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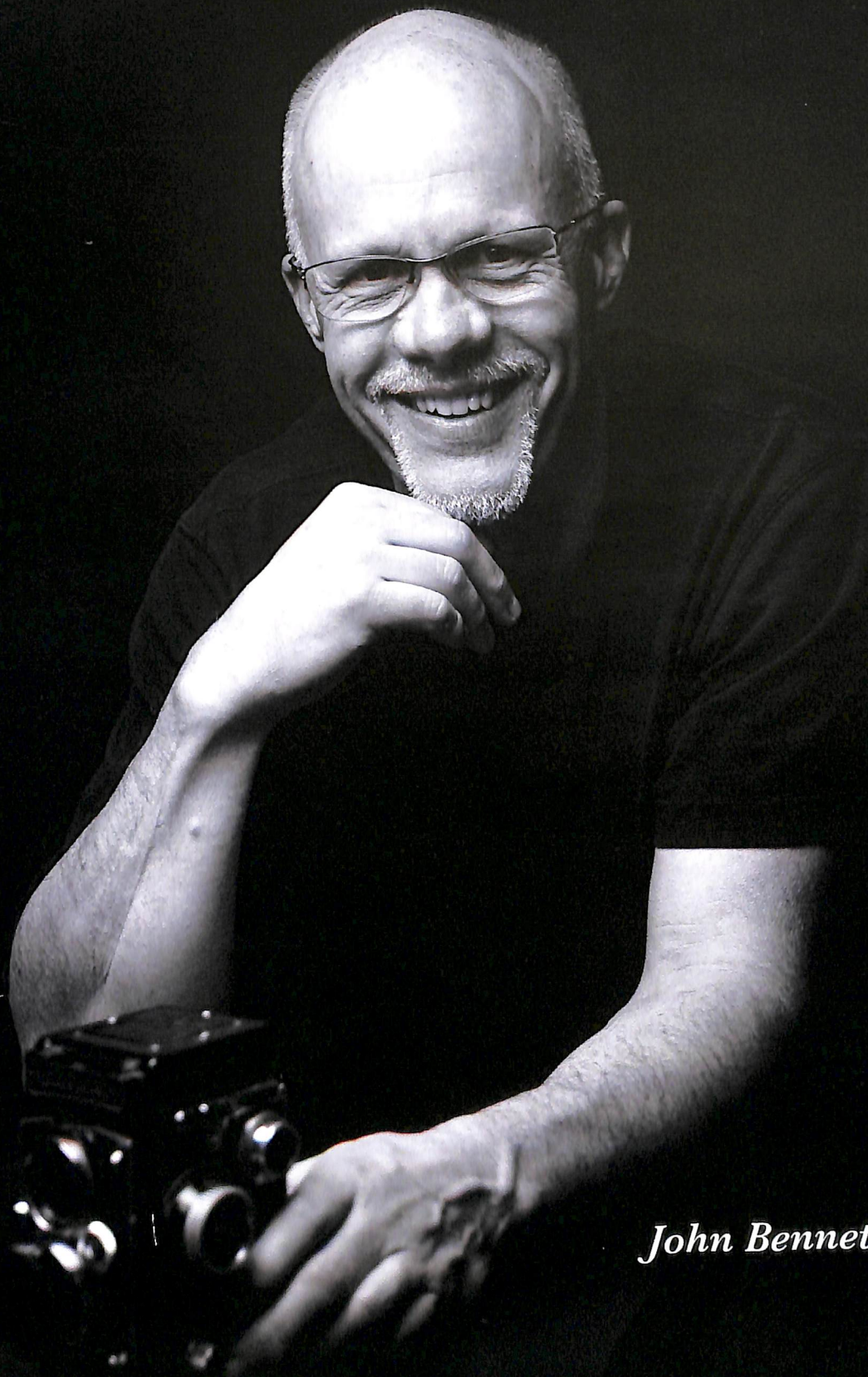
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# The Crescent

THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS



*“It’s  
All  
About  
the  
Light.”*

*John Bennett Tribute pg. 6*



# Letter from the Editors

Dear GFU students,

Journalism has taken quite the bruising in the past year. The concept of any kind of trust in mainstream media can be hard to fathom for some people. The general response of differing people across the country has been overwhelmingly “The news has chosen what I should care about for too long, even to the point of misinformation or spin-doctoring.” As incoming editors-in-chief for a small college newspaper, this was somewhat disheartening for us.

The Crescent is hardly a mainstream news source, but nonetheless these criticisms are held in the back of our minds. Imagine our surprise when we opened applications for staff positions and received the most overwhelming response from students in recent history. Like never before, college students are engaged with news sources and are looking for opportunities to contribute to and improve them. In a world where print media is often passed over in favor of digital outlets, we want to create something beautiful, bold, and very much physical. So in that spirit, we are looking forward to a year of fascinating stories and decisive opinions. Our goal of representing “the voice of the students” rings truer every day, and we couldn’t do it without any of you.

Send us the names of your friends who are doing great things – we want to talk to them. Send us the stories that make you laugh, cry, or get angry – we want to learn about them. Send us your thoughts on something happening on campus – we want you to write for us!

We can’t wait to hear from you.

All the best,

Hannah Dugan and Kelsey Herschberger

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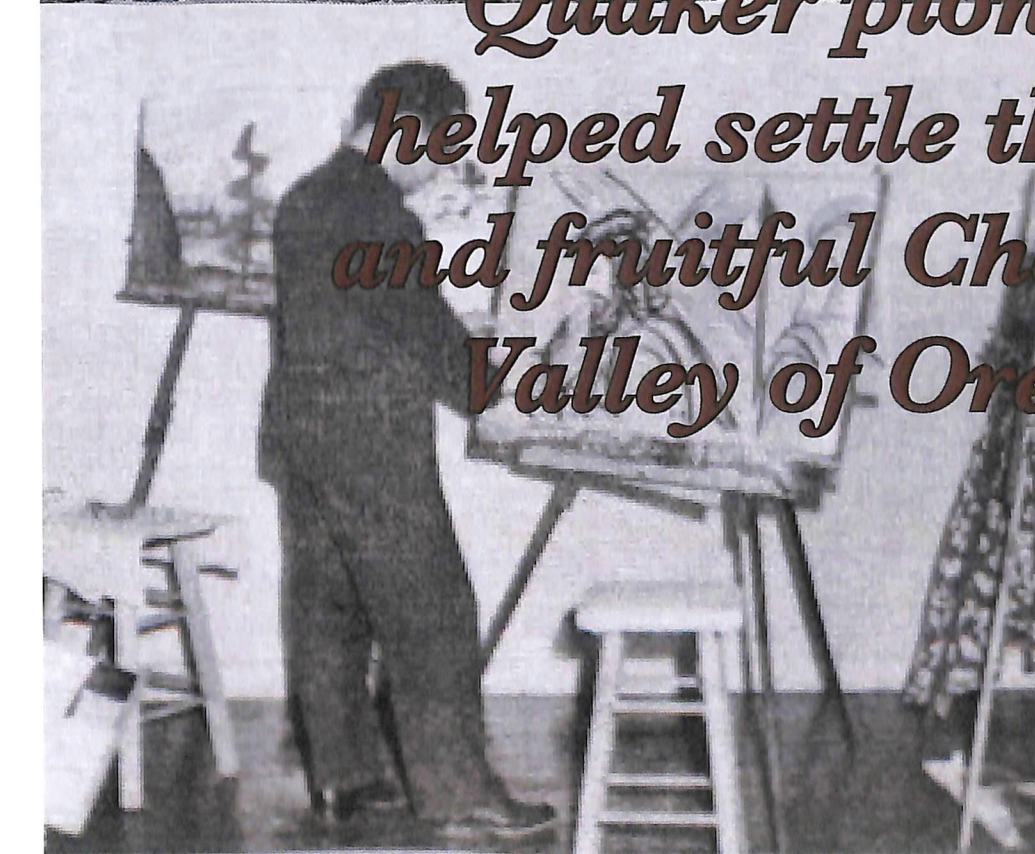
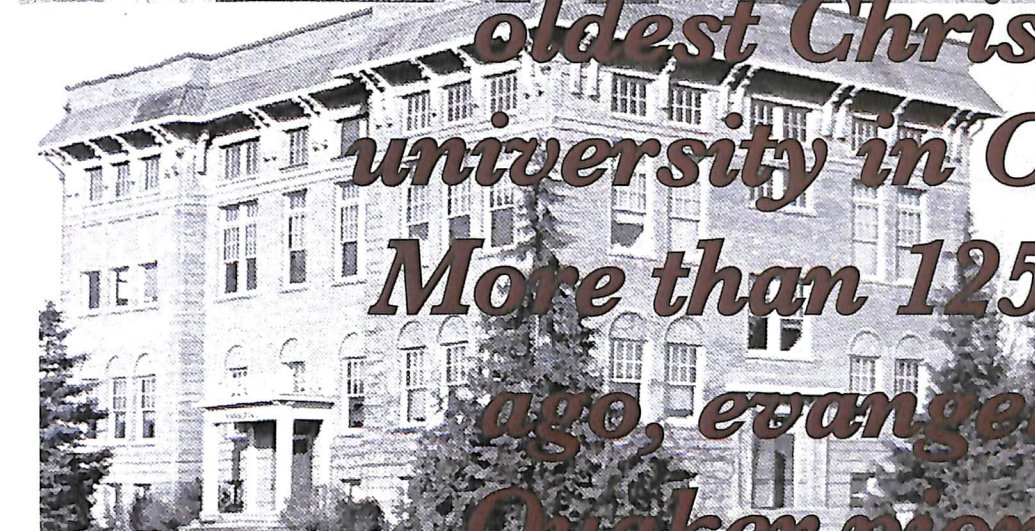
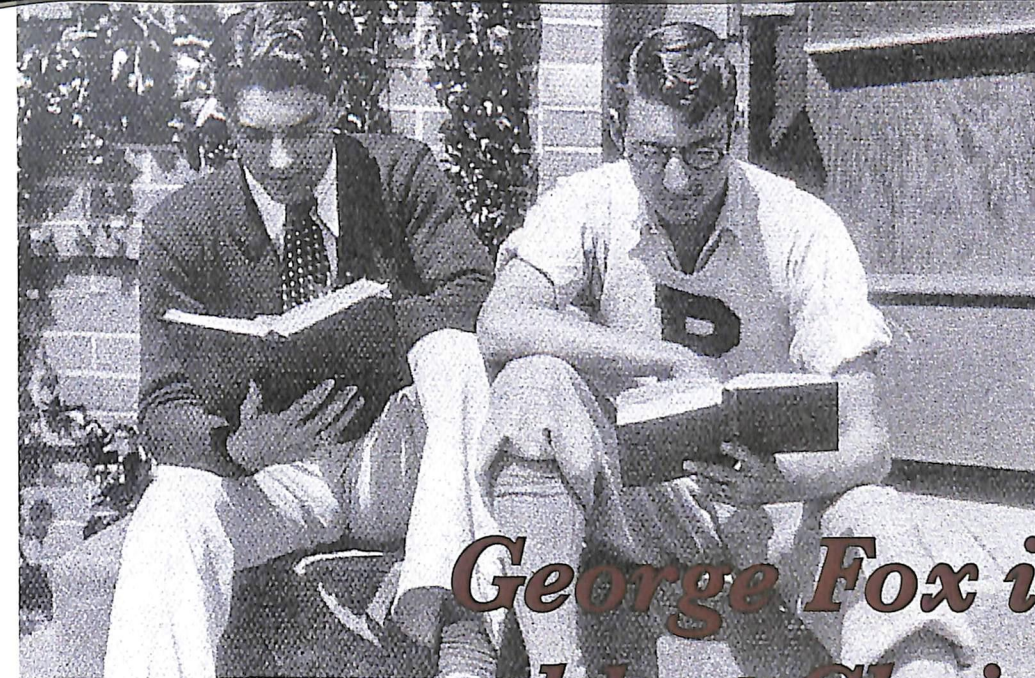
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# George Fox University Accepted into KEEN Engineering Network



Photos by Coleman Weimer

By Jacks Whitehurst

After years of hard work by Dean Robert Harder, George Fox University's (GFU) College of Engineering has been accepted into the Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network (KEEN) alongside many other prestigious institutions, giving the college access to workshops, initiatives, grant opportunities and conferences.

With this new program, GFU is now eligible to apply for select grants reserved for KEEN members and collaborate with other schools on workshops, projects, and best practices for infusing an Entrepreneurial Mindset Learning (EML) into its engineering curriculum.

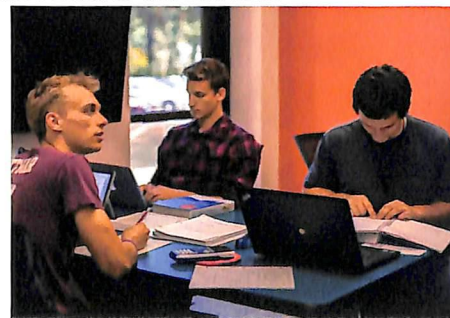
According to Harder, EML is a valuable tool, as it creates opportunities for engineering students to be exposed to more soft-skill approaches in their courses, rather than having to practice those skills in elective or general education classes.

"We are steeped in the liberal arts, and our engineers come out [of GFU] with a much more robust background in what some people call the soft skills," Harder said, "so when I learned about the KEEN network, I really wanted to become involved because

I saw that they were hitting on these things that, I knew as an engineer, we were missing.

"One of my biggest goals is to get the whole team [of faculty] on board and involved in the network in some way, so that they are aware of it, see the value of it and begin to participate in a meaningful way," Harder said.

"With the help of the workshops and faculty involvement, engineering professors will be able to integrate some elements of EML into their class, then present the results to the network."



KEEN's mission is to teach a technical skillset and an entrepreneurial mindset, fostering curiosity, connections and the creation of value. "We want to build this into the larger engineering culture, so that ultimately students who are going out and getting employed are better at these skills,

and have a more effective mindset," Harder said.

While some of the mindsets might include the popular definition, KEEN does not define entrepreneurship as starting a business or working alone. Instead, EML is a culture building curriculum; but, as Harder said, "building culture takes trust, time and intentionality."

As several other departments on campus have been doing over the last few years, the faculty in the engineering department are constantly brainstorming different ways to engage the classroom.

"We are trying to think about how to teach a concept, and help students build mastery in an area without standard lecture format," said Harder.

KEEN's network is an intimate, closed system of shared information, so GFU and Ohio State University were the only two selected out of nine applicants for this school year. Several signs describing the goals and intentions of KEEN have been put up in the Edwards-Holman Science building for students who would like to know more information about the network.

## EMPLOYEE EMPOWERMENT

The  
Biggest  
Change  
Being  
Made

Photo by Nathan Reichlin

By Emma Lindberg

Newberg, Ore. — George Fox University's (GFU) Human Resources (HR) department has become "Employee Empowerment" after a mass restructuring beginning last December when the chief operating officer of GFU resigned.

The biggest change being made, according to Rob Westervelt, vice president of Innovation and Empowerment, is aligning Data Analytics and Institutional Technology (IT) with HR under the larger umbrella of Innovation and Empowerment (I&E). Having these departments work as partners instead of as separate entities will allow for more ideas to flow and make the process of achieving the university's goals smoother.

"HR' for most people stands for 'human roadblock.' We wanted to create a department that is focused on finding things that are disempowering and turn them into things that empower people," Westervelt said about the new "Employee Empowerment" name. "The name change resonates with people because everyone wants to feel

empowered. What they don't want is to feel like a resource, like coal."

The focus of the new department is on the employees, which in turn is expected to increase innovation. The mission statement of I&E, which contains IT as well as Employee Empowerment, is "to create a culture of awesomeness where people feel energized, empowered and engaged in the mission of the university."

In a note sent out to the employees of the department, ambitious long-term goals are established. These include improving the employee culture and "becoming the top choice of employment for Christian world-changers," as well as expanding technology and innovation to be the best "on the planet."

Employee Empowerment will align with the university's goals and mission statement and work to achieve them. The specific objectives of the department in order to do this are to expand innovation throughout the university, answer critical questions within 24 hours and improve policies and procedures to empower the workforce.

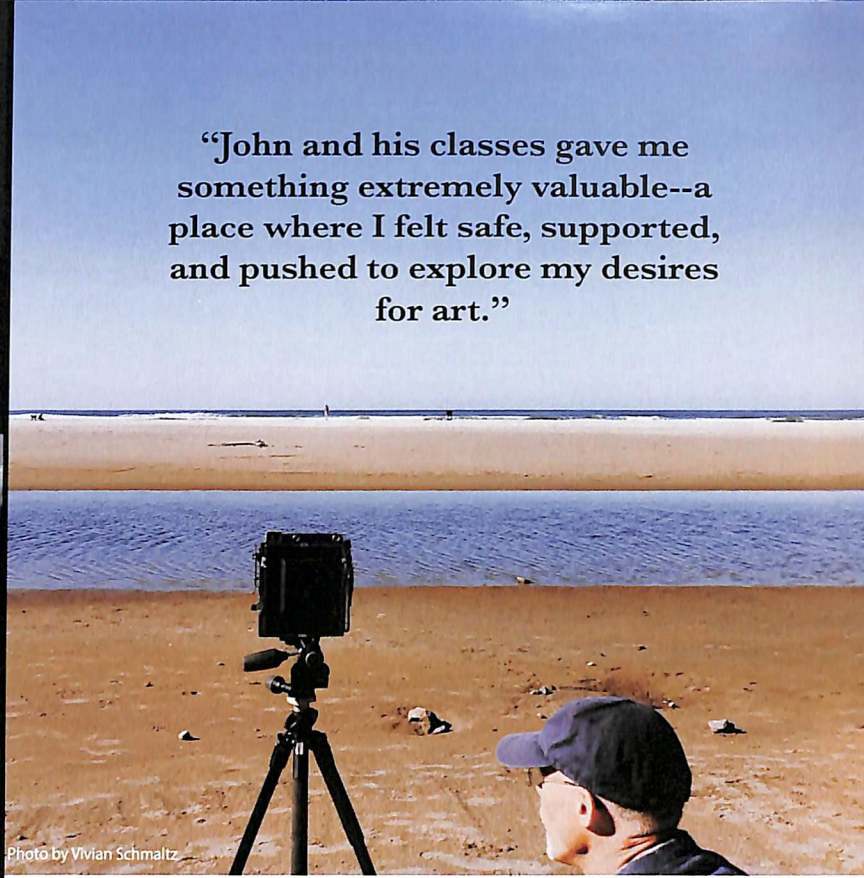
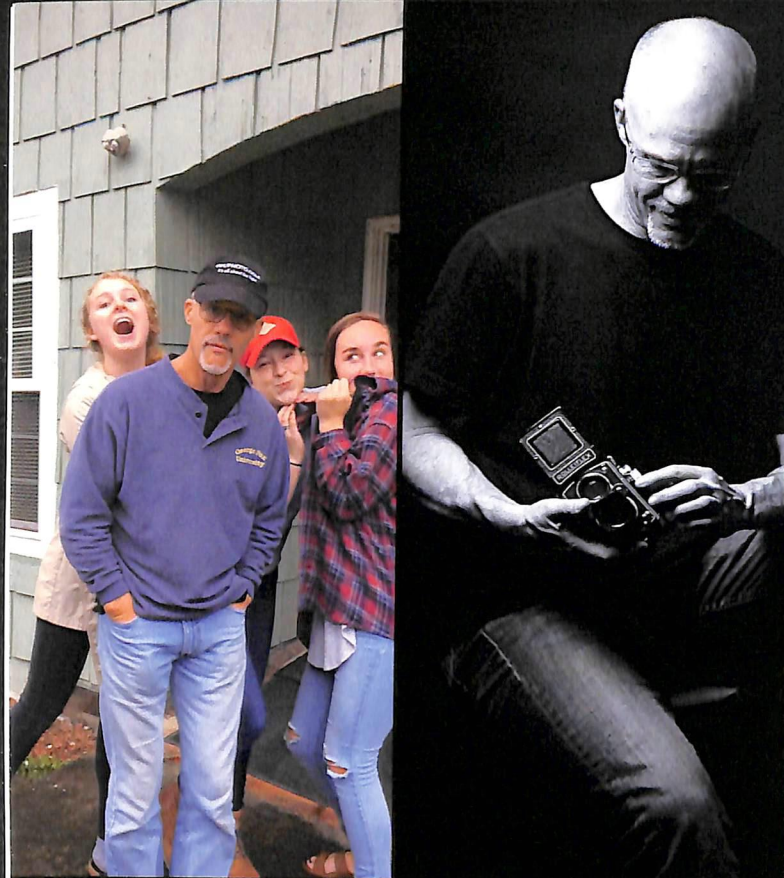
The former HR and IT departments were not being used as efficiently and strategically as they could have, but this new team and business structure are here to

remedy that. The Employee Empowerment department has been working hard and the extensive changes have been difficult to carry out and to adjust to, according to Westervelt. But the employees are excited for the future and are rewarded knowing that this process will end up positively impacting the lives of students.

Employees who are empowered will likely perform at the top of their abilities, and students will benefit from professors and administrators feeling motivated and passionate about the work they are doing. Professors, administrators, and managers of areas of the university (for example, the Canyon Commons, plant services and IT) will receive better training that will show in the work they do for students.

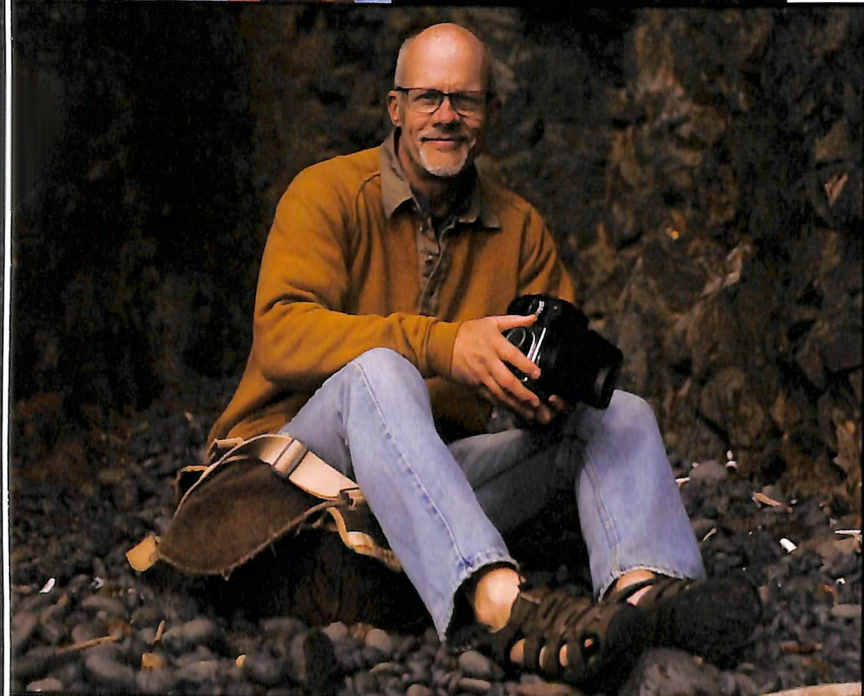
Being "the top choice of employment for Christian world-changers" would bring prestigious and high-level professors and administrators to the university, which improves both education for the students and function of the administration.





"John and his classes gave me something extremely valuable--a place where I felt safe, supported, and pushed to explore my desires for art."

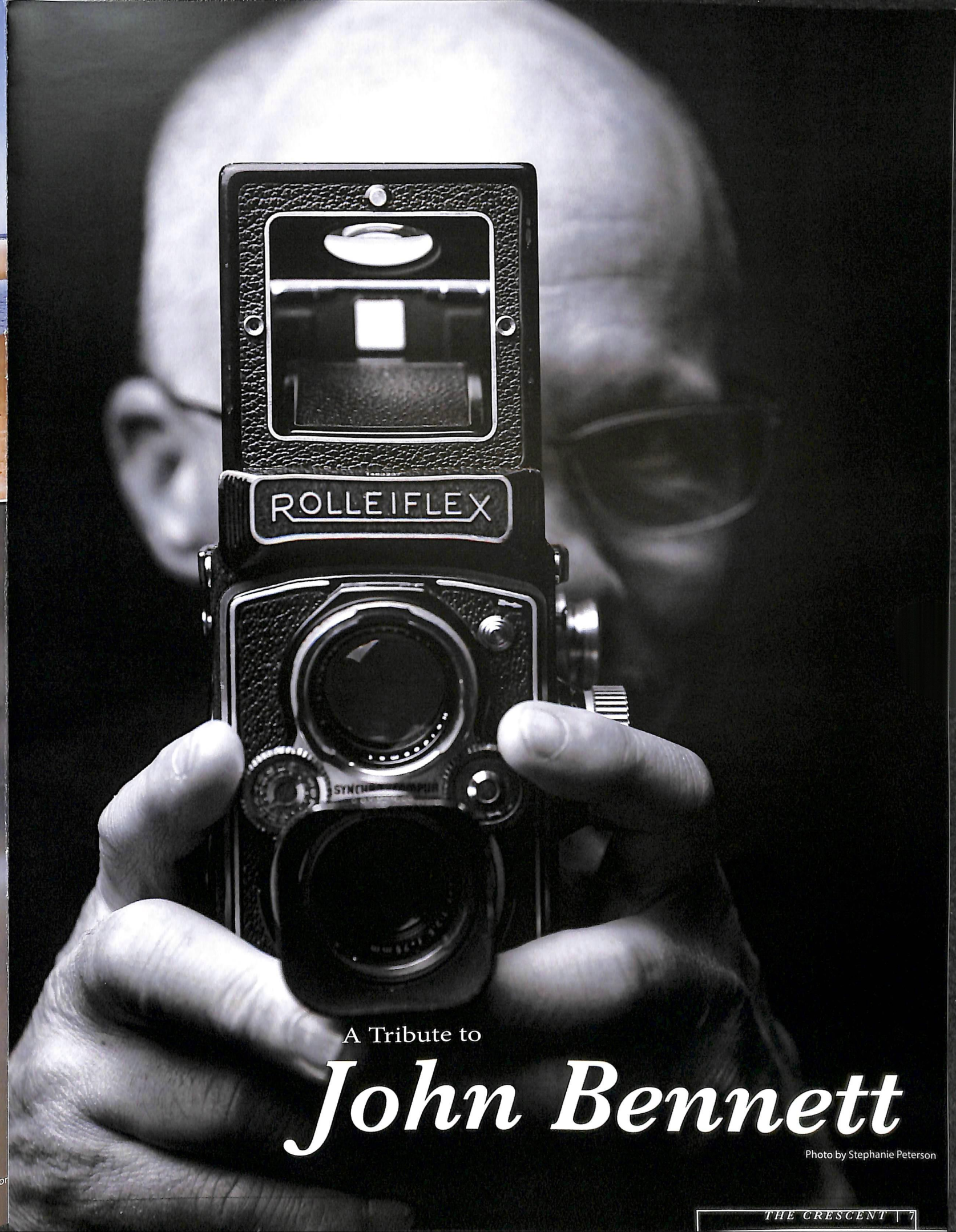
Photo by Vivian Schmaltz



"He made us all feel like our creativity was worth something, he believed in all of us even when we doubted our ability to keep creating."



Photo by Stephanie Peterson



ROLLEIFLEX

A Tribute to

*John Bennett*

Photo by Stephanie Peterson





By Kelsey Viehmann

Natalie Turner, a 10-time All-American swimmer from Whitworth University, is the new head coach of the swim program at George Fox University (GFU), to be hosted in the soon-to-be-renovated Chehalem Aquatic Center.

“[Natalie Turner] espouses values of our program and what we are trying to do in athletics,” said Athletic Director Adam Puckett of the newly-appointed head coach. Puckett felt Turner is the best choice, in part because of her ability to get the team to a competitive level as quickly as possible.

Chosen from a pool of approximately 50 candidates, Turner was hired after multiple panels of faculty, student athletes, and administrative personnel conducted extensive interviews.

Turner was a swimmer at a small Christian college in the Northwest Conference, and this knowledge and understanding of the Northwest Conference and Division Three competitive athletics will work in the program’s favor. Turner has the rare opportunity to build a team and program from scratch.

The announcement of the swim team came about with the announcement of the plans for a renovated pool at the Chehalem Aquatic Center, which is to be completed before the team’s first season in the fall of 2018. The old pool facility could not support a collegiate swimming, making it difficult for GFU to have a swim program.

This new athletic team increases the enrollment opportunities for future students who seek to continue their swim careers at a Christian university. GFU is one of two Christian universities that offer competitive swimming in the Northwest.

Turner carries the hopes of the university on her shoulders, with the expectation that she will lead a God-centered competitive swim program into the Northwest Conference with passion and experience.

In Memoriam:

## Daniel Mellers

By Claire Broling

Daniel Mellers was found dead by police on April 24. Mellers was a friend to many and a member of George Fox University. His friends noted his wit and dry humor.

A member of the first William Penn Honors Program class, Daniel Mellers was double majoring in Business and Philosophy.

Mellers always strove to do his best in his classes. He was aware when he was not reaching his goals. Dr. Joseph Clair, the director of the William Penn Honors Program, noted his intelligence when it came to his studies.

“He really enjoyed pursuing the questions for their own sake,” said Clair.

Mellers pursued the wisdom of philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle. He was passionate about books and philosophy.

Many of his conversations with professors would begin to form into conversations about philosophy.

The Stoic philosophers viewed philosophy as a form of therapy, which seemed to show itself true in Mellers’ life.

Mellers got along well with his fellow honors students and was living with a few of them during his junior year.

Josh Cayetano, Mellers’ roommate during freshman year, pointed out that when he first met Mellers, he could tell that he had a wry sense of humor but was quiet.

Eventually as Cayetano got to know Mellers, he realized Mellers was very smart and witty despite his quiet disposition. Mellers was authentic and cared about those around him, Cayetano said.

Mellers loved to read and play video games. Cayetano introduced him to one game he played in particular: “League of Legends.” Cayetano remembers him skipping classes to play or spending the entire night clicking his keyboard to finish a game.

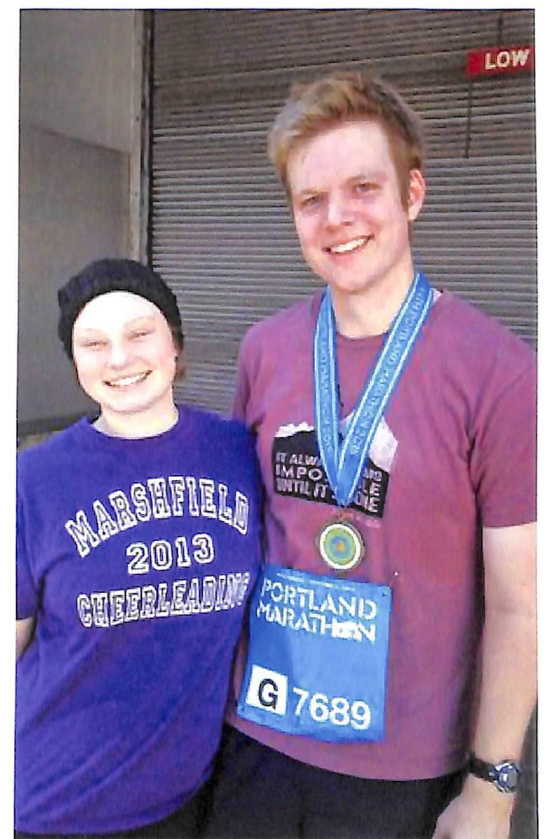
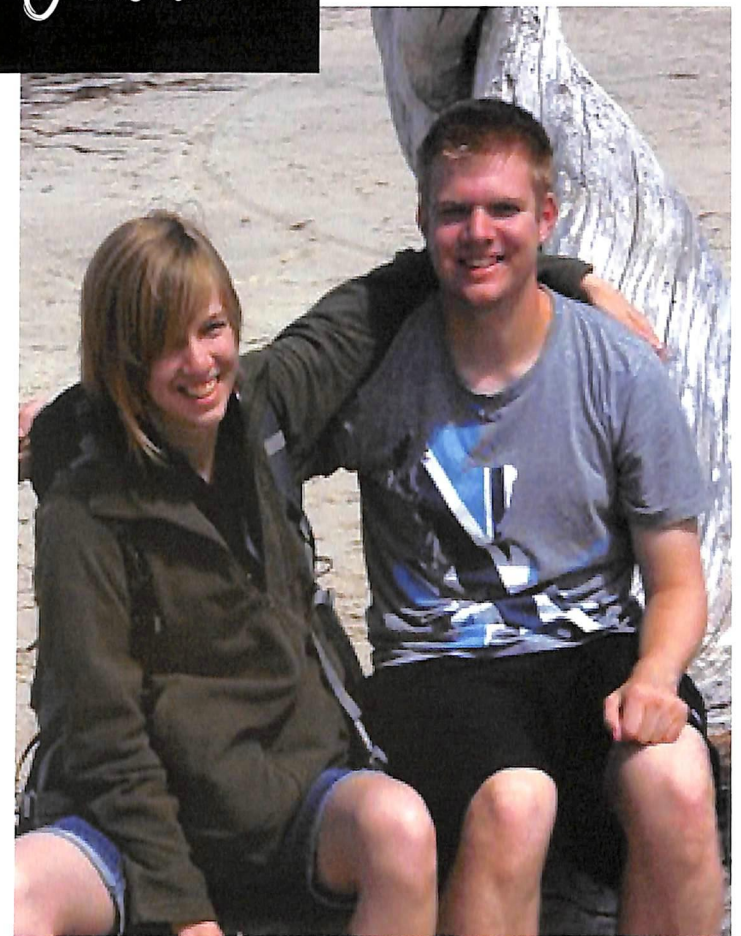
One specific memory Cayetano has of Mellers occurred freshman year when Mellers was playing a game late into the night. Cayetano asked him to go in the hall. After Mellers did go into the hall, Cayetano went and played with him until early in the morning.

People who knew him said that Mellers cared deeply about his family and his girlfriend. He was thoughtful and considerate and did everything he could to help those he loved.

Mellers even raised money for his girlfriend when she was diagnosed with leukemia. Cayetano remembers how happy Mellers was to be with her.

Mellers was a witty friend who was kind, yet quiet and deliberate. He was passionate about philosophy and books, and loved his family and friends.

Those who spoke about Mellers said he was well-loved and admired.





# Meet The President of Nemo ASC

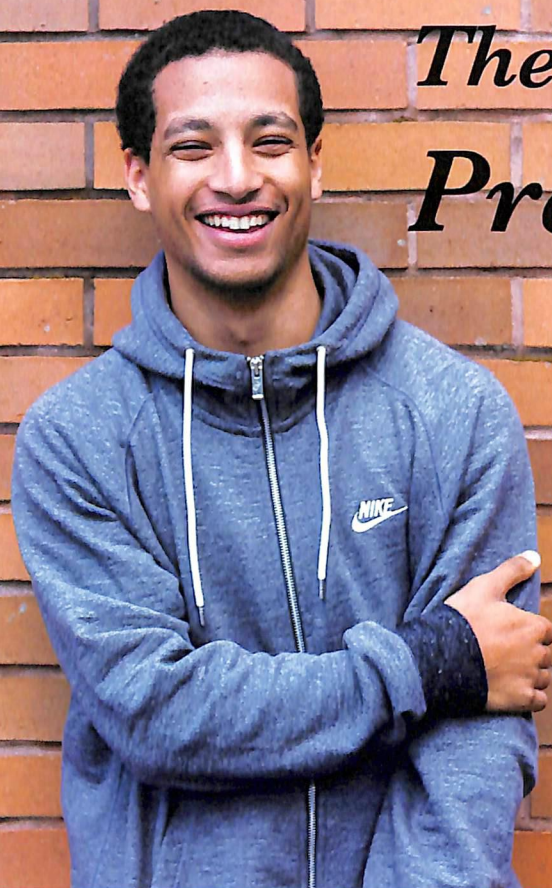


Photo by Nathan Reichlin

By Megan Creighton

Meet Nehemiah “Nemo” Heye, the new president of the Associated Student Community (ASC).

Heye came to George Fox University (GFU) in the fall of 2014 after receiving a scholarship for track and field. He applied to be a Resident Assistant at GFU his sophomore year and worked as one for two years before he decided to run for President of ASC.

Heye ran for office with his good friend Gohar Robert as his running mate and was elected for the 2017-2018 school year.

About this year being his first on ASC, Heye said, “It’s a very steep learning curve...But a lot of people on my team already have

ASC experience, so it helps with the learning part.”

Heye led his campaign with the slogan “You matter.” He intends to make sure every student believes they are welcome, and to make sure there is a place for every student.

**“The way he leads is very empowering.”**

Heye wants to focus on bringing unity to GFU by creating events for all students to participate in. Off campus, Heye does his part to represent GFU, saying, “It’s a lot of making sure I represent the students well and making sure I represent Fox as a whole well.”

Robert, Heye’s vice president and fellow senior, said, “It’s like working with a best friend. I’ve

known Nemo for three years. I was an RA with him last year, so I kind of knew his style of leadership and his way of going about things.”

Robert spoke highly of Heye’s leadership, saying, “What I’ve seen in the way he leads is very empowering.”

Robert said that another of Heye’s goals for this year is to make what ASC does now matter later on. He plans on establishing processes that will remain consistent in the years to come.

There are ways for students to get involved beyond being on ASC. There are over 35 clubs on campus to join, and there are many events throughout the year for all students to attend and connect with the rest of the university.

# Min Choi: the New Area Coordinator for Houses and Apartments North



Photo by Satoshi Seth

By Megan Beam

This new school year the George Fox University (GFU) community welcomed Min Choi, a new area coordinator for houses and apartments north. Min lives in the Le Shana apartments with his wife Sarah and one-year-old son Isaac.

Students may have seen Min dining with his family in the cafeteria. Min loves talking and connecting with people, sharing life stories, and especially empowering others to become the unique leaders God has created them to be.

Min was born in Korea and moved to the United States with his family as a young child. Growing up in a church setting helped establish his faith. But he truly committed himself to Christ during and after his time in college at Ohio State University.

After completing his Bachelor of Science in Zoology, Min began an education in pastoral studies at Moody Theological Seminary in Chicago to attain a Masters of Divinity.

“It was a profound experience through and through,” Min said.

Midway through his program, Min worked as a residence supervisor at Moody, a similar role to an area coordinator here.

“What I found out was I fell in love with the work I was doing in residence life and in higher education with student development and leadership development,” he said.

When he completed his degree at Moody, Min spent some time figuring out what the next season of life would bring for him and his family. He applied for area coordinator at George Fox and was offered the role in late June. Min believes God was orchestrating everything to fall into place.

“Not only was it an incredible joy and excitement, but in a lot of ways... this is what we’ve been waiting for,” said Min. “Oregon is not a familiar place for us, so...we took this as a leap of faith.” Something that stood out to Min was George Fox’s “Be Known” promise. He thrives on making connections between students and staff, and appreciates how much effort is put into making that a transparent part of our university’s community culture.

Now that he is here, Min is excited to work in his new role. He is visibly passionate about his purpose.

One of Min’s favorite things to talk about is leadership. He is fascinated

by it, and believes leadership is both “required for great communities to exist” and is “built, not born.”

Another genuine quality about Min is his humility. He loves talking about weaknesses, integrity and personal ownership.

Min has a zeal for developing, coaching and helping people to grow to become influencers, activators and leaders in whatever field they are in, whoever they are.

“I really do think that Christ calls us to be salt and light,” he said. Min hopes to continually help people to grow in their self-awareness and how they can pursue what God is calling them to do.

Dan Kang, who is an assistant professor of Physical Therapy here at GFU, befriended Min through church and work. Aside from connecting over Christ and Korean barbecue, Dan had many admirable things to say about Min. “He will empower you and he will be there for you. He is very reliable and very friendly,” said Dan. “He is Christ centered...and a good communicator.” Although they have only known each other for the past several months, Dan feels like he has known Min a life time. In the near future Min hopes to earn his doctorate, possibly in education.



# The Benefits of Strategic Electives



Photos by Olivia Berglund

By Kaylee Hatfield

There are a lot of potential benefits for college undergraduates who strategically select their general education and elective classes. So how can students spend their time efficiently?

The main goal of the general education package is to build a wide foundation of basic skills and knowledge. This is done with the intention of preparing undergraduates for a variety of workplace settings and situations.

Some majors, like Nursing and Engineering, are concentrated and do not have a lot of open room for electives. However, even taking one or two classes outside of their major can come in handy for a student later in life.

I spoke with Joe Thouvenel, assistant director for the Idea Center and a career and internship coach. He said, "For a lot of students, even though they've declared a major, that

doesn't always dictate their career." Graduating with a certain degree does not necessarily mean a student will end up working where they originally expected to.



Thouvenel recommends taking Professional Writing, Introduction to Business, Introduction to Computer Science, and a foreign language. These classes provide experience that can be applicable in nearly any field of work. A helpful list aptly named "Strategic Electives," and consisting of constructive classes, is available online at the GFU academic planning page. The list categorizes courses into eleven areas of expertise. A hard copy of the doc-

ument is also available for pick up in the Idea Center.

Even though the list is relatively new, it is helping students become aware of the opportunities they have to broaden their skill sets. Though there are several courses per category, taking one or two classes from a few different categories can greatly expand basic knowledge.

For further information about what businesses are looking for in their employees, check out an online article written by Scott Jaschik in 2015 entitled "Well-Prepared in Their Own Eyes." Jaschik's article, published by Inside Higher Ed, compares student versus employer perspectives on the best job preparation. Jaschik explains that most employers are looking for broader skills in their employees rather than exclusively specific knowledge.

This is the time and place to build connections and make well-informed decisions. Students should take advantage of the wonderful resources available to them here.

# THE FUTURE OF LIBERTARIANISM AND CONSERVATISM SEPT. 15-16, 2017

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## A Conservative Conference Promotes Political Diversity

By Claire Broling

George Fox University held a conference called "The Future of Libertarianism and Conservatism" on campus on September 15 and September 16. Mark Hall, who helped host the conference, said its purpose was to "help students think through how libertarians and conservatives approach politics."

Students attended the event from schools around the Pacific Northwest, and speakers came from around the country.

The content of the conference included a dinner the night of September 15, featuring a speaker. Then three separate panels on September 16 discussed legislating morality, income inequality, and immigration.

Some George Fox staff members were concerned about protestors, but nothing protest-worthy occurred. The panels fairly showed the differences in two political ideologies without giving offense to the opposing views. If the goal was to engage students in politics, the event was a success.

Though the organizing principle of the conference was to high-

light libertarianism and conservatism, other political views were not alienated at the conference. There were people who ascribed to either the libertarian or conservative side of politics, as well as some students who described themselves as neither.

Hall pointed out he would like to see all George Fox students engaging in political discussion. These events are good stepping-stones for students who are not politically active to learn more about political issues and think deeply about them.

One student who attended the conference was interested in hearing even more political views expressed in a similar event.

It is beneficial to a campus such as George Fox University to have students engage themselves with political debate or discussion. These discussions allow students to improve their understanding of one another, creating a better community within the school and enabling students to create strong community outside of George Fox.

Young people must learn about current events and how they will influence their lives. Events such as this

conference held at George Fox help students to gain knowledge through critical thinking and discussion. It helps gain a rounder knowledge of their own political opinions as well as the opinions of fellow students.

One attendee said the event helped her get a better grasp on her own political beliefs. She said hearing experts on a certain topic give arguments for their beliefs gave her a fuller understanding of the topics at hand.

George Fox and other schools around the nation should hold events such as this conference more often with different viewpoints so students are able to see the world through varying points of view.

Political diversity helps Americans understand each other at a more basic level than just political belief. It strengthens us as a country. Pursuing a better political understanding for George Fox and its students is critical to becoming a better and more loving community.

When we understand our own political beliefs and the beliefs of those around us, we are made stronger.





# The Housing Issue

Photos by Olivia Berglund

By Kelsey Viehmann

Freshmen and sophomores at George Fox University are required to live on campus. For upperclassmen who need to or want to live on campus, housing options can be limited.

Brandt Hall is one of the only options for on-campus living for upperclassmen that is not a house or apartment. Brandt is also the only residence hall that exclusively houses upperclassmen.

Houses and apartments are notoriously hard to get into for students. Many miss out on the sign-up process and are assigned to dormitories for a second or even third year in a row.

Many upperclassmen no longer want to live in dorms, and do everything they can to get into what they consider better housing.

Two students who applied

for and were assigned to a double dorm room in Brandt arrived upon campus this fall to find a third set of furniture in the room. The room technically fit all of the furniture, but not without significant limits to room space and storage options.

When first contacting Resident Life offices, they said that it was a mistake and they would send someone to remove the furniture. Days passed, and the furniture was still there.

Upon contacting the office again, the students were told by Resident Life that they now had a third roommate. Other rooms on that floor that are designated for three roommates remain with only two residents.

Dorms are supposed to allow for two outlets per roommate. This is one of the ways to identify which rooms are built to be doubles and which rooms are built to be triples.

The dorm in question only

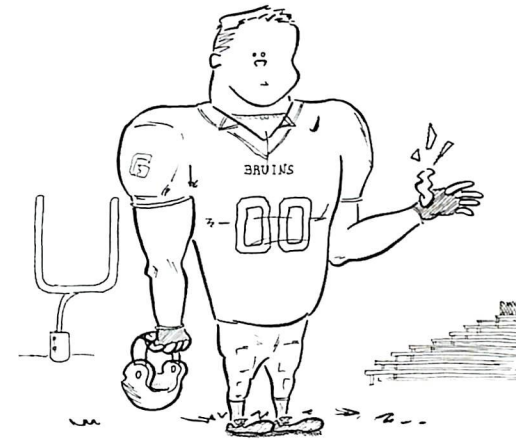
has four outlets for all three roommates. The dorm layout on the official George Fox housing website identifies this room as a room for only two residents.

This comes after the destruction of the Lewis apartments to make room for the new Student Activities Center.

George Fox University could indeed benefit from more options for upperclassmen housing, especially with the loss of a much sought-after housing option such as the Lewis apartments. Housing priority should be given to those students who are required to live on campus over students who have the option to live off-campus.



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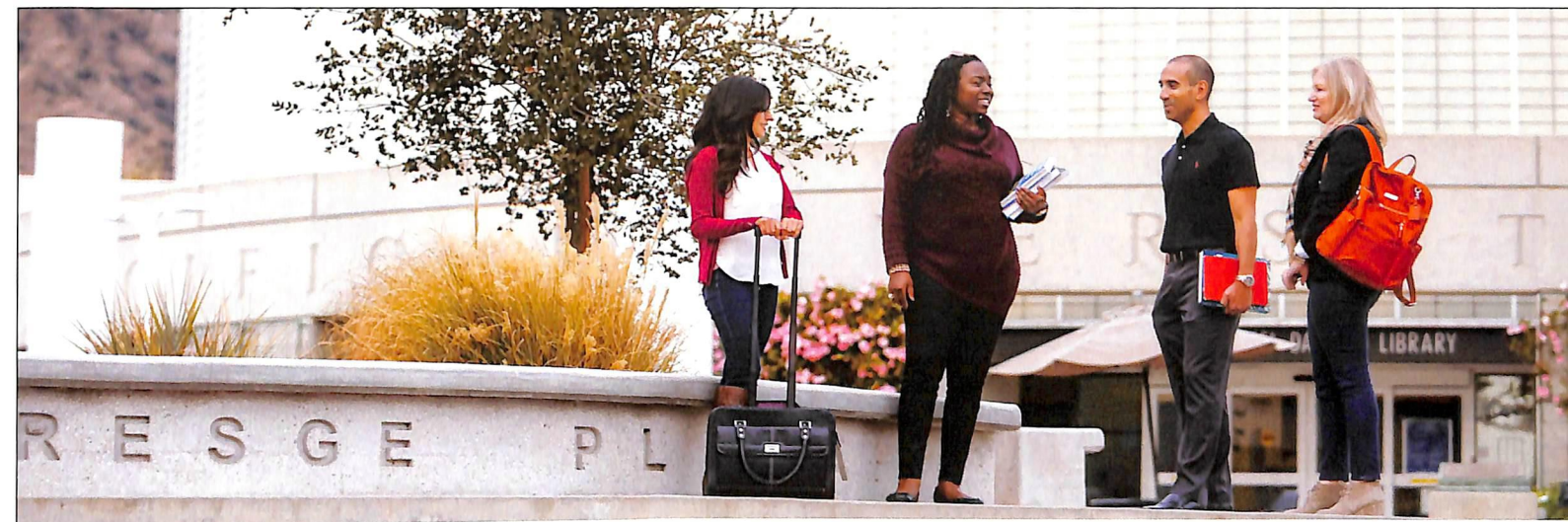


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