

What makes a university
one of high quality?

It's a question I ponder
often, along with the related
questions of how to define
quality and who makes the
determination. And, I have
the feeling that part of the
discussion is that one never
really "arrives."

For some, an outstanding athletic team is enough. Some
universities are well-known and are assumed to have top-
quality programs because their athletic teams are nation-
ally recognized. Others want their school or department to
stand out in

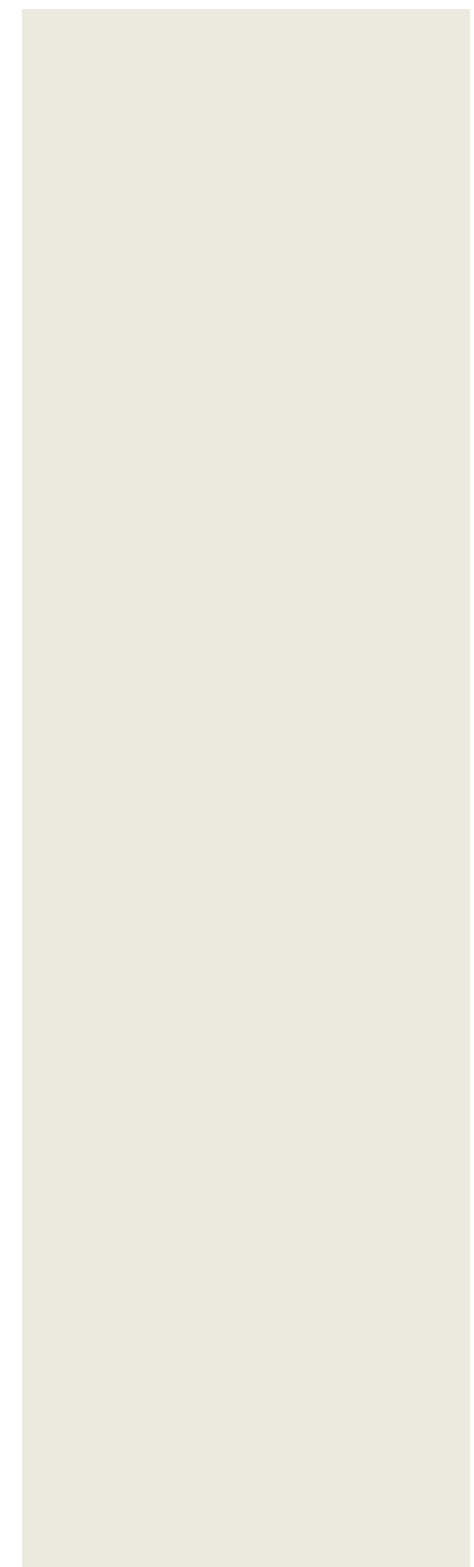
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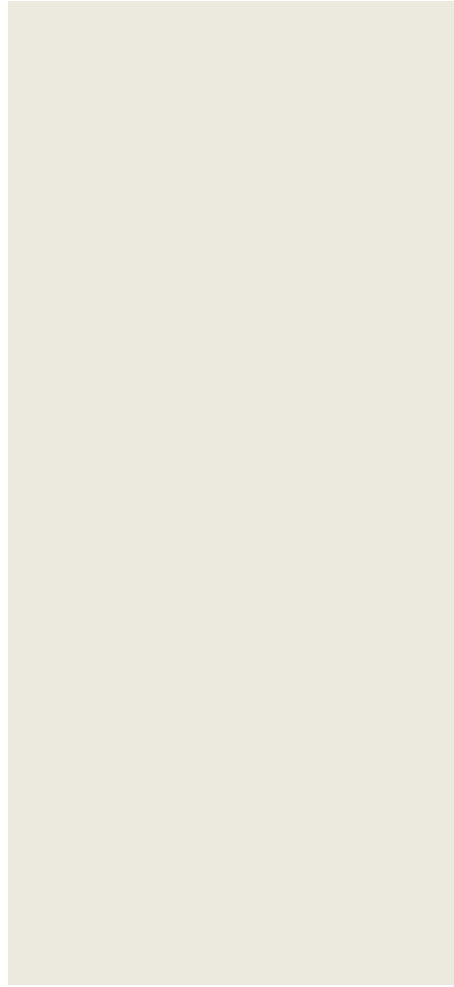
Esther Klages' bond with George Fox University was so strong that, even though her wealth would have allowed her to live anywhere around the world, she made her home a single room in a retirement center so she could be near the campus.

The gentle, well-loved alumna, volunteer, and benefactor, whose name is often heard and seen on campus, died Dec. 13 at the age of 100.

Klages did not want to be known as a benefactor and was reluctant to have her name used, but in recognition of her nearly \$2 million in gifts, her name is carried on in



Marshall Stevens (Portland) has more than 30 years experience with business start-ups and turn-arounds, including the founding of Oil Can Church and Henry's. **Jim Steinfeld** (Portland) recently sold the Steinfeld Pickles business and now strategizes at Sunset Presbyterian Church and for Young Life. **Allan Lunsford** (Newport Beach, Calif.) created insideWork and has been a commercial developer in Southern California. **Mark Reed** (Lake Oswego, Ore.) offers more than 25 years of high technology management and consulting experience. **Chok-Pin Foo** (Bellevue, Wash.),



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It's a hard season for a professional singer with a family to feed. In four days, he needs his beat-up vocal chords back at full volume for a three-concert series in Portland with the Oregon Symphony. "If you don't sing, you don't get paid," he says.

Since graduating from George Fox in 1983, Zeller has caught the ear of the classical music world, landing lead roles at the Metropolitan Opera and singing solos with major symphonies at concert halls around the world.

New York Times reviewers describe the 6-foot-4, barrel-chested baritone's voice as "expansive" and "rich-toned." Boston Globe music critic labels it "world-class."

The review from Matthew, his seventh-grade son: Dad's voice is "big and loud."

Normal family, abnormal lifestyle

Few high-level singers raise families during their careers. Most adopt dogs. A benefactor who invested money in Zeller's graduate school education fumed after he married Sandra Conant, his George Fox choir sweetheart. A colleague advised Zeller to get a

The Oregon Symphony Web site is promoting Zeller as "one of America's leading baritones." Technically, he's a bass-baritone with an extra-wide singing range descending nearly two and one-half octaves, from high A to low F. That's 29 piano keys, both black and

sometimes refer to it, incorporate it into the narrative of their lives Ñ how they see themselves, the significance of the event, what it meant to them.Ó

Love in action

Pack-Patton and Karin Jordan, director of the graduate department of counseling, volunteered as trauma-counseling trainers with Northwest Medical Teams. Jordan worked in Sri Lanka (see story, right). As part of the agency's aim to Òtrain the trainers,Ó the professors taught and supervised local community leaders Ñ teachers, nurses, and religious leaders Ñ in trauma-counseling basics. They also counseled one-on-one, especially with counselors-in-training who were themselves-10(one, 6(speciaT* [(who ized(spec.were)6(se)10un1s1]TJ Ts-)-10:ers6sieh-10(onf6lv0(awho iz2l0(lve7.we 3(e 2 Oi [(heal L)-9(fimse)10d c nailve)16(at-)]TJ -1.496 -1.444 Td e s)-1 sig)-ma21 ilnd0(ove)16ias, anve7.rs)-57super)716(li)5 J)5(ors)-1(n w)12u0d e sof41 emo(ctio)16. Hupeg

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the translator, also a Christian, to tell the woman she would pray for her. "I can't do that," he said. "I will tell her to keep praying five times a day. She would think that you are trying to control her mind."

Emotional stamina

(Don't worry Bryan, I'll fix this)

Pack-Patton was continuously reminded of the resiliency of the human spirit, even amid horrific loss. She spoke with many parents who had lost their children, some because they were not able to hold on to them. "I heard story after story of that kind of loss and the gut-wrenching grief, and people wanting to know, 'Why my children, and why not me?' I'm a faithful Muslim. Why would you

do this, God? Why would you allow this to happen?" When asking those questions, they were searching for an explanation, a reason, a way to find meaning or a purpose.

Survivors, even those who had lost virtually everything, often tried to find meaning by helping others. One woman Pack-Patton met in a field hospital had lost all three of her children. She came to the hospital seeking people to care for in the maternity ward, where she found a mother who had given birth to her first child, a month after losing her husband in the tsunami. "So there the three were together - the woman sitting beside the new mother laying on the bed, breastfeeding her two-day-old little girl. The visual image of those three together will stay with me my whole life.

"That ability to go beyond their own pain and think of the needs of others is part of that resiliency," she says.

People also leaned heavily on their faith. Most mosques, with their huge pillars and open-window structures, withstood the tsunami when everything nearby was destroyed. Taking comfort in this, people built camps nearby. "I believe God wired us as human beings to be in relationship with him to have a faith and a hope, and a future and a purpose in our lives," she says.

So when people experience trauma, it's often their faith or core beliefs about what is significant in life that guides them, Pack-Patton says. "I believe that a personal relationship with Christ makes all the difference in the world and gives a strength that is real. But if people don't know Christ, I think they are still seeking meaning and a purpose, and this can be helpful to them."

Some Islamic religious leaders attributed the disaster to God's punishment on Indonesia collectively for the country's lack of faithfulness and devotion. But because the Aceh region is such a devout region, they added a caveat: he chose Banda Aceh to bear the brunt "because we are so strong."

Road less traveled

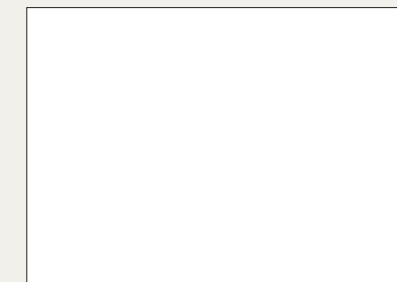
In crisis, people are more amenable to change and reexamining where they find faith and hope, and how their lives are going to be

Several George Fox friends assisted in relief efforts in Sri Lanka following the devastating Dec. 26 Indonesian earthquake and tsunami.

Ron Hays (G74, right), a paramedic living in Silverton, Ore., joined a Northwest Medical Teams group that provided medical care to victims. The team, which hand-carried medicines and supplies, worked in partnership with World Concern, another Christian international relief organization. Hays became emergency medical services coordinator for Northwest Medical Teams Sept. 11, 2001.

Jon Rubesh (G97, below), a Newberg resident in real estate sales, has direct ties with Sri Lanka. A worship leader with the Sherwood Presbyterian Church, he grew up on the tropical island as the son of missionaries. He returned to use

his knowledge of the language, country, and people to help with organizational coordination and other issues.



One of Rubesh's tasks was to photograph and note various needs of area

residents, sharing that information on a Web site - lanka-hope.com - detailing projects U.S. churches might adopt.

Graham Barker, head of the Wesley Institute Graduate School of Counselling in Sydney, Australia, led trauma-response training workshops at venues organized by Youth for Christ, Sri Lanka. More than 530 people attended the workshops. Barker, an ordained Baptist minister, is an '86 graduate of the Psy.D. program before George Fox acquired it from Western Seminary. His team worked independently of George Fox professors volunteering in the region.

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Hebrew-speaking Jews, the Sadducees and Pharisees. The third group was nontraditional Jews who read and spoke in Greek. To the north were additional centers of scribal activity – centers serving the needs of the Samaritan community and others in the service of rural traditional Jews.

Delamarter is still sorting the data. He has only theories on the origins of the texts. What he did discover, however, was a new appreciation for the Bible and scribal art.

From the Holy Land

Delamarter, aided by a \$10,000 Lilly grant from the Association of Theological Schools, studied for two months in Israel at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute, a Catholic center on the border of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. There, he pored through books and articles; met with leading scholars; attended seminars on religion and

archeology; conducted interviews with sociologists, scribes, and priests; and visited historic locations, including Mt. Sinai, Masada, and Qumran.

Delamarter was struck by the reverence of Syrian Orthodox believers, the ornate houses of worship, and the sheer wealth of history around him.

Equally rewarding was his discovery that Bibles contain not only the words of God but the values and character of ancient communities, serving as mirrors into the past. Each was concerned that the text be presented just so – in a certain language, with a particular script, using red ink for specific purposes, and with a certain number of lines and columns.

“Communities never produce Bibles lightly – these are not the idiosyncratic whims of loose-cannon scribes,” Delamarter says.

“And you never see Bibles with strictly biblical text. You still see that today – our Bibles have marginal notes, a concordance, and commentaries. For a Bible of 2,500 pages, only about 1,500 pages of it is biblical text. That’s the norm.”

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Ultimately, Delamarter’s thirst to understand how scribes worked led him to Ethiopia.

“It’s one of the last places on Earth with living scribal communities,” he says. “There are still Jewish scribes, naturally, and scribes in the Syrian Orthodox Church and in the Samaritan community. But this is the only place where large quantities of Christian texts are still handwritten and passed on.”

Ethiopia holds another distinction: It was one of the first countries to adopt Christianity. “The first three nations to adopt Christianity weren’t the United States, England, and France,” Delamarter says, chuckling. “They were Armenia, Syria, and Ethiopia – places with Christian communities that have been in existence for centuries.”

Delamarter studied at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies in Addis Ababa and took field trips all over the country, conducting interviews with scribes, hermits, priests, and monks. Among his stops was the monastery in Debre Libanos, where he purchased a pair of manuscripts, one of which dated to the 17th century. He donated the older of the two to the institute in Addis Ababa; the other he gave to his translator, Daniel Alemu, a 22-year-old from Jerusalem with an Ethiopian heritage.

Delamarter marveled that, across time and across cultures, scribes go to painstaking lengths to make

these sacred books.
Among the texts he
examined, some were
adorned with gold and
encrusted with jewels.
Others featured pages
dyed in purple and
written in letters of
gold and silver.

“You get a sense of
humility seeing their
devotion to living by
the words of God and
producing and spread-
ing the Word to mem-

bers of their community and their descendents,” Delamarter says.

He also learned the importance of looking beyond the text itself. “When someone pulls out some piece of old leather with writing on it, what’s the first thing your eye goes toward? The text. You read it and move on, never realizing you’ve just dismissed two-thirds of the available data that manuscript had to offer you.

“This is completely characteristic of biblical scholars. We have a myopic fixation on the text and overlook the rest of the information — how it was laid out on the page and how other study aids were included with the biblical text.”

Differences bound

The various codices — from the Catholic Vulgate to the Jewish Torah and the extensive canon of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church — attest to the differences. Catholic Bibles, for example, include the Apocrypha — seven books not found in Protestant Bibles.

In many cases, the text must be on authorized materials — on kosher scrolls for Jewish works or a codex book form for Christians, for instance. The earliest forms of Christian icons show Jesus holding a codex — the technological equivalent of a laptop computer in that day. The new technology adopted by early Christians was a forerunner of modern Christian Bibles.

Alumni Connections

Betty (Street) Hockett (G52) listed in the 2005 edition of Who's Who in America. She is a writer and teacher of writing and also serves on the George Fox alumni board. She and her husband, Gene (G51, GFES56) reside at Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg.

Delores (Hinkle) (G58) and Eugene (G60) Stolberg were featured in a Jan. 1, 2005, Woodburn (Ore.) Independent article "Living the Life of a Missionary." It featured a summary of their lives as missionaries in Alaska and Mongolia. They reside in Woodburn.

Barbara (Glass-Patrick) Pae (G64) the principal at Kingdom Christian Academy in Fulton, Mo.

Rebecca Robb-Hicks (G71) has joined the staff at HealthMax LLC, a primary care specialist office in Portland, as a clinical psychologist.

Marilyn (Wilhite) Olson (G72) is a writer and composer of Hadassah the story of Esther. It was performed throughout the month of February at Miller Auditorium in Milwaukie, Ore. The cast consisted of 35 actors and 14 musicians from the Portland area. The musical was the seventh she has written, along with seven plays. She and her husband, Melvin, reside in Newberg.

Linda Byrd (G78) is an administrator for Christian Camping International/Jamaica. Based in Kingston, she coordinates association management, program and curriculum development, training and educational events, and assists with marketing and advocacy to government agencies, businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

John Malgesini (G85) was featured in the October 2004 issue of Today's OE, the official publication of the Oregon Education Association. He is a social studies teacher at Umatilla (Ore.) High School and is completing his 20th year of teaching. The article describes his attending nine schools as a child, casting about for a career, and his teaching style and

goals. His wife, Tammy (Stockman) (G82) is a youth drug and alcohol counselor. They live in Hermiston, Ore.

Philip Waite (G86) has taken the pastorate at First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge, Kan., after five and a half years as pastor at Chicago Community Mennonite Church.



Alumna reelected

Lore Christopher (DPS97) was elected to her third term as mayor of Keizer, Ore. Christopher became the city's first female mayor in 2001. She was appointed to the city council in 1998 after earning her bachelor's degree in human resource management at George Fox. Christopher went on to earn a master's degree in public administration from Portland State University. She also works as human resources director for the state Legislative Administration.

Kyle Kihs (G87) is the new director at Pearson Air Museum in Vancouver, Wash. He previously was Southwest Washington Convention and Visitors Bureau sales manager.

Suzi (Attridge) Bowen (n88) has been promoted to research associate with College and University Professional Association for Human Resources in Knoxville, Tenn. She and her husband, Jerry, live in Lenoir City, Tenn.

Pat Casey (G90) has reached the 300-win mark in his 11th season as Oregon State University baseball coach. A Feb. 19 victory pushed his record with the Beavers to 300-226. Before going to OSU in 1994, he coached seven sea-

sons at George Fox, where he was 171-113-1 with the Bruins.

Chris De Villeneuve (G90) has been promoted to lower valley services division director for Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health in Yakima, Wash. Previously, he served as access intake specialist, therapist, and team leader.

Nancy (Katus) White (G90) is 2004 Oregon 2A Girls Track and Field Coach of the Year. She is track and field coach at Imbler High School and lives with her husband, Jon, in La Grande, Ore.

Chad Moore (G91) is West Coast sales representative for Church Multimedia, assisting churches and schools with audio-visual needs. In December, he finished 12 years as program director at Wolf Mountain Conference Association in Grass Valley, Calif., where he and his wife, Kristi, reside.

Glen Garrick (G92) is now European procurement director with Mercy Ships, working in Munich, Germany. He is in his ninth year with Mercy Ships, a Christian humanitarian organization, previously working six years in West and South Africa.

Ryan Kendall (G93) is the new director of admissions at Barclay College in Haviland, Kan. He previously served two years as athletic director and is head coach of men's basketball. His wife, Hannah (Smith) (G94) is homeschooling their three daughters.

Jamie Boutin (G94) is a senior manager with Volt Services Group in Beaverton, Ore. He is also enrolled in the graduate school of organizational leadership program at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Leslie (Schultz) Hodgdon (G96) is youth pastor at North Valley Friends Church in Newberg, where she resides with her daughter.

Duncan Porter (MBA97) is one of five new executives at the Bank of Oswego (Ore.), which opened in November 2004. He has more than 13 years of banking experience. His primary

responsibility as a lending administrator will be development and servicing of professional and business banking relationships.

Jimmi Nicole Sommer (G97) is a business intelligence analyst with Technology Law Group LLC in Boise, Idaho. It is an intellectual-property licensing law firm serving technology innovators with international, intellectual property, and trade law expertise. She resides in Boise.

Alexander Ben-Israel (G98, MBA00) has been named chief operating officer at Oxford Services, a manager of senior living properties in the Northwest. He previously was regional director of operations for the Vancouver, Wash., office.

Jeff Evans (G98) is one of five new associate attorneys at Davis Wright Tremaine in Lake Oswego, Ore. He will focus on real estate and land use. He received a J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2004.

Dan Foster (G98) was appointed to the city of Newberg Planning Commission for a three-year term beginning in January of 2005. He sells real estate for Prudential Northwest and lives in Newberg with his wife, Sarah (Austin) (G98).

John (G98) and Penny (McKee) (G98) Galvett in May for a four-month stay in Dublin, Ireland, where he has been transferred for his work with Intel. He has been working at the company's Hillsboro, Ore., office.

Aaron Marshall (G98) has started his own business, Shutters and Shades, in Visalia, Calif., where he lives with his wife, Janay.

Marisa (Mandujano) Mendoza (G98) is a legal staff member of the Employment Appeals Board of the Oregon Employment Department in Salem, Ore.

Josephine (Josie) Smith (G98) is marketing director for Bridgeport Village in Tualatin, Ore., a new, upscale retail center that houses Oregon's first Crate and Barrel. The first phase opened in November, and she is preparing for the grand opening of the second phase in May. She previously was in San Francisco as the marketing manager for The Village at Corte Madera in Marin County.

Perry Gruber (DPS99) has been named Global Community Solutions Manager at Intel, in

Parent-teacher association

Work and home life often blur together for alumni Scott and Natasha Edinger. In the morning, Natasha (G00, MAT03) leaves their Newberg home to teach at Archer Glen Elementary School in Sherwood, Ore.

While she instructs fifth graders in reading, writing, and spelling, Scott (G99, MAT03) stays home with their 1-year-old, Samuel.

At lunch, Scott brings Samuel to school, hands the baby to his wife, and Mom and

Dad trade places. Natasha heads home while Scott takes over the 30-student classroom, teaching math, science, and social studies.

You hear of teachers sharing a classroom, Scott says. But I've never heard of a

husband and wife getting an opportunity to do this. Students can't get away with much. If

Hillsboro, Ore. He is responsible for identifying and implementing technology solutions that have a positive social impact in communities around the world. He resides in Portland.

Mark Tyler (G99) is the new head baseball coach at Bellevue (Wash.) High School. He previously was Bothell (Wash.) High School pitching coach for three seasons. He also is coaching the Washington Bankers, an 18-and-under select team based in Bothell. He works for an educational software firm in Redmond, Wash.

Diane Brooke (MAT00) opened a tutoring business, 7 Habits Tutoring, in Wilsonville, Ore. She specializes in helping children and teens learn basics of planning, organization, and time management for their school studies and homework. She resides in Wilsonville.

Shawn Church (GFES04) is senior pastor at Maple Leaf Evangelical Church in Seattle. He previously was youth director for a community church in Longview, Wash. He and his wife, Kristin (Campbell) (G02) live in Seattle, where she is with the Denise Louie Education Center, managing and directing minority Head Start family service programs and staff.

Previously, she directed the senior and family care-giving programs for Columbia County in St. Helens, Ore.

Kristin (Herkelrath) Jones (G01) has been named regional merchandiser for the special sizes department for 11 Nordstrom stores in three states. She recently received the Manager of Year Award for the Mountain-Oregon region. She and her husband, Casey (G00), reside in Sherwood, Ore.

Kimberly Cooper (MBA02) passed the Oregon State Bar exam in July 2004 and became a member of the bar in December. She received a J.D. degree at Willamette University College of Law in May 2004.

Heather (Johannessen) Hughes (G02) is in her second year of teaching second grade at Myrtle Creek (Ore.) Elementary School. She and her husband, Jason, reside in Sutherlin, Ore.

Tom O'Conner, Jr. (DPS02) has been named division chief of emergency medical services and safety with the Canby, Ore., Fire District. Previously he was battalion chief with the Lebanon, Ore., Fire Department.

Greg Pflieger Men's Soccer 1991-94 ¶ One of just two players in George Fox history to average more than a goal per game, Pflieger scored 84 goals in 77 games (1.09). He is second all-time in career goals and eighth in career assists (23). Player of the Year: NAIA District 2 (1993), Cascade Conference (1994); Honorable Mention NAIA All-American (1992, 1993); NAIA Third Team All-American (1994)

Heidi (Rueck) Newkirk Women's Basketball 1991-95 ¶ Newkirk is the all-time leader in career assists (584) and assists per game (5.7). As



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