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Education Program: Passing With an 'A'

"...it reflects a great liberal arts program overall."

George Fox College has the second highest passing rate of any college in Oregon—in a near tie for first—for teacher candidates taking the state's new basic skills licensing exam.

Test results show the passing rate for George Fox College was 88.46. Of 16 state colleges, both public and private, that had candidates taking the California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST), George Fox topped all public institutions and all private colleges except Lewis & Clark at 88.88.

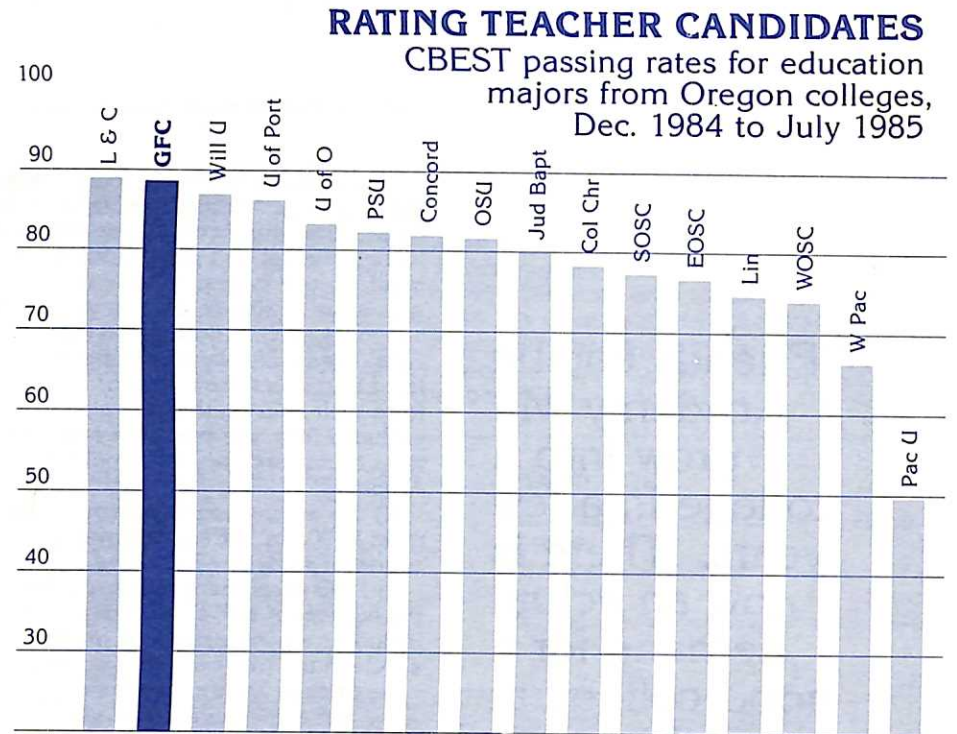
Oregon's independent colleges, overall, had a passing rate of 81.55, higher than Oregon's public colleges at an 80.03 passing rate.

The impressive showing in teacher education for GFC does not surprise Director of Teacher Education Glenn Moran.

But he is quick to point out that it's not just the College's education program that is being recognized. "It doesn't just reflect a great education program, it reflects a great liberal arts program overall," he says.

Still, Moran reflects pride in the program he heads. "We knew we'd be all right—we had an intuitive sense of having a good program," he said, "and nothing in the stats reflects otherwise." "You can't go by statistics totally," says Moran, "but the results reflect we aren't doing too much wrong," he says. He points out that 23 of 26 candidates passed the test and that two others have now passed in a second try after missing in just one section in the first testing.

Moran says the size of the College may be a factor in the high test results. "Being a small college we have more



interaction with the students," he said. "We can remediate with the students." He noted the college's policy of having full professors with students in classes, even at lower levels, and not using student instructors.

Moran says it is personally pleasing to note the results because George Fox does not have a long history of teacher education, compared to some others who, perhaps surprisingly, did not fair as well, even though noted for their education programs for years.

Among Oregon's private colleges the results: Lewis & Clark 88.9, George Fox 88.5, Willamette 87.5, University of Portland 86.7, Concordia 82.4, Judson Baptist 80.0, Columbia Christian 78.6, Linfield 75.0, Warner Pacific 66.6, Pacific 50.0.

The results in public colleges: University of Oregon 83.7, Portland State University 82.7, Oregon State University 81.8, Southern Oregon State 77.6, Eastern Oregon State 76.6 and Western Oregon State 74.1.

Continuing Traditions

Declaring it a "historic year," President Edward F. Stevens opened George Fox College's 95th year with a reaffirmation of the College's "tradition of excellence."

The Sept. 29 convocation program to welcome this year's new students followed by one day the 100th anniversary of the opening of the doors of Pacific Academy, which later grew into George Fox College.

"In some sense, this is our 100th year," Stevens said. "It is not yet really our centennial, but it is certainly a historic year." The Academy was expanded to offer college-level courses in 1891 with establishment of Pacific College, renamed George Fox in 1949.

Citing three traditions that make George Fox a Christian college, Stevens told the students the College will "show you a still more excellent way."

"Chapel programs, Christian faculty and staff, and openly expressed agape

love make the College stand out from public institutions, or even private church-related schools," Stevens said.

Of required chapel, Stevens said it is "central to this College." He described it as more than a meeting for worship, also serving as a time of fellowship. "We need it for the sense of community," he said.

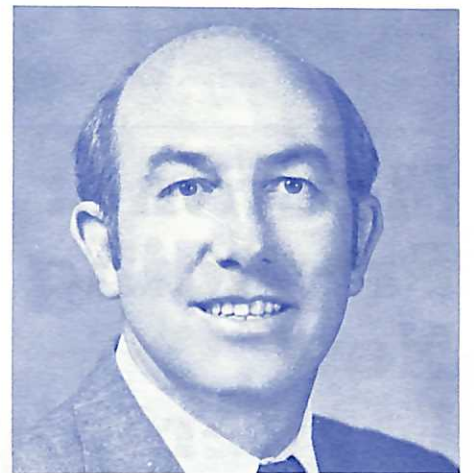
Stevens noted the College hires only "Christian, competent persons at this school."

"That is important to make this a Christian liberal arts college," he said. "If it were not a fact, this would not be a college that is Christian."

Stevens told the students they would be "loved unconditionally." "Love is a decision, not a feeling," he said. "We exercise our will to love."

He called that a tradition "built down through the years for decades and decades."

That first Academy class had 19 students. This year GFC has 580 students. Classes began Oct. 3.



President Edward F. Stevens

100 Years Of History

A 100th anniversary celebration might have been appropriate when George Fox College opened its doors this fall.

Although the College was founded in 1891 and will not celebrate its official centennial for another five years, this year marks the 100th year from the opening of Pacific Academy, which later expanded to Pacific College, renamed George Fox in 1949.

Friends Pacific Academy opened its doors to 19 students Sept. 28, 1885. Its origins are even further back—as early as the spring of 1883.

And it wasn't a formal or official gathering that instigated the plan for an academy. Rather, it was a discussion by Newberg Quaker pioneer settlers after a morning worship service, followed by a lunch, and prior to a monthly local temperance society meeting.

In that afternoon interval someone raised the question of starting a Friends school in the Northwest. It's an idea that grows.

According to the minutes of the May 5, 1883, Chehalem Monthly Meeting of Friends Church: "The subject of building a high school within the limits of the meeting was

introduced and considered." A committee is appointed to investigate and report at the next meeting.

In the June session the committee proposes that the local church organization proceed at once to begin a campaign for funds for building of a school house.

In the small community, it is a big undertaking to raise a suggested \$1,000. But by Sept. 1, 1883, the committee reports it has raised \$1,865 and a building committee is appointed. It's decided to call the new school Friends' Pacific Academy.

Dr. Elias Jessup is appointed as an agent to solicit funds for the school and he is credited with strong leadership in establishing the Academy. With a mule team, he even hauls the first load of lumber for the new Academy building.

On a spring evening in 1884 children notice someone has cut a swath of wheat along the west side of the garden of Jesse and Mary Edwards. They are so eager to have an Academy started that they consent to the erection of the first Academy building in the center of an 80-acre field. The site is where the Newberg Friends Church now stands, about seven blocks from the current campus.

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Our History: Pacific Academy Centennial

“Friends Pacific Academy will grow into a college in a few years. There is now an actual demand for a good college at this place.”

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Only the lower story of that first two-story building is complete when the Academy opens for the first time. The first faculty includes principal H. J. Minthorn, his wife, Laura E. Minthorn, and W. R. Starbuck.

Among the first students is the orphaned nephew of the Minthorns. His name is Herbert Hoover, and later he is to become President of the United States.

The following year a boarding hall and four cottages for student housing are erected. The next year, construction begins on a hall with a gymnasium on the first floor and boys' dormitory on the second floor. The gymnasium plan fails, however, when the local church uses the lower story as a meeting place.

In those early dormitory rooms students are provided with a bedstead, mattress, stove, chair and wash stand. After the first year the occupant furnishes his own fuel and lights.

The entire charge for a year, including tuition, board and room, is \$110.

The first Academy catalog, in 1886, states the course work requires five years to complete, but two years are elementary work. To become a freshman the student must pass an exam on the work in the preparatory department.

Moral standards are reflected in the same catalog: “Since immoral and sinful practices are incompatible with the highest mental and physical development, no one is desired as a student who is not willing to abstain therefrom, and since some amusements (while not considered sinful by some) are calculated to distract the minds of students from their studies, they are also strictly excluded from the pastimes or recreations of students while attending the Academy.”

By the second year Academy enrollment is 90. In 1887 a commerce course of study is established.

In 1888 enrollment reaches 110 and the number of buildings totals nine, including a gymnasium. A prophetic article in the *Newberg Graphic* states: “The Friends' Pacific Academy will grow into a college in a few years. There is now an actual demand for a good college at this place.”

In 1889 a preparatory department is added and two literary societies are functioning, the “Whittier,” for men and



Academy Student Herbert Hoover, second from left in front row, in 1885.



Students in front of first Pacific Academy buildings on original site. The building on the right still stands, now called Minthorn Hall.

the “Willard” for women. The Whittier society is responsible for publication of the school newspaper, *The Academician*, with the name changed to *The Crescent* with the starting of the College. Thus, the College's newspaper, still serving the student body today, has an Academy founding and is even older than the College itself.

After five years, Academy enrollment is 130. One student has graduated and larger classes are coming on. With the nearest Quaker college located in the Midwest, it is thought too many Academy graduates are confronted with the prospect of attending a non-Quaker College (and perhaps other churches as well). Starting a college is considered.

After careful consideration the Academy board announces its determination to open a college with the beginning of fall term, 1891.

On Sept. 9, fifteen students enroll at Pacific College, along with 136 Academy students, all sharing the same buildings and the same six professors, under the direction of first College president Thomas Newlin.

The following year, a movement is underway to relocate the campus to more commodious quarters. Three land offers are considered and in the summer of 1892 a Mr. Clark of Portland is contracted to move the two main buildings to the new 23-acre campus site. It costs \$1,359, including foundation walls. The buildings are ready for the opening of school in 1892.

The main building is given an addition to provide a large assembly room, used as a study hall, and other rooms are added to serve both the Academy and College.

The second building is remodeled and changed into a girls' dormitory and given the name Canyon Hall. It is

renamed Minthorn Hall in 1962 to honor the first Academy principal and his wife.

The College and Academy continue to share, grow and expand in facilities for the next three decades. In the late 1920s board members, community and church leaders begin to believe there is an unnecessary duplication of effort with the Academy and Newberg public schools. And, with the establishment of other high schools in the Northwest as cities grow, the number of academy or preparatory students from a distance dwindles. It is believed inappropriate for Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends Church to continue to support an academy serving an increasingly local clientele.

In February 1929, the governing board decides to discontinue the Academy, but allows current students to graduate.

The Academy closes in 1931, the last Quaker College in the United States to end its preparatory or academy department.

The closing accomplishes the wish of the first College president: “College courses should stand for mature training and should in no way be handicapped by the lower grades.”

The College continues to grow, keeping the name Pacific until 1949, when it changes because of the number of colleges in the West with Pacific in their name, and to honor the founder of the Friends Church.

Although the Academy no longer exists, memories continue, along with memorabilia in the College's Brougher Museum. And Minthorn Hall still continues in use, now housing faculty offices and instructional labs.

It is a constant reminder that gives the 95-year-old College a history that now dates back 100 years.

McCrone: Providing New Leadership

Administrative reorganization at George Fox College began Oct. 1 with the naming of Harold W. (Buck) McCrone, Jr., as new Vice President for Advancement and Administration.

The realignments involve 10 persons and departments and bring off-campus marketing and promotion departments under one area.

McCrone, 48, is a former corporate attorney who for two years was Vice President for College Relations at Linfield College. He was chief development officer, responsible for major gifts, planned and deferred giving, alumni activities, church relations, media relations and publications. Those same duties are involved in broader responsibilities he has assumed at George Fox.

McCrone has a degree from Yale Law School (1963). He received his undergraduate degree in American studies and economics from Cornell University. Prior to going into college administration McCrone was involved for 20 years in legal and business positions in the Philadelphia area, most recently as corporate counsel and secretary of Alco Standard Corporation.

In the changes Alumni Director Dave Adrian has become Director of Development, responsible for the College's general fund campaign and President's Council program. His shift in positions is in preparation for a comprehensive campaign the College expects to conduct in the next several

years. Adrian is a 1980 GFC graduate. He has been alumni director for four years.

Harold Ankeny, a George Fox staff member for 17 years and a member of the development staff for four, assumes additional responsibilities for research, proposal writing and deferred giving.

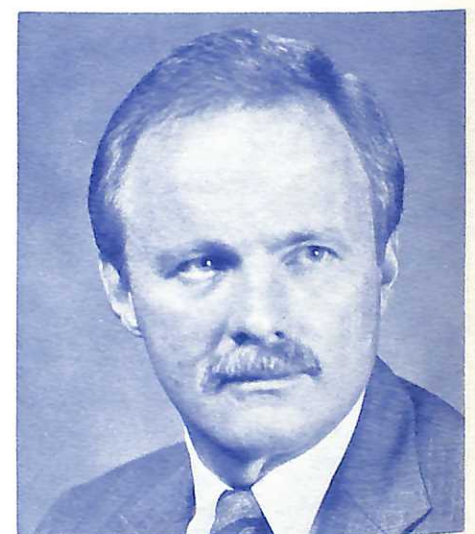
McCrone replaces Maurice Chandler as vice president. Chandler left the position in June to join the fund-raising firm of Pinson and Associates and is based in Des Moines, Iowa. He had been with the College for 19 years in the role of chief development officer.

McCrone has the fund-raising and promotion responsibilities and expanded duties in administration involving College programs, previously reporting directly to President Edward F. Stevens and others.

In the reorganization, Director of Admissions Rick W. Ulmer, who formerly reported to the Vice President for Student Affairs, now responds to the Vice President for Advancement and Administration.

Also reporting to McCrone is the College's Video Communication Center and Tilikum, its retreat and conference center seven miles from the main Newberg campus. Both previously reported to Stevens. McCrone also has assumed responsibility for management and sale of real estate and other assets given to the College.

In addition, the new position of Evangelist-at-Large will be part of the



Harold W. (Buck) McCrone, Jr.

Advancement Office. The part-time post is filled by GFC Chaplain-Emeritus Ron S. Creelius, who served for 18 years until June. He now is maintaining church contacts and speaking throughout the Northwest and working with student action groups.

Also involved in the changes are the Athletic Department and the Director of Christian Life. Previously reporting to Stevens, both now respond to Vice President for Student Affairs Lee Gerig. Reporting to him is Athletic Director Paul S. Berry and newly named Chaplain Tim Tsohantaris.

From President To President

Jeff Rickey, a 1976 GFC graduate, is the new president of the George Fox College Alumni Association. He succeeds Marcille Comfort, who served last year.

Rickey, the 1975-76 GFC student body president, is a reemployment counselor with the Bureau of Risk Management for the City of Portland. He has been in that position for 18 months. Previously he was a vocational rehabilitation counselor in private practice with Ingram and Associates, Portland. Earlier he was Director of Projects with Industry at Northwest Vocational Center, a division of Goodwill Industries of Oregon.

Rickey, 31, in 1982 served as president of the Oregon chapter of the National Rehabilitation Association. His wife, Debbie, also a 1976 George Fox graduate, is a teacher at Newberg High School, where she was chosen Teacher of the Year for 1981-82.

Rickey during the last year served as secretary of the GFC Alumni Association.

New vice president is Charles Friesen, minister of music at Crossroads Community Church, Vancouver, Wash. He is a 1974 GFC graduate.

New secretary is Bob Laughland, a 1979 graduate. He is a manufacturer's representative for Roger Minthorne Co., an electronic components firm in Portland.

The trio of officers are part of a 10-member board that heads the 4,700-member association. The directors meet five times a year to plan and coordinate annual alumni events and projects.

Other board members are Janice Beals, a pharmacy technician for a Hillsboro hospital and a member of the Class of 1966; Carrie Bishop, a graduate student at Oregon State University and a 1978 GFC graduate; Marcille Comfort, Newberg, who assists her husband in their family-owned business, "Comfort's Ideal Cleaning," and a member of the Class of 1956; Terry Dawson, a Medford, Ore., radio personality and a 1985 GFC graduate; Randy Morse, a



Jeff Rickey

commercial roofer, Portland, and a 1971 GFC graduate; Ron Staples, a program manager in materials at the Wilsonville plant of Tektronix, Inc., and a 1969 GFC graduate; and Richard Zeller, a Milwaukie, Ore., school teacher and a 1955 GFC graduate.

A Challenging Success

Improvement in giving by George Fox College alumni has earned the College a \$10,000 grant.

During the 1984-85 fiscal year the College added 338 new alumni contributors who gave a total of \$14,131.

And in the year, 244 alumni increased their giving over previous gifts, raising an additional \$19,274.

As a result of the improvement, the Collins Foundation of Portland has given the College the grant under a program designed to stimulate alumni support at independent colleges and universities in Oregon.

During the last fiscal year George Fox received more than \$75,000 from its 855 alumni donors, an average gift of \$88.58. That is an increase from the \$81.74 average the year before.

Since George Fox began participating in the challenge program in the 1966-67 school year the Collins Foundation has given it more than \$150,000 to encourage alumni giving.

"We were certainly pleased to see George Fox alumni had responded favorably," said Collins Foundation Executive Vice President William C. Pine in awarding the grant.

The foundation already has notified the George Fox Alumni Association that it wishes to continue the challenge grant program for the current fiscal year.

George Fox Alumni Director Dave Adrian said, "The Collins Foundation gift is a great incentive for our alumni to support the College. They know that by beginning to provide financial support or increasing their support, the effect of their contributions will be multiplied."

Alumni News & Notes

Carolyn (Hampton) Stansell (G66) is administrative secretary at Newberg Friends Church.

Carl Haisch (G69) is professor of medicine and surgery at the University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington, Vt., involved in the school's hospital kidney transplant program.

Gary Jackson (G72) is the director of data processing for the Nevada Joint Union High School District in Grass Valley, Calif. His wife, **Sharon (Dunlap)** (G72) has opened a private school, Garden of the Sierras.

Patti (Bradshaw) Conner (G75) and her husband, Dan, are missionaries in Papua New Guinea.

Steven Fellows (G76) was advanced to membership status in the American College of Hospital Administrators at its 52nd Convocation Ceremony in Chicago in August. Membership is the second level of professional achievement in the College. Members must successfully complete a comprehensive oral and written examination covering subjects related to health services management. He is Administrative Director of Laboratory Medicine and Cardiology Services of Sutter Memorial Hospital, Sacramento, Calif.

Steve McKinney (n76) is pastor of Chandler (Okla.) Friends Church. His wife, **Phyllis (Roberts)** (G74) teaches music at a Christian school.

Peggy (Wilson) Scully (G76) has moved from North Hollywood, Calif., to Wilsonville, Ore., where she is a personnel representative for Hewlett-Packard Co.

John Sinibaldi (G76) is assistant manager of operations at First Interstate Bank, Salem, Ore.

Portia (Jones) Hibbs (G77) is in her second year of medical school at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. Her husband, Jonathan, is a medical doctor in research at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

Cheryl Horgan (G78) has returned from Bolivia after teaching six years at a boarding school for missionary children under New Tribes Mission. She currently is in language study in preparation for teaching beginning in January at Rio Grande Bible Institute, Edinburg, Tex. The school is 10 miles from the Mexican border. It is taught in Spanish and she will be involved in the music and drama program.

John Comfort (G79) is working on a masters in Early Childhood Development at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Jack Lyda (G79) has been transferred from Columbus, Miss., to Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. He is now a pilot instructor training instructor.

Allan Morrow (G79) is beginning his fifth year as Director of Christian Education at Canyon Lake Community Church in Southern California. He also is attending Fuller Theological Seminary working toward a master of divinity degree.

Jeanne (Magee) Hazel (G80) lives near Scotts Mills, Ore., where she helps her husband, Ted, farm Christmas trees and cares for their children.

Melinda (McCormick) Jordan (n80) teaches elementary music in north Clackamas schools, and private piano and flute lessons.

Brenda (Bagley) Melum (G81) is purchasing supervisor for Cash-N-Carry Computer Store, Inc., Portland.

Linda Corlett (G81) is working at Mass Mutual, an insurance and financial planning firm, Portland. Her responsibilities include recruiting, coordinating the marketing projects and conference planning.

Van Miller (G81) is a lifeguard and swim instructor at Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, Tualatin, Ore.

Ken Beebe (G82) is in a two-year masters program at Yale University studying public and private management with an emphasis on nonprofit organizations.

Scott Celley (G82) is a legislative assistant for Defense and Foreign Policy, for Washington Sen. Slade Gorton in Washington, D.C.

Jeff Newville (G82) is branch manager of Peoples Savings & Loan, Portland.

Keith Pearson (n82) is the new director of the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club, Newberg.

Cheryl (Low) Thiessen (G82) is a floral designer in Portland.

Gary (n82) and **Susan (Hart)** (G81) **Thompson** are stationed at Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Ore., where he is studying to be a navigator with the Air National Guard.

Jeff Townley (G82) graduated in June from the Institute of Creation Research, San Diego, Calif., with a master's degree. He is working at Sage Brook Country Day Prep School, Denver, Colo., designing a science curriculum.

Lisa Christian (G83) is a student at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, Portland, working toward a master of divinity degree in the area of counseling.

Mike Dyer (G83) is a music teacher at Sherwood (Ore.) Middle School.

Shawna (Leazer) Skoog (G83) is exercise assistant for cardiac rehabilitation at Montana Deaconess Medical Center in Great Falls, Mont.

Jim Elliott (G84) is a photographer-reporter for the *Sheridan Sun*, Sheridan, Ore.

Linda Miller (G84) is assistant to the director of activities at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, Calif. She is employed in their student development program and also is a student.

Erin O'Hara (G84) is employed with Harney County Public Schools as a kindergarten teacher in Burns, Ore.

Carolyn (Potts) Stringer (G84) and **Starlyn Munson** (G85) have become "modern artists," embarking on a career in multimedia, avant garde art, including sculpture and glass art. They look forward to their first showing this spring, sponsored by PDXS Art Gallery.

Kelly Watson (G84) is a second and third grade teacher for the Wilsona School District, Lancaster, Calif.

Ron Wellborn (G84) is the head volleyball coach at Newberg High School. His wife, **Rhonda** (G83), is a PE teacher at Newberg High and coaches the freshman volleyball team.

BIRTHS

Donna (Marks) (G69) and John Kreutz, a girl, Tamara Janelle, Aug. 2 in Seattle.

Paul and Carol (Wright) Jaquith (BG73), a boy, Bryce Alexander, April 27 in Portland.

Marci (Friesen) (n76) and Dennis Brown, a boy, Jeremiah Michael, May 29 in Dallas, Ore.

Ken (G76) and **Sue (Votaw)** (G79) **Pruitt**, a girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Aug. 1 in Portland.

John (G76) and **Christine (Rice)** (n79) **Sinibaldi**, a boy, Adrian Michael, Aug. 3 in Salem, Ore.

Paula (Bales) (n78) and Steve Cathers, a girl, Christina Joy, Aug. 18 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Elisabeth (Hopper) (G78) and John Laing, a boy, Colin Berwick, Feb. 10 in Bend, Ore.

Kandle (Linden) and Steve Comfort (Bn79), a girl, Anna Elyse, Oct. 5 in Newberg.

Steve (G80) and **Lesta (Perisho)** (n80) **Johnson**, a boy, Forrest Craig, April 9 in Ashland, Ore.

Carol (Ehrlich) and Dan Meireis (Bn80), a boy, Aaron David, Aug. 23 in Salem, Ore.

Brad and Sheri (Hansen) Bowder (Bn81), twins, a boy, Kevin Michael, and a girl, Kristen Kay, April 3 in Coos Bay, Ore.

Judi (Comfort) and Jon Fodge (BG82), a girl, Jonelle Leann, Aug. 9 in La Grande, Ore.

Martha (Hopper) (n82) and Basanta Karki, a boy, Santosh Bahadur, June 21 in Portland.

MARRIAGES

Nancy Baker (G76) and Curtis Krofft, Aug. 11 in Rockaway Beach, Ore.

Connie Pittman (G81) and James Carlson, Aug. 18 in Colville, Wash.

Cheryl Low (G82) and Ronald Thiessen, July 27 in Portland.

Eric Vimont (n82) and Lynn Schroeder, Aug. 24 in Milwaukie, Ore.

Tim Janzen (G83) and Rachel Sauter, Sept. 7 in Portland.

Christy McNulty (G83) and Steve Rogerson, Oct. 5 in Portland.

Randy Dunn (G84) and **Julie Skiles** (G85), Sept. 14 in Oregon City, Ore.

Lura Perisho (G84) and Philip Schroeder, January 5 in Talent, Ore.

Shannon Riddle (G84) and Jim Banke, Aug. 10 in Newberg.

Randy Wayland (G84) and **Jody Phillips** (n87), Aug. 10 in Milwaukie, Ore.

David Andres and Shanna Holdahl (BG85), Aug. 10 in Newberg.

Don Brase (n85) and Amy BeLieu, Aug. 31 in Beaverton, Ore.

Nadine Ellis and Rich Miller (BG85), Aug. 10 in Vancouver, Wash.

Daniel Howard (G85) and **Lisa Pennington** (n86), Aug. 10 in Portland.

Kathryn Kaufman (G85) and David Hammersley, June 22 in Albany, Ore.

Stephanie Nazareus (n85) and Brent Landis, Sept. 28 in Mercer Island, Wash.

Phillip Ratzloff and Deborah Stubbe (BG85), Sept. 14 in Madras, Ore.

Anita Warwick (G85) and Dean Judson (Student), Aug. 17 in Sheridan, Ore.

Annette White (G85) and Kim Montee, Aug. 9 in Madras, Ore.

DEATHS

Joy (Ralphs) Runge (n65) passed away Aug. 20 in Denver, Colo.



HOMECOMING 1986

February 14-15

Alumni Banquet
Alumnus of the Year

Five-Year Reunions:
1981, 1976, 1971, 1966,
1961, 1956, 1951, 1946,
1941, 1936

Alumni Perform
Alumni Choir
Coronation

Bruin Basketball

GFC: Radio Relay for Mexican Quake

One of five
U.S. Centers

The devastating Sept. 19 earthquake in Mexico City has had a ripple effect 2,500 miles away on the George Fox College campus.

The unlikely relationship made GFC a hub in the communication network between the Northwest and the severely damaged Mexican capital.

Specifically, the connecting point was a 12-by-12-foot room in Brougner Hall. For weeks it was manned from sunup to sundown and after, the maximum possible for direct shortwave radio communication.

In operation just minutes after the 8.1 earthquake that leveled much of downtown Mexico City, the campus center was the link that connected the Mexican Consulate in Portland and the Northwest Red Cross Center with Mexico.

The Newberg center was one of just five regional centers in the United States handling the volume of emergency communication. The nearest other center was in Colorado.

Bypassing the jammed and damaged telephone lines and the usual existing National Traffic System of shortwave communication, governmental and helping officials used the GFC headquarters to relay their messages via shortwave direct to Mexico.

"We kind of have a private pipeline," said C.H. (Lucky) McCoy, the Emergency Coordinator for Yamhill County, designated by the American Radio Relay League.

"We have a geographic location in this valley that's superb (for radio communication); we're kind of favored," McCoy says.

At the GFC center volunteers took down messages from the Consulate and the Red Cross and by shortwave contacted Mexico City, using the 40-foot tower on Brougner Hall, which also houses the campus museum.

The emergency center normally is the headquarters of the GFC Amateur Radio Club (WA7VVH). But at 7:20 a.m. the morning of the earthquake, McCoy received a call from the Red Cross that changed the emphasis. He was told of the disaster and to "get going." That activated the Amateur Radio Emergency Service program.



Portland corrections officer Joe Noecker volunteers help in radio communication from GFC center to Mexico City.

"Whenever there's a natural disaster, we go to work," said McCoy.

That "we" included about a dozen volunteers who manned the center from about 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. or later, when they finally "lost" the radio contact with Mexico City.

In the first 36 hours the center almost exclusively relayed "emergency" traffic, the top-designated precedence level. Later it was at the second level, "health and welfare" messages with about 80 percent of the messages in that category. At first the messages were about medical supplies, equipment, and requests for help.

Later the prime concern was in reaching relatives. Are they living? Are they hurt? Is there any response?

Both the consulate and Red Cross relayed individual names and telephone numbers to be reached in Mexico City. Hundreds of calls were received from anxious relatives. In the first few days more than 500 messages were taken, sent and return messages relayed.

Why George Fox College as a regional center?

McCoy is quick with a response: "There's no substitute for success." He says the GFC Amateur Radio Club site was chosen rather "ad hoc" because of previous showing in mock drills and experience. "They just kind of said 'take it all'; it just developed that this became the center," he said.

"After all," McCoy said, "HAM radio means Helping All Mankind—that's our reason; just being a good neighbor."

Normally the area shortwave operators do "fun-type things," McCoy noted. But when needed in emergency, that recreation practice is a big help in experience.

Among the volunteers were an attorney, a medical doctor, a student, an off-set printer, and retirees, including a former police officer and businessmen.

The volunteers still are periodically using the headquarters.

The transmission tower was erected decades ago and almost a forgotten fixture, until its importance was pointed out by the emergency.

George Fox College has been given a "Certificate of Merit" by the American Radio Relay League for "outstanding service to amateur radio."

New Faculty Members

Four new persons have joined the George Fox teaching faculty. A fifth person has joined the library staff with faculty status.

Steve E. Hannum is associate professor of chemistry. For the last seven years he has been chairman of the department of chemistry at Asbury College, Kentucky. Previously he was assistant, then associate professor of chemistry for nine years at Aurora (Ill.) College.

Hannum has a doctoral degree in physical chemistry with a mathematics minor from the University of Kentucky, received in 1969. He has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Wheaton College, Ill.

Also new in the same division is Teresa L. Boehr, who is assistant professor of home economics. She has a master of arts degree in home economics education from Linfield College. Her undergraduate degree is in dietetics and institutional management, received from Oregon State University after two years at George Fox College.

She previously was resident nutritionist for the Horst Mager Culinary Institute, Portland, teaching classes in nutrition, food chemistry, and menu development. For the last three years (1982-85) she taught part time at George Fox in home economics.

Dennis W. Mills is assistant professor of education. He was at St. Paul Bible College, Minnesota, for the last seven years

as associate professor of teacher education and director of career planning and placement.

Previously he was a public school teacher for seven years in Snohomish, Wash. Mills has a master of education degree, received in 1975, from Western Washington University. He is in a doctoral program in educational administration at the University of Minnesota.

George Fox graduate Ronald G. Stansell has joined the faculty as assistant professor of religion. His 1965 degree from GFC is in history/religion and philosophy. He has a master of divinity degree from Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, and has been accepted into a doctor of missiology program at Trinity Evangelical School of Divinity.

Stansell and his wife, Carolyn, for the last 18 years have been in South America as missionaries with Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church. His duties included teaching at the Bible institute, seminary and university level counseling and administration. He served as chairman of the Department of Theology at Bolivian Evangelical University and was church history professor.

Joining the library staff as reference librarian is Dawn Ulmer, last year a library assistant in science and technology at the University of Akron, Ohio.

For the previous five years she was a middle school librarian in New Brighton, Pa. Ulmer has a master's degree in library science from the University of Pittsburgh and a bachelor's degree from Towson State, Md.

Connecting To the Past

What some students see only in textbooks has taken on more meaning for nearly two dozen George Fox College students as the College started its 1985-86 academic program with instruction a half world away from the Newberg campus.

Twenty-nine students and their instructors toured and studied for 32 days in Europe, returning Sept. 26.

Traveling by train, tram and bus the students sampled life in England, Scotland, Belgium, France, Holland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and Ireland.

History and culture came to life as the participants heard Shakespeare performed at Stratford-on-Avon, viewed Michaelangelo's Sistine chapel and statue of David, experienced Puccini's *La Boheme* sung in Vienna, and observed Leonardo da Vinci's paintings at the Louvre in Paris.

Tour leader John Bowman, GFC music professor, said the overseas travel-study program helped the travelers "gain increased awareness and understanding of the political, social, economic, religious, and intellectual systems of other cultures."

Students received from four to six hours of credit in art, music, literature or European culture for participating.

They did advance reading and kept a journal during their trip, writing an evaluation upon return.

Assisting in the tour was writing and literature professor Mike Williams. He noted that he was impressed with the influence the United States has in Europe through popular culture and music. "And," he says, "I came away realizing how little I know about their everyday lives and the things they care about."

The personal contact was intense. By traveling by public transportation students had "an exciting time of bumping into people from other countries," Bowman reports. "You really get a chance to mix in; you're not in a protective cocoon."

Bowman, who has led seven previous European tours, said the main value of the tour was to "really touch your past, to really discover your roots; it becomes a real place for you."



Professor Mike Williams points out Paris scene to Chrystal Frazier, GFC sophomore.