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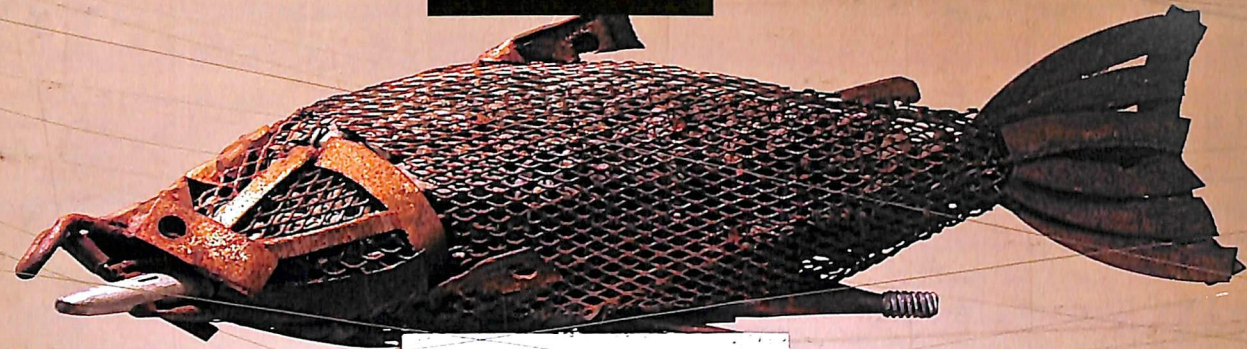
THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS



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ASC FUNDS STUDENT PROJECTS

By Mikaela Bray
Crescent Staff

Thirteen student projects have been approved by the Associated Student Community (ASC).

These projects include renovations for the Sutton dorm basement, a fountain in the rose garden, a metal art installment in the creek, and a bike shed.

Other projects ASC has approved: updated drinking fountains, a prayer walk, an intercession book in the prayer chapel, wall fans in the Foxhole, a pedestrian sign by Bauman Auditorium, an all-access piano for students to use, new mirrors in the Wheeler Sports Center dance studio, patio furniture outside Brandt Residence Hall, and a barbeque for RAE.

The annual budget for student projects, this year set at \$34,000, is 7% of the ASC's total budget.

ASC can only accommodate a limited number of projects at a time, so they try to choose a variety of larger and smaller projects, according to Erika Lopez, ASC's executive vice president.

ASC received a total of 35 applications this year, a record number, according to Lopez, and

she's excited about the student community's input and interest.

"[The proposals] are all very creative. They totally depend on the students' visions and what they want for the campus," Lopez said.

ASC's funding for projects allows students to submit ideas and get involved in the growth of the George Fox University community.

"THE PROPOSALS ARE ALL VERY CREATIVE"

Nolan Wagner, a sophomore art student, was encouraged by Professor Mark Terry to work with ASC to install his metalwork in Hess Creek Canyon.

"[Terry] gave me the opportunity; he was the one who planted the idea," Wagner said.

He will build 13 salmon in all and hopes to have them finished before the Fall 2016 semester.

Wagner made a prototype from scrap metal, but the final project will be fashioned out of steel and filled with river rocks.

"I feel so blessed... I don't think I would have gotten this opportunity at most other colleges," he said.

Like Wagner's metalwork fish, many of the student projects require cooperation with Plant Services.

"Plant Services is just slammed," Lopez said. "With new buildings going up, everyone wants everything remodeled. They just have a lot of work."

Many of the simpler projects can be completed right away without Plant Services, but Lopez's goal is to have some of the larger projects finished by the end of the academic year.

ASC tries to keep students up to date through weekly emails and maintains a presence on social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat.

They urge students to submit new ideas and designs when submissions open again next fall.

In the meantime, Lopez encourages students with questions or concerns about this year's projects to email her.

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By Joshua Cayetano
Crescent Staff

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY: DO COLLEGE CAMPUSES NEED TO BE MORE SENSITIVE?

George Fox University (GFU) has not remained immune to the trigger-warning debate consuming universities around the nation.

"We were discussing trigger warnings in class," said Cassie Hwa, a sophomore nursing major, "and some males said things like, 'People need to toughen up,' and 'the world wasn't meant to be safe.'"

In theory, trigger warnings are placed before potentially disturbing material, similar to a warning before a motion picture, in order to warn students with previous traumatic experiences. This space gives students the opportunity to prepare or, if they deem it necessary, excuse themselves from the conversation.

Those opposed to the blanket use of trigger warnings in university classrooms wonder if any content is beyond the reach of trigger warnings.

"I suppose those with trauma in their pasts shouldn't be confronted with material that might remind them of that trauma, but sometimes it feels like even seemingly benign material is labeled with some kind of warning," said Professor of English Melanie Mock.

Officially, George Fox University does not have a policy on trigger warnings. But, GFU's official website says, "University life is often demanding, sometimes pushing students beyond familiarity and comfort, and beyond what they thought they could accomplish."

While this statement gives the university leeway to leave the topic untouched, GFU emphasizes its commitment to a rigorous academic environment coupled with a Christ-like commitment to the care

of students.

"At Fox, our goal is to provide a supportive, caring environment within a framework of challenge and support," Vice President of Student Life Brad Lau said.

Although cautious of a broad application of trigger warnings, many GFU faculty members recognize the reality of the risk certain materials pose to students.

"The trigger is linked to some mental

"LIFE ITSELF IS NOT TOTALLY SAFE"

disorder related to past trauma, some underlying psychological issue that's not adequately resolved to the point they would no longer be triggered," said Bill Buhrow, the dean of Student Services and the director of the Health and Counseling Center.

"We want to be as deep and thorough, as educationally beneficial, as possible without pushing people over the edge," Buhrow stated. "And, at the very worst, that edge is students committing suicide."

GFU has made steps to accommodate students with trauma history.

"The [Haven] training module that we use to educate our community about sexual assault and related issues includes trigger warnings about the content," said Lau.

What remains to be seen is whether the university, or federal, law will require trigger warnings in the classroom.

Recent events at universities including Yale,

Columbia, Oberlin, and Missouri have forced many administrators to take a stance on the issue. One of the most recent articles, published by the president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, is titled, "This is Not a Day Care. It's a University!"

At GFU, some professors worry about the negative effect implementing trigger warnings can have on the educational experience.

"A robust, meaningful education and life itself is not totally safe and we should never live under that illusion, especially as we prepare students for the real world," said Lau.

Mock adds, "I worry that using trigger warnings in literature classes can undermine the very reason we should be reading literature: to have our worldviews challenged and shaped by others' experiences, to understand the world in new ways, to develop empathy for people."

"Good literature shouldn't always make us comfortable; it should be unsettling," she continued. "Trigger warnings tell us that we don't need to be unsettled."

At least one student disagrees.

"Trigger warnings foster an environment that says, 'Hey, I know this is hard stuff, let me explore it with you,'" said Hwa. "People who are advocating against trigger warnings and have not undergone a trauma speak from a point of privilege that silences those who have."

In upcoming months, George Fox University might have to address the use of trigger warnings in the classroom. They will need to identify the tension between the university's academic values of engagement with tough, unfamiliar ideas and the risk of triggering certain at-risk students.

GFU EMBRACES COMMUNITY

By Adrienne Speer
Crescent Staff

The George Fox University (GFU) Spiritual Life department (SpIL) offers a special program that ministers to local foster children.

"This year we launched a new ministry called Embrace," said Mikayla Greenwell, who oversees many of SpIL's projects. "That is a ministry where we're partnering with the local DHS [Department of Human Services] office in Yamhill County."

The program consists of a partnership between a church and the foster care system. This partnership facilitates ministry to children in the foster care system and caring for DHS employees

by following a model that has been used in Portland, Ore. for some time.

One of the projects Embrace oversees is the organization of welcome boxes for foster kids.

Many children transitioning into the foster care system face a long wait in the DHS office, sometimes as long as eight hours. Welcome boxes were created to comfort these children and provide a way to pass the time while waiting.

Welcome boxes also enable children to have a personal belonging to take with them to their new foster home. "The kids can have things to play with, it has snacks in it, and they can also take it so they have something that's their own," Greenwell said.

A list of welcome box items can be found on SpIL's website, but contents typically include toys, granola bars, socks, and coloring pads.

Greenwell says the goal in this partnership is to encourage GFU students to be good neighbors and reach out to the most vulnerable members of the community.

In addition, SpIL has partnered with International Justice Mission to minister to Syrian refugee children. To help provide relief, GFU is collecting refugee-care kits that include items like soap, toothbrushes, and washcloths.

Items can be donated throughout the month of December, and further information on welcome boxes and refugee kits can be found on GFU's Spiritual Life website.

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MLK SERVE DAY & WINTER SERVE

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

By Evangelina Montelongo
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The MLK Day of Service fuses different cultures in the hopes of creating a revolution. This event brings together students from different colleges, working to better not only their own communities, but also others, raising awareness for those less fortunate.

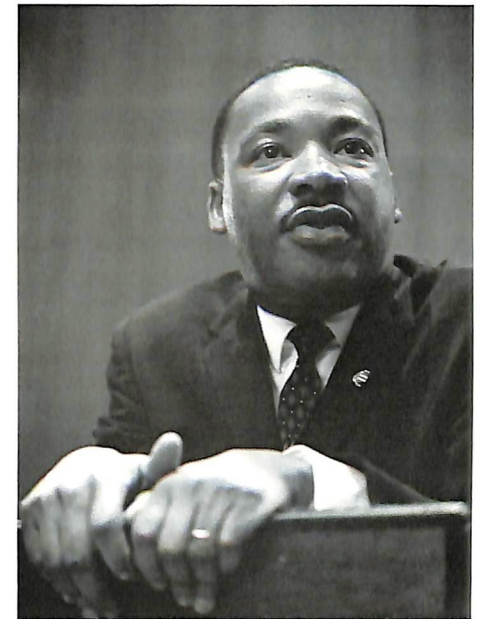
"There are a lot of things that Martin Luther King, Jr. did in his lifetime," said Jenny Elsey, director of Intercultural Life at George Fox University (GFU). "One of them was really knowing and understanding the people that he was advocating for."

"It's in honor of his memory," Elsey said, "but also to continue that legacy, the legacy of how do we understand what's going on in these neighborhoods, and what's going on in the lives of those around us?"

Elsey has made it her mission statement to take diversity and use it as light to inspire and unite different communities. Before the event begins, a rally will motivate volunteers to make a change for the better. As the event ends, students will reconvene and to hear a speech intended to further a passion for service.

With an average of 125 students from GFU alone, the event is growing each year. "As an urban area, there are going to be things that are going to be similar and things that are different," said Elsey. "I want students to be able to see other peoples' experiences and through their lenses."

The goal is to reshape views on diversity. Different colleges in the Portland area, along with the Oregon Campus Compact, all believe in this goal, and each year it is met with unrestricted willpower.



WINTER SERVE TRIPS

At George Fox University (GFU), opportunities to serve are seemingly endless. The Winter Service Projects are held during winter break, sending students all around the Pacific Northwest.

"Winter Serve," said Mikayla Greenwell, who coordinates the events, "is here to help build a bridge between students and the most vulnerable through one-trip partnerships with organizations that we've been friends with for a long time."

Not many students take advantage of the opportunity to travel and serve. This year groups of only seven or eight are participating in the trips. Trip leaders, including Rusty St. Cyr, associate pastor of ministry and service, and Zack Tewksbury, a team leader for SpIL Inreach, are working to change this.

"I'm hoping," said Greenwell, "that [students] have a perspective shift of the world and think more of how others live, and the reality that other people face."

People are often eager to travel out of the country to aid others, sometimes forgetting the benefits of helping people with the same needs in their own country.

"One of the cool things about the serve trips is that it's within the borders of the United States," said Courtney DuMond, a team leader two years in a row. "It's pretty phenomenal to see the needs that we have in our country."

By taking the smaller step to serve those less fortunate within the country, these teams hope that the call Christians feel to serve is increased. Winter service projects are intended to place students in an environment that calls them to take on a range of responsibilities in the act of selflessness.

"I'm excited to see the contrast between international and national cultures," said DuMond. "Both are under the umbrella of poverty, but how we serve them and make people smile who haven't smiled in a while will be amazing to see."



since the beginning. Honestly, my faith has gotten stronger since this whole journey with the school. As a person of faith I come from a point of "I don't know." I don't know what's out there and what's really true. Maybe I am a sinner and what I'm doing is wrong, but this to me feels right at the moment. Everyone has a different story. That's basically how I reconcile with my faith. My faith is my faith and my God is my God. That looks different for everybody.

What kind of impact do you want to leave at George Fox?

I guess hopefully opening people's mind[s] to different ideas and challenges. Personally, I believe the strongest part of faith is challenging yourself. That's what I've experienced—questioning things, looking at different perspectives, and meeting different people who don't have the same view as me has really strengthened my faith. It has shaped who I want to be in this world and what I want to give to this world.

Are you aware that you might be the topic of discussion in classes?

I think it's cool. I'm glad those conversations are happening. Even if they bring up some negative comments, at least the conversations are happening.

PHOTO: KOSETTE ISAKSON

JAYCE MARCUS A TWO-YEAR UPDATE



STUDENT JAYCE MARCUS REFLECTS ON HIS JOURNEY

By Jessica Rivera
Crescent Staff

In the fall of 2013, transgender student Jayce Marcus requested to move before the following school year from female on-campus housing to male on-campus housing.

At the time, Marcus had started the transition from his birth gender—female—to male.

George Fox University (GFU) denied the unprecedented petition. Instead, Marcus was offered a single apartment on-campus or off-campus housing.

The decision led Marcus's lawyer to file a Title IX sex discrimination case with the U.S. Department of Education in the spring of 2014. GFU asked the Department of Education for a religious exception, and in May, the department granted the request. Local and national news coverage about the incident erupted simultaneously. It's been nearly two years since Marcus decided to transition while in college. Recently, we caught up with him as he continues his journey at GFU.

What has life been like since GFU's decision?

It still feels fresh. Now I'm living with male roommates, and being able to live with males was definitely the next step I needed to take in my transition in order to feel as part of the male community. Being able to do so has increased my

confidence.

How would you describe your relationship with GFU today?

It's been good. I don't think we ever had a bad relationship because that was never my intention. It's never been my intention to create conflict that's like "you versus me." It's about how can we come together and solve this problem. Right now, I still have relationships with Mark Pothoff—Dean of Community Life—and Student Life. Personally, I feel we have a good relationship. It's not like we're best friends, but we don't have this animosity. Also, there are more teachers wanting to hear my story, so that relationship with GFU has been good.

Did you plan to transition during college?

I definitely had no intention of transitioning at all until after college. I knew I was transgender, but I thought it could wait. But obviously being who you are can't wait, and it's something that is going to catch up with you eventually—and it did. My first semester of college definitely caught up to me. First I was considering changing schools, but then something called me to stay. So I listened to that voice. Now, I'm here.

How do you integrate your faith with your identity?

My church has been completely accepting



PROFESSOR ALMQUIST

PROFESSOR SHERWOOD

PROFESSOR BIRDELL

ALWAYS A FAN OF THE GAME

MEET PROFESSORS DEDICATED TO THEIR TEAMS

By Justin Fuentes
Crescent Staff

As a San Diego native, professor Jeff Birdsell grew up loving baseball. This was primarily because of his grandmother, who was inspired by Hall-of-Fame Red Sox outfielder Ted Williams, a San Diego native himself.

"Because I had a birthday around the beginning of spring, I remember always asking my parents every year for opening day tickets," said Birdsell. "It was a forgone conclusion: I wanted to see the first home game for the Padres."

At the time there was no Internet, only the local paper and radio stations covered the home team. When Jeff thinks about the Padres, he doesn't think only about baseball, or the players on the team. He has memories associated with family and the place he grew up.

Professor Steve Sherwood grew up playing little league baseball. Quiet and shy by nature, sports

helped him develop confidence at a young age, and taught him the value of sportsmanship and teamwork. Sherwood has coached track and field athletes for many years, including his own children.

Sherwood met his wife in Iowa while attending

"I'LL ALWAYS HAVE A LOVE FOR GFU BASKETBALL"

school. Several years later, his kids were born in the Hawkeye State.

The University of Iowa Hawkeyes' football team was not projected to have a strong team this year, but this season they managed to defy odds and post a perfect 8-0 record. To show his admiration for the team, Sherwood has decided to wear one article of clothing representing the Iowa Hawkeyes each day.

Professor Paul Almquist's story hits a little closer to home because he actually suited up for the George Fox University (GFU) men's basketball team. As a child, Paul thought he'd be a football player; he recalls playing one-on-one tackle football for hours with his childhood best friend. However, genetics and his formidable height carved a different path for Almquist. Measuring in at 6'8", he quickly saw his talents were more suitable for the basketball court, and so did GFU. After his playing days at GFU were over, Almquist used sports to spread the gospel all around the world on a traveling basketball team. He preached and played in Italy, Greece and Yugoslavia.

"I'll always have a love for GFU basketball, and I continue to attend men and women's games to this day," Almquist said.

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& JUSTIN FUENTES

TIMBERS TAKE THE CUP

ROOTED IN THEIR FANS, THE PORTLAND TIMBERS LEAVE COLUMBUS AS FIRST-TIME CUP WINNERS

By Ryan Lackey
Crescent Staff

The Portland Timbers claimed their first Major League Soccer (MLS) Cup on Sunday afternoon, defeating the Columbus Crew 2-1. A first-minute goal from Argentinian playmaker Diego Valeri and a header from winger Rodney Wallace provided the difference for the Timbers. Striker Kei Kamara got the hosts on the scoreboard with his poached goal late in the first half, but the Timbers rode through the second half, ably protecting their one-goal lead.

This was the Timbers' first appearance in the MLS Cup championship match, having survived three previous rounds in the MLS playoff bracket. The Timbers, who entered MLS for the 2011 season, also made the playoffs in 2013, their only other appearance, losing in the Western Conference semifinals to eventual runner-ups Real Salt Lake.

"I don't think it has sunk in yet that there's no next game," head coach Caleb Porter told the Oregonian after the match. "We're the best team in MLS this year."

The Timbers certainly seemed the best team early in the match. In the first minute, Columbus goalkeeper Steve Clark took a heavy touch and scrambled to recover with Valeri steaming in. Clark reached the ball first, but Valeri slid in and knocked

Clark's pass into the net to give Portland a dream start and a 1-0 lead.

Just seven minutes later, Columbus was caught flat-footed again. Under the impression the ball rolled out-of-bounds, Columbus was unprepared when the Timbers' Lucas Melano swung in a cross for Rodney Wallace, who flashed his header into the bottom-left corner, doubling Portland's lead.

"THESE FANS JUST LOVE THIS TEAM"

As halftime loomed, Columbus' Kei Kamara, who led MLS in scoring during the regular season, gave the home crowd some hope. After Portland goalkeeper failed to clear the ball, Kamara jumped on the loose ball and fired it home.

Protecting a 2-1 for an entire half against one of the most explosive offenses in MLS seemed a tall task, but the Timbers, the second-best defensive team in 2015, were up to task. Columbus managed just a single shot on goal after Kamara's goal, and Portland twice were tantalizingly close to scoring again. Once, Columbus defender Michael

Parkhurst's handball kept the ball out, and later Portland striker Fanendo Adi's header clattered the post and rebounded off of Clark before skittering behind for a corner. After surviving four minutes of injury time, the Timbers heard the final whistle, and the 2-1 final stood.

The Timbers Army, Portland's famed supporters' group, had a significant presence in Columbus. In fact, they set a record for away-game attendance – the Timbers even shipped their wooden log, slices of which go to every Timbers goalscorer, all the way to Ohio.

"It means so much for the city," said Timbers supporter Russel Laubscher. "These fans just love this team."

Originally founded in 1975 as a franchise in the now-defunct North American Soccer League, the Timbers played in the NASL's inaugural Soccer Bowl, and the Timbers Army has followed the team through time in various minor leagues. During those minor-league years, Portland earned its 'Soccer City, USA' moniker, which Timbers supporters hold with pride.

"Portland's almost a European city," said Laubscher, "with the greenery and transportation, and the soccer. It makes sense. People get it, here."

Winter Sports



Men

12/4 vs. UPS **75-98 (L)**
Record: 0W- 1L conference



Women

12/4 vs. UPS **92-66 (W)**
12/5 vs. Pacific **75-64 (W)**
Record: 2W- 0L conference

Upcoming Home Games

12/12, 4pm,
California-Santa Cruz

12/13, 1pm
Colorado College

12/14, 6pm,
Southern Virginia

1/9, 4pm,
Pacific Lutheran



Dare to Date?

By Adrienne Speer
Crescent Staff

Ladies, raise your hand if a George Fox University (GFU) guy has ever asked you out on a date. No? Now raise your hand if you've ever felt a bit confused about college dating, or if you're a little sad that Winter Formal is coming up, and no one has asked you to go. Yes?

I'm a junior, and in the three years I've been at GFU, I've experienced and observed a fair share of the phenomenon that is Christian college dating culture. I'll just say this: dating at a small Christian school is significantly different than dating in the world outside the GFU bubble. Some of these differences are good, but on the whole, it needs an overhaul.

When I asked Claire (name changed for privacy), a senior at GFU, what her experience with dating has been here, she raised her eyebrows. "Dating culture? Entirely nonexistent," she said.

Claire is attractive, charming, and talented; in other words, she's a total catch. Yet she's been asked on nary a date since her arrival at GFU nearly four years ago. Why is that?

Perhaps the lack of male initiative has something to do with the shared background of many GFU men and women. Often, students who attend Christian universities have grown up in conservative Christian households, influenced by Joshua Harris-esque courtship theology, and

conditioned to be cautious about interactions with the opposite sex. Too often, dating becomes a concept imbued with fear, and expressing interest in the opposite sex feels risky.

Claire, like many other women at her college, is a little disappointed that she has had so few opportunities to date. When she arrived at GFU four years ago, she discovered a campus populated by young men who not only did not ask women out,

"DATING CULTURE? [IT'S] ENTIRELY NONEXISTENT"

but displayed a surprising lack of interest in women at all.

"The guys are terrified to say they're interested in someone. They're also terrified by women who are willing to say that they're interested in them," Claire said.

Nathaniel (name changed for privacy), a senior, says that within the "bubble" of GFU, asking a woman out is seen as too formal. He's noticed most relationships at GFU develop over school interactions—cozy movie nights in dorm rooms, flirtatious group hangout sessions and subsequent "define the relationship" conversations.

"It doesn't feel like it's a normal thing to ask someone out on a date," Nathaniel said. "It seems

like, with the dating culture, there's this idea that if I'm interested in dating you, that means I want to marry you, and I'm in love with you ... It comes from that 'I Kissed Dating Goodbye' culture that basically called dating bad and replaced it with nothing, so you're supposed to move directly from being friends with a person to being engaged to that person: just without a ring."

It's not unusual to see senior, junior, and sophomore women at GFU wearing sparkling diamond rings on their fingers. While I love to see my friends happily planning their future lives with their fiancés, I wish the pattern of ring-by-spring wasn't the only way to date at GFU. I wish more men were aware that asking a girl on a date, or expressing any form of interest, doesn't equal a proposal.

"The culture doesn't function on a normal dating model for the rest of the United States," Claire said. "'What does it mean that he sat with me at chapel three times? He might have touched my hand; what does that mean?'"

For Claire, dating might come later, after she's finished her time at GFU and moved out into the big world. Very likely, her charming personality will attract many men—men who are brave enough to flirt, to ask for Claire's number, or buy her a drink. But for students still navigating the waters of college dating, it's high time to train ourselves to view dating as a normal and enjoyable part of adult life, whether you are a Christian or not.

By Jade Becker
Crescent Staff

Students at George Fox University (GFU) choose a liberal arts university in order to extend their learning beyond their specialized majors. Instead of merely building a foundation for a career, students at GFU are encouraged to learn for the sake of learning.

A liberal arts curriculum, in theory, helps students build an understanding and appreciation for a variety of fields. In turn, these additional credit hours spent learning about sociology or literature, for example, inform and improve the way a graduate works in his or her particular field -- and, of course, how the graduate lives, exists, thinks. This philosophy—that a well-rounded education genuinely improves a person—is crucial to the

liberal arts environment.

Currently, the General Education committee is proposing significant revisions of the GE program. "We on the GE committee think it needs to be improved," said Phil Smith, chair of the GE committee.

For Smith, improvements of the GE program mean it will be "smaller, and more focused on the common experiences of students." In other words, the GE committee wants to see that all students, even those in more intensive majors, take similar courses. As it stands now, some majors simply do not have space in their schedules to take the required GE courses.

In practical terms, there will be "cuts in about every area of the GE program," said Smith. This will allow students to move more quickly into their specialized curriculums. The GE committee also

wants to maintain a "heavy and effective emphasis on writing" through 100-level writing courses. While requirements for fields like the social sciences will be reduced from six to three credit hours, the departments of biblical and religious studies will remain largely unaltered.

In the cuts the GE committee is hoping to implement, I worry that GFU students will lose the opportunity to learn for the sake of learning. Education will no longer be seen as a valuable discipline in itself, merely something to bring students one step closer to a six-digit salary. The value rests not on well-developed intellect and critical thinking, but on moving into the workplace. At a liberal arts university, the principles of comprehensive scholarship should not be abandoned.

SWEET MEMORIES MAKE MONEY

By Kelsey Herschberger
Crescent Staff

For many of us, nostalgia is the the return of Batman action figures and Barbie dolls. But for corporations, it translates to "huge profits."

Nostalgic products and marketing campaigns are a bona fide cultural phenomenon. While not a particularly new idea in marketing products, the nostalgic marketing machine has become quite prominent in the film industry.

For instance, of the 100 top-grossing movies of 2015 (as reported by Box Office Mojo), 15 hope to capitalize on the nostalgia of the audience by reimagining heroes and stories of decades ago. Of those 15, all but two are in the top half percent of gross return on investment.

These films use their material in a few ways: remakes, adaptations, and continuations. A continuation of previous franchises, however, seems

to be the most lucrative option at the moment. It seems that successful movies are rarely alone: at least one sequel is always bound to follow.

Both "Jurassic World" and "Avengers: Age of Ultron," the two top grossing films of this year, are testaments to the success of sequels. This marketing technique has worked in other products: Cotton

"[NOSTALGIA IS] THE PERFECT INTERNAL POLITICIAN"

Inc. bringing back a jingle from 1989. Linking this gap in time allows the older generation to reminisce while still providing new content for the younger.

This doesn't necessarily mean that original scripts are a scarcity or have no way of making serious money. The third highest-grossing film of

the year, Pixar's "Inside Out," is one such example.

But some critics fear the temptation of easy profits will cut back creativity and contribute to a dangerous worldview. Stuart Heritage, a columnist with "The Guardian," writes, "Things weren't better when you were a kid ... [t]he only difference is that you used to be stupider."

However, new light on the subject has been shed by academic Constantine Sedikides from the University of Southampton. Sedikides said that "[nostalgia is] the perfect internal politician, connecting the past with the present, pointing optimistically to the future."

In the end, nostalgia isn't unlike narcotics: it can defeat current pain, or it can leave us lost in a haze. Either way, a CEO is going to make a lot of money.

HOW TO RESPOND TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

R U N :

- Exit the building immediately.
- Notify anyone you may encounter to exit the building immediately.
- Notify the police by calling 911.
- Give the 911 Operator the following information:
 - Your name
 - Location of the incident
 - Number of shooters (if known)
 - Identification of shooter (if known)
 - Number of persons who may be involved
 - Your location
- Notify Campus Security at 503-554-2090

H I D E :

- Go to the nearest room or office.
- Close the door, lock if possible.
- Cover or blockade the door/windows and shut off lights if time allows.
- Keep quiet, silence cell phones, spread out, and act as if no one is in the room.
- DO NOT answer the door.
- Notify the police by calling 911.

- Give the 911 Operator the following information: (see above)

- Wait for the police to assist you out of the building.

F I G H T :

- If you are trapped and an active shooter enters your area you will need to protect yourself and others. Take action immediately!

- Throw anything at the shooter to cause a distraction

- Join others to tackle/immobilize shooter

- Restrain shooter until help arrives

GFU RESPONDS TO ROSEBERG SHOOTING

HOW ARE WE PREPARED IN THE CASE OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER?

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Roseburg, Ore., a small, quaint and quiet town with a closely knitted community, was not an area well known for huge catastrophic events.

Nobody expected their college to become a target for one of the most disastrous mass shootings of the year.

Newberg, Ore., a small, quaint and quiet town with a closely knitted community, was not prepared for one of their neighboring towns to come under attack.

Within Newberg, the students at George Fox University (GFU) felt shocked and discouraged over the deaths of 10 people and the injuries of seven others at Umpqua Community College.

"Being at a Christian college, it's just like I feel sad for my fellow Christian students," said GFU student Alicia Nilo. "I said lots of prayers for their families because I couldn't imagine how devastating that would be."

Other students have also expressed their concerns for the students and their families in Roseburg.

"It wasn't even wrong for them to show up to school," said GFU student Hannah Pettey, "but they just were there and they were in that situation and they were just trying to live their lives normally as they do every single day and somebody else was deciding for them what was going to happen with their life."

Students at GFU fear the danger will find its way to their campus next and they hope something will be done about it.

"It happened so close," said Pettey. "They feel like they're getting closer to home."

"Hopefully actions will be taken to prevent this from happening in the future," said Nilo.

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Brad Lau, the vice president of Student Life, couldn't agree more. In fact, updates to security protocol have been something he and other managers of campus safety have been "thinking about for several years."

What happened at Umpqua Community College served as a warning sign to them that they needed to increase protection as soon as possible.

"Whenever you have situations like that," said Lau, "and terrible tragedies like what happened at Umpqua...obviously our heart aches for those communities and others and SPU [Seattle Pacific University] who have experienced that and certainly we're a very safe campus but we never want to take

that for granted."

Lau instructed Bill Buhrow, the dean of Student Services, to create a task force that will look for areas to modify their security measures.

Ed Gierok, the director of Security, said the team is made up of a wide variety of departments.

He said, "The team is currently being organized from campus personnel and will consist of personnel from Facilities, IT, Faculty, Security, ASC [Associated Student Community], and [Residential] Life."

Buhrow and his team are to come up with plans by Christmas vacation.

The Executive Leadership Team (which includes figures such as the president of GFU) will meet together to discuss the budget required to reconstruct their security measures.

They hope to implement new measures within a year or two.

Lau gave the task force some areas to look over for opportunities to improve security.

Gierok said, "Some of the areas being evaluated are emergency notification system, classrooms, education and training of GFU community, law enforcement, Security response, etc. This is not an all-inclusive list but just a few things to be considered."

Even before the shooting in Roseburg, Security has done multiple things to ensure GFU is prepared for sudden dangers.

This includes workshops that are designed to make certain that students and staff stay up to date on emergency procedures.

"Security does regular and ongoing training

with different employee groups and different student groups around how to act in an active shooter situation and protocols," said Lau.

Last year, Security hosted a workshop in

"CERTAINLY WE'RE A VERY SAFE CAMPUS, BUT WE NEVER WANT TO TAKE THAT FOR GRANTED"

the Stevens Building, during which volunteers participated in a drill that tested their ability to react quickly and appropriately to unexpected circumstances.

"It was really eye-opening for everyone even though they knew it was artificial," said Lau, as it "gets your adrenaline going...But the fear is reduced when you know how to act."

Danger to one area means danger for the whole town, whether it is from an active shooter or from some other life-threatening situation. That is why GFU makes sure they are in close contact with the Newberg Police Department.

They have the department regularly visit the

campus so that Newberg officers can easily navigate the campus grounds in case of emergency.

"We want them to be familiar with our campus," said Lau, "and we want them to be able to respond quickly."

But there are other ways for students and staff to get informed on safety practices.

People can access the iGFU site on their computer or mobile device, which shows a list of procedures and tips in case of any situation.

A list of procedures is also provided within orange resource folders that are available in every classroom.

Most importantly, Lau emphasizes the three ways to protect yourself and others from an active shooter: run, hide, or fight.

"You have to assess what is the best option in that situation," said Lau.

However as Security improves in the future, one thing is for sure: Newberg and Roseburg may be small towns in appearance, but not small towns in spirit.

"With time the wound will heal and we will be able to be a more united community because of it," said student Tyler Bowman.



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