Editor: Slide and glide comes down to integrity

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize, run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who enters the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. I Corinthians 9:23-24

I would like to write in response to last week's letter to the editor regarding 'slide and glide' at chapel. I have no desire to take issue with the particular student, for I am sure that her sentiments in some ways represent those of many. Nor do I want to debate whether or not chapels are all/mostly/occasionally/rarely meaningful/perfect/properly edifying.

I would like to address the question of 'spiritual formation' as discussed in the letter. The author is quite concerned for her spiritual formation. That is truly laudable. So much so that she feels it is appropriate to leave any chapel that is not going to meet her spiritual formation needs as she sees them or to not even attend, but to get credit for attending.

The question I have is: what kinds of things, in reality, play into our spiritual formation? Certainly many things. Worship, sermons, personal time spent in prayer and scripture, service to others and the world, spiritual reading. I would like to add two. Cultivating integrity and self-discipline.

I spent a couple decades coaching distance runners in track and cross country teams before coming to GFU. A lot of kids would come out for the team with a desire to be 'winners' or 'champions.' What relatively few were initially interested in, however, was the day after day cultivation of habits and work needed to get to those goals. Much of what makes a champion athlete is similar to what fosters spiritual formation. Primarily, the ability to stick with habits over the long haul. In the times when rewards are obvious and immediate and in the times when they are not. In the Midwest where I coached, the state meet was in the glorious late spring warmth of May. Championships, however, were won getting out the door to train in the below zero temps of January or the overwhelming humidity of August.

The point relative to sliding and gliding? Whether or not chapels are ideally meeting students' spiritual needs is a great conversation to have. Students ought to communicate to the Spiritual Life dept. the issues and ideas they have for chapel. That said, I would raise this question: What 'spiritual formation' happens when a student who came here knowing that chapel was required and choosing to come anyway, walks up to the doors, slides his or her card and then walks away? Has that act positively contributed to the development of character or Christ-likeness? In taking credit for something that they have not done, and doing so willfully, are students forming themselves after the heart of Christ?

I fully encourage students to look at the



Photo by ERICA BADER

chapel schedule and determine speakers and topics that they feel will edify them and attend those. You needn't attend all to meet the standards asked of you. At the same time, I attend most every chapel, often walking in with minimal expectation of how God will meet me in that time. I often leave surprised at how I have been met. Above all, I encourage students to have integrity. If you choose not to come, then don't take a credit for that day. If you take the credit, come and stay the entire time with an open heart to the Spirit of God.

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Chapel worship: Listen to the lyrics

Recently in chapel we sang the song "Here I am to Worship," which isn't uncommon, but this time I began to really think about some of the lyrics. I love the the part about bowing down, though I wish more people would actually bow at that point. I also believe that God is lovely, worthy, and wonderful to us, and should be told so very often. However, I think it's strange that we would tell God that we'll never know how much it cost to see our sin upon the cross.

I would put the word 'never' in the extreme category with 'hate' and 'always.' I generally try not to use them too often because they're extreme. It seems like a strange word to use when we, as finite beings, are talking to God, an infinite being. "Now you're fighting over words!" you might say, but you'd be mistaken. Scripture says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7 KJV) which in this case is to say, "If you say you'll never experience something, you won't."

It's almost like we're telling God that we don't want to know how much it cost, or worse, that He can't explain or let us experience how much it cost. Either one is not great, but the latter is bordering on playing God. Acting as God is not good. So, what to do? I suggest we sing "I want to know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross." Why? It will change our lives. To know Christ in His suffering will lead us to knowing Him in His glory, and because godly sorrow leads to repentance. I pray that you would experience the sacrifice that Jesus made in order to be justified. God bless,

John B. Sullivan
George Fox junior

Grieving for students killed at NIU



AP Photo/Paul Beaty

On February 14, 2008, 27-year-old Steven Kazmierczak shot 21 people and killed five before taking his own life on the campus of Northern Illinois University. The deceased were Gayle Dubowski, 20, of Carol Stream, Ill., Catalina Garcia, 20, of Cicero, Ill., Julianna Gehant, 32, of Meriden, Ill., Ryanne Mace, 19, of Carpentersville, Ill., Daniel Parmenter, 20, of Westchester, Ill., and Kazmierczak, the shooter, of Champaign, Ill.

The thoughts and prayers of the students and employees of George Fox University go out to the friends and families of the victims in this tragedy.

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ARC move leaves many questions

I was disappointed to read the article about President Baker's office being moved to the current location of the ARC. I, along with a few other seniors, began questioning why the administration felt that the most beautiful location on campus should be changed from a room serving 900 students and faculty per year to an office that will receive far less foot traffic.

While I do not intend for this to be a critique of President Baker, I did not feel the explanations given within the article fully justify this move. I understand that our school needs to prepare for future growth, but I would like to hear more detailed explanations on how these decisions benefit both future and current students. While I recognize that students' complaints are often short-sighted and that there are no easy solutions to these problems, we deserve better than the shallow excuse of "university growth." It is starting to feel like the growth of this school is coming at the expense of the students who attend it now.

I would like to issue a challenge to the current leaders of our university to convince the students and faculty that we are receiving your full attention and that you are taking actions to respond to our concerns. If current students will be asked to make more sacrifices for future growth, remember that we at least deserve a good explanation.

Ben Ulrich
George Fox senior

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- 2 Switchfoot
- 3 Coldplay
- 4 Shawn Mcdonald
- 5 Country
- 6 Relient K
- 7 The Fray
- 8 Jeremy Camp
- 9 Snow Patrol
- 10 John Mayer

Top Interest

- 1 Music
- 2 Reading
- 3 Movies
- 4 Friends
- 5 Traveling
- 6 God
- 7 Hiking
- 8 Singing
- 9 Photography
- 10 Soccer

Top Books

- 1 The Bible
- 2 Blue Like Jazz
- 3 Harry Potter
- 4 Captivating
- 5 Pride and Prejudice
- 6 Wild At Heart
- 7 To Kill a Mockingbird
- 8 Lord of the Rings
- 9 Chronicles of Narnia

Top Movies

- 1 Gladiator
- 2 The Notebook
- 3 Braveheart
- 4 Lord of The Rings
- 5 Boondock Saints
- 6 Dumb and Dumber
- 7 Fight Club
- 8 Anchorman
- 9 Pride and Prejudice
- 10 Garden State

Top TV

- 1 The Office
- 2 Friends
- 3 Lost
- 4 24
- 5 Family Guy
- 6 House
- 7 Grey's Anatomy
- 8 CSI
- 9 Gilmore Girls
- 10 Seinfeld



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Professors on Facebook

Kristin Gnile, Feature Editor See All

Facebook, though created for college students, has branched out to include other groups of people, including your professors! Why are more and more professors found on Facebook? Here's what they have to say.

"Facebook is a great place to stay in touch with 'the network of friends' and get to know my students on a different level."
Greg Allen, Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership

"Largely to interact with students and prospective students. Our department believes that use of resources like facebook will open up avenues of communication more frequently used than traditional communication methods (either electronic or non-electronic)."
Don Powers, Biology PhD and Chair

"I have a Facebook account to connect with students and colleagues, to let my students know more about me, to find out what my students are up to, and as a means of social networking. For example, I'm a member of some groups sharing common theological and philosophical interests."
Paul Otto, Professor of History and Chair

"I was invited to join a couple of years ago by another faculty member and I have since been asked to be a facebook friend for other students, too. I think it is a convenient and fun way to stay in touch with our community. Not as creepy as MySpace, but it still allows virtual interaction."
John Knox, Adjunct Professor of History

The Crescent is on Facebook

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Join "The Crescent" group on Facebook. Give us feedback and get a chance to win prizes exclusively for members!

The group is a place for people who are interested in "The Crescent," such as students and alumni of George Fox, writers, aspiring writers, advertisers, anyone with an opinion, anyone who reads "The Crescent," and anyone who wishes to help support and improve "The Crescent."

George Fox students' virtual lives

Networks: George Fox
Hometown: Newberg

Privacy Please

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Kristin Gnile, Feature Editor



It's surprising how much information people are willing to disclose about themselves over the web. People can choose not to provide certain facts; however, the average Facebooker gives access to their full name, hometown, birthdate, gender, relationship status, religious views, and email address. In comparison, typical Myspacers provide their age, birthday, hometown, relationship status, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and body type.

While the privacy policies of the two social networking leaders differ in presentation and length, they yield similar privacy conclusions: Both Facebookers and MySpacers use the systems at their own risk.

Myspace, the self defined "social networking" site, was originally created for band networking. It allowed artists to gain new fans and communicate with existing ones. Therefore, an account on Myspace is initially set to be public. Conversely, Facebook, a "social utility," is set to private until the user chooses to share it with someone. These opposite premises give the illusion that Facebook is more secure.

"I feel that Facebook is pretty secure," said Lizzy Alamo, freshman. In comparing it with Myspace, freshman Nicole Baggett thinks "Facebook is more secure, but I don't know for sure. I do know of more people who have had problems with people hacking into their Myspace than their Facebook."

"Facebook, unfortunately, is becoming less secure but I still feel that it is secure enough. I would say that Facebook is still way ahead of Myspace on security," said Dewey Burchell, whose profiles on both sites are set to "Public."

Facebook has led the industry in giving people tools to control the information they share and with whom they choose to share it. User privacy has always been a top priority for the company, which has worked with such organizations as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and WiredSafety. Facebook is TrustE certified. -Facebook Factsheet.

The Ethics of Facebook

Natalie Gould, Staff Reporter

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Facebook. It consumes college campuses. But did you know that what might be your most entertaining distraction could also lead to your destruction further down your academic and career path?

The ethical standpoint of this dilemma is whether or not these authorities have the right to make judgments and decisions about students based on the information provided on Facebook. On one hand it seems an invasion of privacy that teachers, employers, parents, etc. could access private information and pictures at anytime, but isn't it also your responsibility to make sure you are practicing discretion in deciding what is appropriate to let others see on your very public profile.

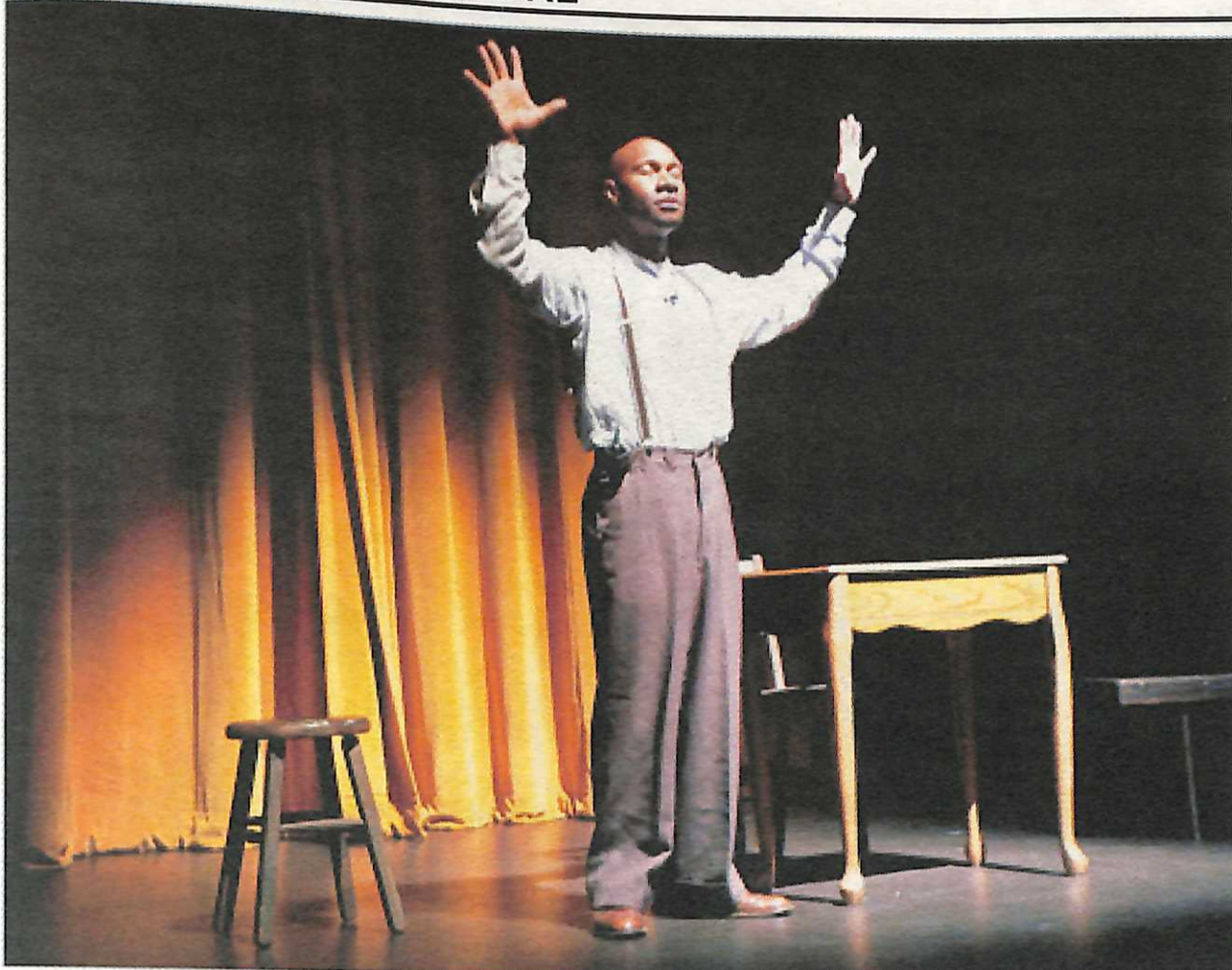
It is the students' responsibility to use appropriate judgment in choosing the information they voluntarily provide online. By putting anything online it is an invitation for the world to see because nothing, absolutely nothing, is private. If teachers or employers want to search for you, find you, then make decisions about you based on your Facebook or other social networking site, that is your fault for making it accessible to anyone who would wish to search for it.

College campuses nationwide often use the contents of students' Facebook and Myspace profiles to enforce policies. What this means is that if you have pictures with alcohol or vulgar material, this could be used as evidence of violations. Even more is that there is no way you can deny it; hence the popularity with school administrators and staff. It is as convenient as this, doing a name search on Facebook, and even though there may be multiple persons with your same name, it is likely you have provided your school and your graduation year, making it extremely simple to find any person anyone would be searching for. Of course there are privacy blocks you can set, but your friends "Tag" photos of you, so if there are any incriminating photos of you on the Internet, they will most likely be found by the searcher one way or another.

"I would expect that, this fall, 25 to 50 percent of employers who are engaged in college hiring will use MySpace and Facebook as part of their backgrounding process,"
- Steven Rothberg
President of CollegeRecruiter

"Facebook checking" has become increasingly popular in the corporate and other internet sites before hiring prospective employees. Some even say that the garbage immediately. It may come as a surprise that prospective employees cannot be discriminated against in the areas of gender, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, and political views in their applications or resumes as outlined in the game in the hiring decision. "I would expect that, this fall, 25 to 50 percent of as part of their backgrounding process," said Steven Rothberg, president of studies have shown that it will either make or break your ability to get a job in today's extremely competitive market, according to news-record.com.

Be cautious when using Facebook, Myspace, etc. because you have no idea who is looking at your profile and how it will affect you immediately or in the future. The amount of privacy settings you apply to your profile really make no difference at all. "Privacy" and "Internet" are not two concepts that should ever be together.



Charles Holt stars in the one-man show based on Richard Wright's biography *Black Boy*. Photo from Charles Holt.

“Black Boy”: A review

When Homecoming week comes around, you can be sure that exciting things will happen so

By SARA KELM
Guest Reporter

Fox can brag to alums about how the university is growing and changing. “Black Boy” was one of those things, a special theatre performance sponsored by the Theatre Department and the Department of Multicultural Services. The one-act, one-man show is based on Richard Wright’s 1945 biography and concerns “Wright’s dawning awareness of racism and the power of the written word.” Charles Holt portrayed Wright and a host of other characters in the hour-long performance on Friday and Saturday night, February 8 and 9, 2008.

“Black Boy” played to a mostly full house in Wood-Mar Auditorium on Saturday night. The set and lighting were simple. The curtain was drawn, and the only set pieces were a bench, a stool, a table, and a chair. Holt came out, dressed in period clothing. Over the course of the hour, he played numerous characters, ranging from a young 5-year-old boy to that boy’s grandmother. He played both white and black characters, males and females, giving each a distinct style of speech and mannerisms. He did a powerful job of capturing each person, making the characters recognizable and yet relatable.

As for the play itself, I wasn’t overly impressed with the script. It seemed rather disjointed. I

understand the challenge of reducing a 450 page autobiography into a one-hour show. And yet, as an audience member, I wasn’t sure what I was supposed to come away with. The themes—racial prejudice, relationships, and the thirst for knowledge—seemed too broad for such a small performance; I feel like we barely touched on each of them. I don’t know that I got a full look at Richard Wright and his life.

Being that the play was written in present tense really made the action more immediate and dynamic, especially as there was little “action” with only one man, playing off of himself. I enjoyed some lines of the play; they had a poetry I assume was written by Wright himself. I understand what Wright meant when he talked about the hunger of learning, and seeing words as both the gateway to a forbidden and enchanting land and a bridge between himself and the outside world. When Wright stated he wanted to fight with words, I understood the strength of that, understanding the power that words contain.

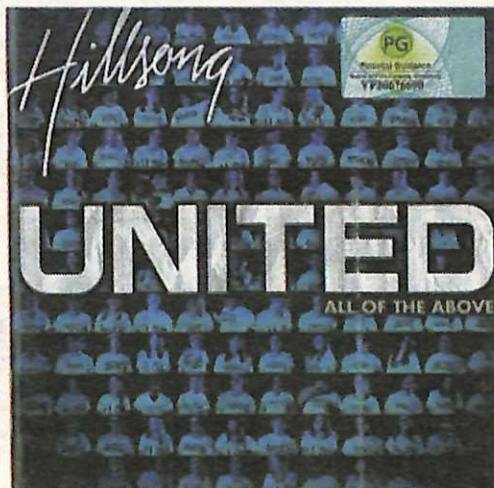
I feel that “Black Boy” was a novel endeavor, one that I hope George Fox does again. It was an interesting look at the life of a black boy around the turn of the century. I find myself interested in who Wright was and what he wrote. I would like to research him further, which I think was one of the goals of the show. My night at the theatre was a night well-spent.

Hillsong inspires fans with new album

By CAITLIN BLETSCHER
Guest Reporter

Hillsong’s new “All of the Above” has their fans shocked and excited to hear all the new, vibrant stylings this CD has to offer. In this new production, the much admired Christian artists express a combination of almost rock-inspired praise and worship songs. The songs give a unique variety of options for the audience – everything from a punk-like Reliant K style to a Shawn McDonald acoustic style to a smooth melodic Selah style. Unlike their previous collections, this set of songs is written by the artists and are not commonly used or recognized worship songs, creating for the listener a fresh and new CD brimming with songs praising God’s grace and calling us to become an awe-inspired people living our lives in unity and uniqueness.

As a bonus this package contains a live presentation of several songs on the CD (including “Solution”, “Hosanna”, and “The Savior King”) and a segment on the reflective message of each song. Also on the DVD is a message exposing the



importance of walking in the light of Christ. This extra multimedia aspect of “All of the Above” adds to its further versatility and freshness.

One element of Hillsong’s previous music listeners have always enjoyed is the long and reflective breaks in between verses and choruses within the songs. These breaks



Photo from FOX TV.

TV show proves to be more painful than true for participants

By JORDAN WESTERING
Guest Reporter

Would you cheat on your spouse if you knew you wouldn’t get caught? Have you ever flirted with someone on the internet while in a marriage? Answering these questions to yourself wouldn’t necessarily be a big deal. But when your spouse and two best friends are watching, as well as the rest of America, it becomes a different story. “The Moment of Truth” is the newest game show that airs on Fox. It is a mind game that has nothing to do with knowledge or smarts, but focuses on whether or not you want to tell the truth.

Each contestant is asked fifty questions in private while being hooked up to a lie detector test. After being asked those questions, the game then begins. The contestants are placed in front of an audience with host Mark L. Walberg sitting across from them. He then feeds them questions, which start out pretty normal and get more and more risky as the game goes on. The whole point of the game is to answer all the questions he presents to you; all while your family and friends are off to the side watching you play this so called “fun” game. The prize is \$500,000. For many people this game would seem simple but when the questions get personal it becomes harder and harder to answer.

The premiere of this show featured a guy by the name of Ty, a personal trainer. He was asked if he was delaying having children with his wife Catia of two and a half years, because he didn’t think that she would be his lifelong partner. Catia, who was sitting about ten feet from her husband, was shocked by his response of “yes.” She stopped smiling and turned to her friend and said, “I’m dying here.” Her friend then responded “Is this really worth \$100,000?” As it turned out, Catia didn’t get anything for going through this torture. On the next question, Ty answered wrong and the lie detector determined he wasn’t telling the truth; consequently he lost all his winnings.

I think the real question through all of this is pretty clear: is money worth more to you than possibly ruining your marriage or relationships with people that you love? For most people that would be an easy answer, yet America seems to be enticed by this controversial show that only messes with people’s lives. I personally think this show is quite ridiculous and that nothing positive can come from it. How sad that entertainment has come down to programs like this. Unlike other game shows, the losers don’t just go home empty handed, they could return home filled with hatred, disappointment, and an empty heart.

offer a time for the listener to ponder the actual words and message being expressed. One great key addition to the CD is the partnership with Selah in two of the songs, “Draw me Closer” and “For All who are to Come.” The mixture of these two groups’ styles contribute to create a great, smooth end result. Overall, Hillsong perfectly combines great lyrics and musical assemblage in “All of the Above,” revealing an exciting new collection that has everyone clapping their hands and stomping to the beat, all the while praising the God that is above all.

The Hillsong album was released March 19, 2007 and is available for purchase at music retailers.

Bruins rediscovering "that winning feeling"

By JUSTIN SWEENEY
Guest Reporter

As the doldrums of another cold and rainy winter begin to slowly expire and the brightness of spring rises, a revitalization is also taking place within the George Fox men's basketball program.

The Bruins have endured a rocky season after losing Brady Strutz to injury during the first week of practice and thereafter were forced to redefine their style of play. Following a respectable nonconference season, they entered January and the beginning of Northwest Conference play. Then they got smacked in the face with a number of excruciatingly close losses and found themselves three weeks later with an 0-6 conference record.

Time to give up, right? Not so, Geronimo; the Bruins, with a perseverance equivalent to Screech on the prowl for a Valentine's date with Lisa Turtle, continued to fight, picking up their first conference victory over Whitman and headed the next weekend to Tacoma to improve on their 1-7 record. The weekend started off "promisingly" with a 3-point overtime loss to PLU on the Friday game in which starting forward, Taylor Martin, suffered a head injury thanks to a metal door 10 minutes before tipoff. To add insult to injury, the Bruins lost on a game winning three point shots after erasing a 22-point deficit.

Then everything changed.

The following night the Bruins went into the fortress of Memorial Fieldhouse to take on the Puget Sound Loggers, a team which held a 8-1 conference record and were ranked 7th in Division III. The Loggers were obligated to go ahead and win at home, but the Bruins came out and shocked them with a scoring blitz off the tipoff. 39 ¾ minutes later, the Bruins were up by three points. The Loggers came down and scored, stole the inbounds pass and went to the free throw line with three seconds and a chance to win. Gloriously they choked, missing both shots and the Bruins celebrated their one-point historic upset.



Photo by STEVE SPOTTS

They've been on a roll ever since with a one point victory against Willamette, punctuated with an Isaiah Thomas 1984 playoffs-esque finish by Brent Satern and then a victorious homecoming night against Linfield. Now the Bruins are the ones enjoying upsets and comebacks; Miller is back, the seats are packed, but most importantly, the team has figured out ways to win. It's been stated that good things come to those who wait, and for George Fox in mid-February, it's been a cornucopia full of triumph.

SNOWBOARDING FOR CREDITS

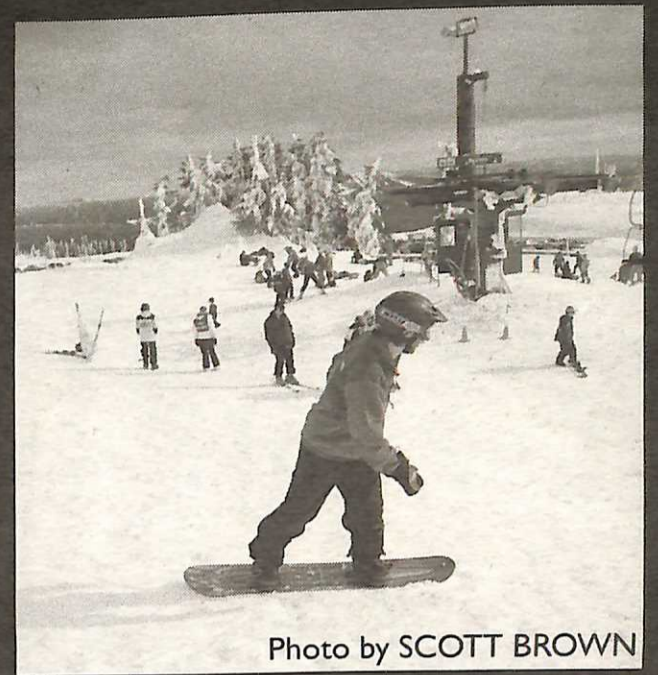


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Rusty Tasto, enrolled in the George Fox snowboarding course, hits the slopes for a final run, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2008.



Athlete in the Spotlight: Katy Campbell

By KRISTIN GNILE
Feature/Sports Editor

Everyone knows that the women's basketball team did well this season, but they may not know why. Leading the team from victory to victory is Katy Campbell, #33. As team captain, she makes sure that the team aims for high standards both on and off the court. "I strive to lead by example and vocally making sure that my team is ready to step onto the court every day and give everything they have," said Campbell.

"I love the game and the competition. And I absolutely love my team," said Campbell. She believes that the team's chemistry, along with dedication and their coaches, caused the successful season. "We have an amazing group of girls who are so dedicated to each other as a team and would do anything for one another," Campbell said. "When you have this type of team chemistry, the game of basketball starts to become easy and fun... not that we don't have to work hard every day we step onto the court."

Campbell has been surrounded by the sport for most of her life. As a kid she was a "gym rat" as she went to all of her father's [Glen] basketball games. Her father helped coach her teams in high school and continues to "shoot around" with her before games. He ultimately inspired her to play basketball. "He has so much knowledge about the game of basketball and I am so blessed to have a father who is willing to share that with me and be willing to take time out of his life to encourage and help me be the best that I can," said Campbell.

When she came to George Fox for a basketball recruit visit, she immediately felt it was the place she was supposed to be. "From a young age I have been determined to practice veterinary medicine and Fox had the curriculum to help me achieve that goal and professors that were determined to have their students succeed," Campbell said.

"I love the game and the competition. And I absolutely love my team."



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"I also came because of basketball. I knew that by playing at a smaller school I would be able to still play and maintain a rigorous course load."

And it has been quite the rigorous course load. She has learned first hand what a hard task it is to balance both school and sports. "I am a Biology major which requires a lot of time spent in labs, many study hours, long lab write ups etc," said Campbell. "Add my commitment to basketball of 3-4 hours a day on top of that and I don't have a lot of extra free time in my schedule." However,

the balancing act has allowed her to develop time management and multitasking skills. "There have been a few times over the last four years where I felt like I wasn't going to be able to make it," said Campbell. "It comes down to what you value most in your life and what you are determined to accomplish. For me, that is my team and my education."

Campbell lives her life by a phrase her grandfather once told her. "You are fast becoming who you are going to be." Campbell explains, "It means that what you do every second of every day determines who you will be in the future, that you should make choices that will positively impact your integrity and other's perspective of who you are."

As Campbell finishes off her final semester at Fox, she leaves some advice behind to aspiring athletes. "Never give up," she said. "Don't let someone steer you from a path you wish to follow. Take criticism as a learning experience."

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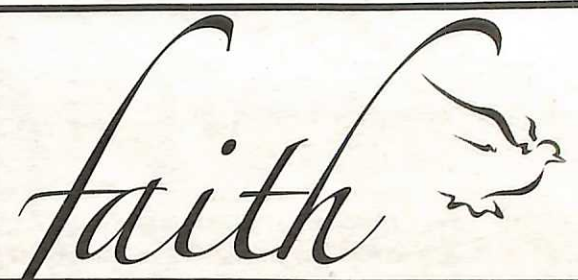


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"Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."
-John 6:35



Chaplain's Corner

By BEN GOWAN
Student Chaplain



Last year my roommate and I overheard someone say that she was going to eat only rice and beans for a while. We asked her why, and she said it was to be in solidarity with the poor. We couldn't help but laugh; my roommate was not on a meal plan and his most common meal was... rice and beans!

Typically, though, I try not to laugh at sincere efforts for solidarity. In this season of Lent, suffering and solidarity have been on my mind. The story of Job has good demonstrations of both. Specifically, his friends show us some of the dos' and 'don'ts of how to be in solidarity with suffering.

Job's companions start off well: "When Job's three friends heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was" (Job 2:11, 13 NIV). These men intentionally got together so that they could support Job in his difficult time. Perhaps most significantly, when they met with him they didn't say anything, but just sat with him. That is solidarity. No teaching, no preaching, no trite words, no forced small talk. That's real friendship.

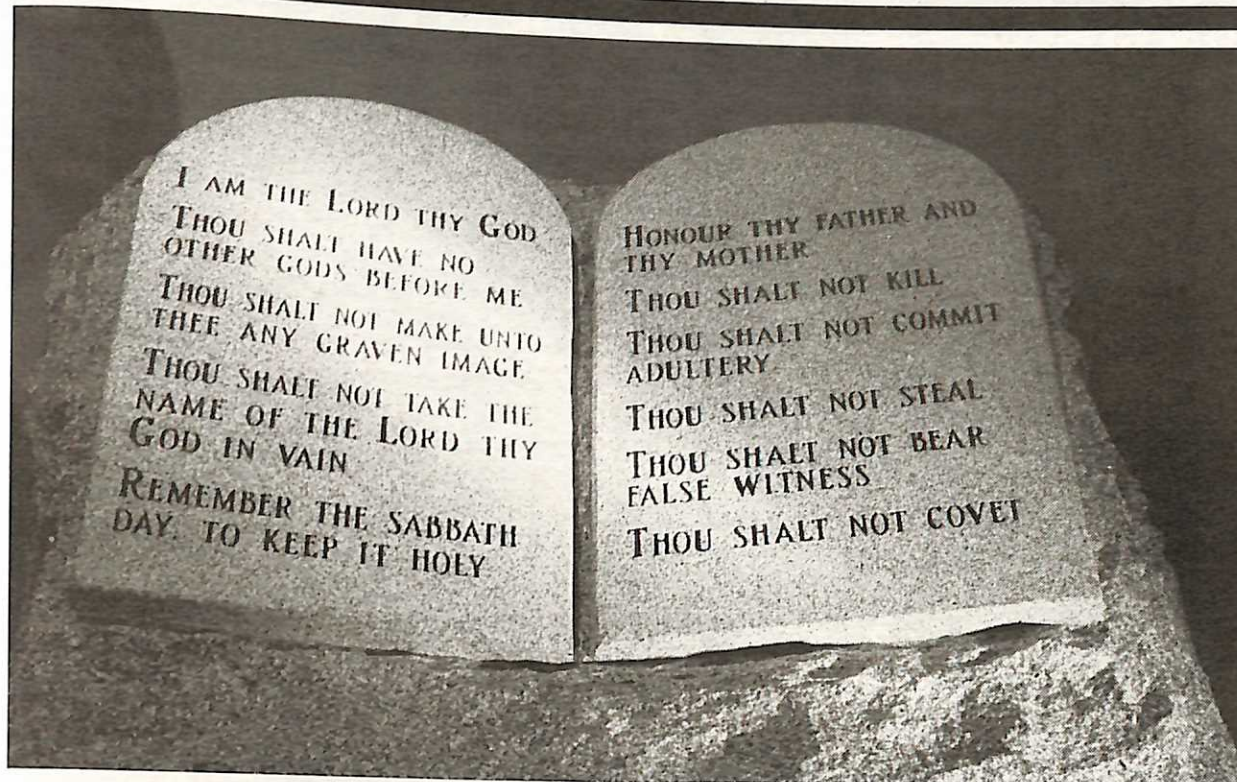
But then Job presses the boundaries of friendship and solidarity further than most people are comfortable with: "A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty" (Job 6:14 NIV). I have heard youth pastors deliver entire messages on keeping God at the core of friendships, and to 'let go' of friends who aren't striving for God. Tsk, tsk... how unbiblical! Rather, when people lose their faith we have a chance to extend to them love that doesn't require them to agree with us. A love that's beginning to approach the unconditionality of the love we benefit from.

But what about being correct? What about when they say things that are just plain wrong? Zophar has a response I often feel like saying: "Oh, how I wish that God would speak, that he would open his lips against you and disclose to you the secrets of wisdom..." (Job 11:5-6 NIV). The amazing thing is, Zophar's wish is uncannily correct: God does speak to Job, and does disclose wisdom to Job. But it turns out that, in the end, it's not about being right, it's about friendship, it's about solidarity. God rebukes Zophar along with the other friends of Job. "I am angry with you because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has" (Job 42:7 NIV).

What was it that Job was saying that was correct about God and yet frustrated his friends so much? Essentially, that his suffering was unjust and that God should be on his side. This challenged the paradigm of his friends: in their worldview righteous people were blessed, and sinful people punished. Job didn't fit their divine blueprint, so they accused him, and proceeded to 'teach' him in the very midst of his suffering. They allowed their idea of how God and the world worked to trump their compassion.

Lent is a time where we can get back to the good start Job's friends had. We can focus on solidarity in suffering. We can do that simply through coming together intentionally and listening. We can even do that by eating rice and beans!

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Ten Commandment tablets.

Photo from Moral Law.

The "To-Do" list for Christians

The Ten Commandments are a starting point for most Christians' moral code. They

By CHRIS SAVAGE
Guest Reporter

don't cover everything that we should or shouldn't do, but there are few who would disagree that they are valuable to follow. So, what are they? Can you list all of them? I couldn't get all of them either, so I used my good friend, the internet, to refresh my memory: no gods before God, no idols, no naming God in vain, keep Sabbath holy, honor mom and dad, no killing, no cheating (on thy spouse), no stealing, no lying, and no wanting what the other has. We mostly hold up all of these commands, right? Look closer. There is one that most people completely disregard.

We are comfortable not giving any thought or mind to observing the Sabbath. Or if we do, we go to church and call it good. Now I just opened up a whole can of worms. Observing the Sabbath, in different opinions, can be anything from legalistically structuring the day to praying to God throughout the day. I would like to take the view of the Sabbath as simply being a day of rest with God, which is exactly what it was intended for.

On the seventh day, God rested. He knew what He was doing. As college students, we spend our week days working through classes and exhaustion. We fill the rest of our "free" time with random commitments and video games. We hit the end of the week and crash by sleeping in until noon, or later, in the hopes that it will heal us of our sleeping deficiency (pssstt...it doesn't work). Then, we procrastinate and save the largest chunk of our assignments that are due Monday at 8:40am until Sunday, the day of rest. We may have attended church that morning, but it was in no way restful. Most likely it was just another thing on

our schedule that we feel like we should do. By the end of the day, we're spent. In no way are we ready for the long week ahead of us.

By the time that Jesus came on the scene, the Pharisees had worked out a huge list of things that people were required to do to "observe the Sabbath." Multiple times Jesus pointed out the falsities in their codes, and we now know that we are not supposed to be that way. So, where is the in between? How do we keep the Sabbath day holy and not become legalistic about it? First of all, that isn't our problem right now. Let's begin by working on acknowledging the day as God's and deal with that problem if it comes to the fore. Jesus said that He is the Lord over the Sabbath. This statement does not mean that we are exempt from the day of rest. In fact it is a commandment given to us so that we will not wear ourselves out.

So, take a break. Take one day out of your week and rest (whether or not you pick Sunday is a moot point). Plan ahead and do some extra homework one day so that you won't have to do any the next. And, instead of doing that paper or stressing over it, take a walk. Read a book. Watch a good movie with some friends. Spend some time with God in whatever way it is that you do that. And don't work. You may scoff at the idea and say it is unreasonable, but just try it for a week. I can guarantee you will feel more in tune with God, rested and ready for the week, and motivated to take on that huge paper you've been putting off. Keep the Sabbath day holy.

The lifeboat theory

By TAYLOR MARTIN
Staff Reporter

We live in a world where we are always trying to one-up the person next to us. Think about it. If you are in a class receiving your test from the week before back from your professor and you look down and see that you received a "C" depending on who you are you might be initially pleased or disappointed. Now say you look around to all of your friends in the class, and everyone else received an "F" on the test. How do you feel now? Suppose the opposite, you look around, and every single person in the class, except you, received an "A", do you still feel okay with your "C", or does the success of your classmates somehow tarnish the reasonable grade that you were given?

Take this step further. Say, in a hypothetical situation, you are on a lifeboat floating out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with five other people. Everyone immediately realizes that you have too much weight in the raft, and

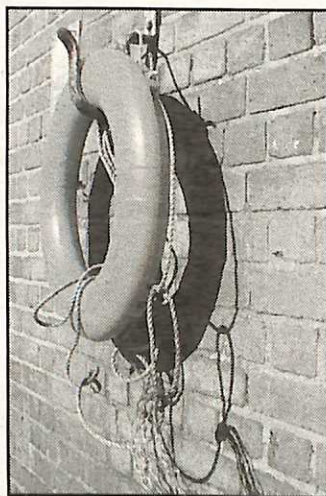


Photo from Donald Miller.

New SUB

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dramatically reduce waste.”

Stephanie Fagerstrom, a student Team Leader for the Bon, says she sees an enormous amount of wasted food. “People come in, get a tray, and load it up with all the food they want to eat,” said Fagerstrom. “Then they go to their table and chat with their friends, and before you know it they have to get to class and they’ve barely touched their food. So they send it back to the dish room without a second thought to the full salad and hamburger they just wasted.”

Lau says that the declining point system may result in slightly more costly food, but students would generally pay less for their chosen food items than they would for an entire meal. Other possible benefits of the declining point system, according to Lawrence, include:

- Freedom of choice and budgeting options
- Increased variety of food
- One common dining location for students, staff and faculty, creating a greater overall sense of community

According to Lau, the new student union building will be a student-space, providing increased flexibility and benefits to the George Fox community. “My goal would be to get a group of students, take a road trip, and explore student union buildings on different campuses to see what works and what doesn’t, what gets used, and what the students would like to see in their student union building.”

Some goals for the new building at this point include better seating and lighting that looks more creative and less institutional, the possible relocation of Student Life into the new building to provide more natural interaction between Student Life and students, game rooms, a commuter lounge area, and a coffee shop.

Student Life will be heavily relying on input from George Fox students in the initial planning stages of the new student union building. “I am really excited about this project,” said Lau. “I think it will add significantly to our campus.”

Lifeboat Theory

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that within two hours the boat will be taking on too much water. You realize that in order to save the rest of the group, you are going to have to throw one person overboard (and yes, there are sharks swimming all around, so you can’t just have one person get out and swim). Immediately every single person in that lifeboat is giving reasons for why they should survive, why they are important. The doctor is saying that he has an important job in which he saves lives, so he shouldn’t be thrown out. The mother is saying that she has three children at home, so she shouldn’t be thrown out. Bill Gates (yes, Bill Gates) is offering everybody else one million dollars to not be thrown out. And so on and so on. Donald Miller calls this idea his “Lifeboat Theory.”

In a sense, doesn’t this feel like how our world is ordered? We are always jockeying for position, trying to one up the person next to us. But for what? A better spot in heaven? Why do we get so angry and upset when someone cuts us off on our way to work (or school)? Is it really because we are going to be one second later to wherever we need to go? No, it’s because we feel wronged, we feel disrespected. We feel that in some way, someone just took what wasn’t rightfully his or hers, and that somehow reduces what is ours.

This is one of the many beauties of the message that Jesus preached. “Let all who are thirsty come.” There is going to be plenty of water from the well for you to drink, regardless if the person next to you is extremely thirsty and taking “more than their fair share.” Christianity, no Jesus, is bigger than the lifeboat.

We were made to have someone outside of ourselves tell us our worth. In Eden, Adam and Eve had God walking with them, telling them how much he loved them, so much so, that they didn’t even notice they were naked. But after that fated day when the Serpent tricked Adam and Eve, we were no longer in perfect communion with our creator. Suddenly the world is turned on its head and we have a gap in our souls where God’s love is supposed to be; we realize we are naked. So we go around trying to win approval, we put ourselves inside that lifeboat, with the mindset that there is only so much approval to go around, and if someone earns approval, it is as if we are denied it, as if we are on the out.

And there Jesus is, standing amidst us all, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty” (John 6:35).

TIMELY NOTICE FROM CAMPUS SECURITY:

George Fox Students,

Please remember – do not leave your valuable items unattended in public places on campus like the library, gym, SUB etc. There have been a few thefts of items like coats, laptops, and iPods reported to Security during the past 2 weeks. Please lock your items in the gym, and take your valuables with you when you are in the library or SUB. If you see anyone who looks suspicious or “out of place,” please do not hesitate to call Security immediately at ext. 2090 and give a detailed description of the person(s) to the officers on duty. Thank you for being our extra “eyes” around campus!

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RETRACTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 6 ISSUE:

1. The beautiful photograph of the Academic Resource Center was taken by Scott Brown, not Erica Bader. Scott has consistently provided the Crescent with quality photos, such as the one on the front page of this issue.

2. Although the Bruin Heritage Society was involved in many of the Homecoming Events during February 8-9, they had nothing to do with the Foxy George T-shirts. So, having their logo attached to the Foxy George/ Homecoming Weekend article was misleading.



THIS ISSUE’S MEMORABLE QUOTE:

“Don’t worry about the world coming to an end today; it is already tomorrow in Australia.”
- Charles M. Schultz

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