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## President Edward F. Stevens: Looking Back and Ahead



In July George Fox College President Edward F. Stevens completed his fourth year in office, equivalent in length to one United States presidential term.

Prior to coming to George Fox, Dr. Stevens used his business and marketing skills to build successful fund-raising programs at Sioux Falls College in South Dakota, and later as an executive with the Kearney State College Foundation in Nebraska. He received his doctoral degree in higher education, marketing/management in 1983 from the University of Minnesota. He also has a background in business management, teaching and coaching.

The tenth president of George Fox College, Dr. Stevens was asked to respond to a series of questions about his first four years at GFC: successes, disappointments, and his hopes for the future for George Fox College. His responses follow.

### Is being a college president what you expected?

Basically, yes. I had been in higher education as a student/faculty member/coach/administrator for 20 of 24 years prior to coming to the presidency, so I had a pretty good idea of what to expect. The unexpected portion was the complexity of the job. Until a person is actually in this job, it's difficult to know how complex it can be. In a college, even a Christian college, there are sharply conflicting interests among constituent groups. There are so many different elements to the job itself—and trying to balance those elements and the conflicting interests makes it a very complex task.

### What have been your greatest successes?

First, I ought to start with a word of caution. I was recently reading in the twelfth chapter of Acts—about Herod when people began to give him praise. Scripture says that he did not "give God the glory" and, consequently, Herod was struck down dead. So, I need to be careful in talking about "my" greatest successes.

There have been a number of things that have been extremely positive. We are particularly excited with our progress in the Century II Campaign. Major grants from individuals and from the Murdock Trust, the Collins Foundation and the Burlington Northern Foundation have really made the campaign. They give an endorsement not only to the Campaign, but to the College—indicating we are among the better liberal arts colleges in the Pacific Northwest, or these people would not invest substantial funds. Along with that, our annual fund increase of approximately 100 percent over the last four years has been encouraging. A major element of the annual fund increase has been the founding and success of the President's Council, which was not my idea but that of former Development Director Maurice Chandler.

That's another reason to be careful when you start taking personal credit for successes. I have an excellent group of co-workers here that have caused many of these things to happen, both past and present. And, all of us, co-workers and myself alike, try to be careful to give the Lord the credit for the good things that are happening.

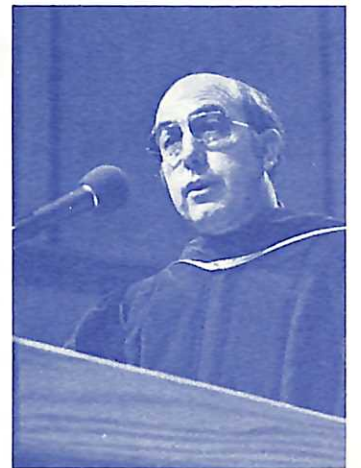
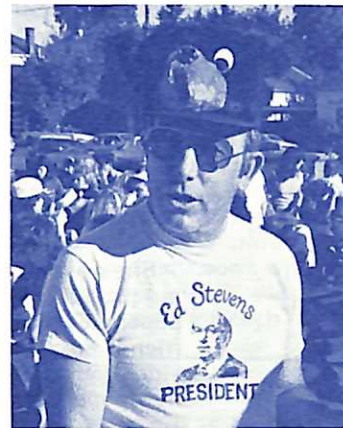
Academically, we are pleased with the addition of four new majors: computer and information science, telecommunication, the elementary education major, which received Teachers Standards and Practices Commission accreditation, and more recently, our addition of a pre-engineering major. They are all good programs and majors for which there is considerable market demand.

We also are particularly proud of our degree completion program for working adults with two years of college credit. We offer one major, Human Resources Management, and at the present time we have more than 120 full-time students enrolled. It's been an excellent way of servicing the communities of Newberg, Portland and Salem. It also has given us an opportunity to expand our ministry to the working adult because we have been a campus that has traditionally served only the 18- to 22-year-old student.

We have had some other academic changes. Our change-over to semesters in the fall of 1986 puts us well in advance of the Oregon system changeover, which will take place in 1989. We have added to that the May Term, which has given us the opportunity to establish some programs like Juniors Abroad, where our students with three years of enrollment are given an opportunity for an overseas study experience. Many of our students have used this or other travel opportunities to spend time in short-term mission or service work abroad.

These programs, along with our emphasis on recruitment of international students and the new English Language Institute, reflect success in helping our students to develop a Christian world view, which we think is important.

One of the greatest successes has been the continuing financial stability of the College. We have faced some terrific challenges in the last four years, with loss of state funding and some decline in student enrollment, so I think it is a



major accomplishment to achieve balanced budgets these last four years. Much of the credit goes to Don Millage, our vice president of finance.

### What have been your greatest disappointments?

The previous answer about budgets brings to mind reductions in personnel that we've made over the last four years. One of the reasons for that, of course, has been that our enrollment turned around more slowly than what I had hoped when I came in 1983. In my first three years we had considerable turnover in the Admissions Office because we were not doing as well as we knew we could in the whole recruitment process. The budget limitations required some reduction in faculty and staff, and that's always a very difficult task.

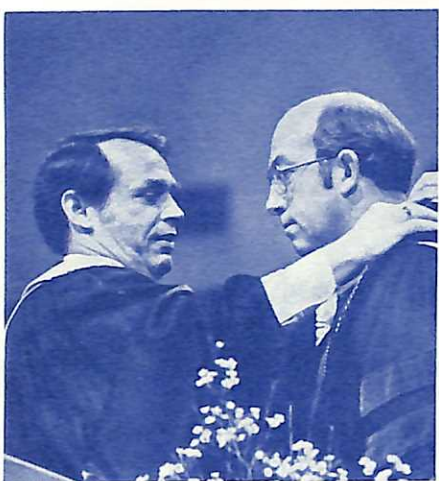
However, even as we talk about disappointment, we are experiencing a dramatic turnaround in enrollment this year. It appears, at this point in August, we may be up as many as 60 students in our freshman class this fall and our HRM program is going strong, so my major disappointment is quickly becoming one of our greatest successes.

### What about the future... where would you like GFC to be in four more years, at age 100?

Spiritually, we want to continue to do better in helping students find a meaningful/growing relationship with Jesus Christ. We can be more helpful by creating the atmosphere for growth. It is a turbulent world that we all live in, and I really believe young people need, more than ever before, adult models of Christian consistency in order to develop their own Christian life. Obviously, we all recognize it's a much different environment than it was 100 years ago when the College was founded, but we also need to recognize there are some constants. Jesus Christ is the same "yesterday, today and forever." Also, God's Word is a constant. We need to continue to encourage our students to grow into maturity.

Academically, I'd like to build on the sound liberal arts base we already have to expand our current international emphasis so that we can help our students have an authentic Christian world view. We do need to reduce the number of courses/majors we offer to have a little tighter curriculum.

Financially, I would like to see George Fox College have some significant increases in salaries, but at the same time be able to hold tuition increases to a minimum. If, in fact, we are going to be able to do that, we've got to build our endowment and also increase our annual fund giving appreciably. The Century II Campaign has given us a base to do both of those things. The student enrollment turnaround also will help us financially. If we continue to manage expenses carefully it should allow us to move faculty and staff salaries to a more acceptable level.



Top right, clockwise from top left: President Edward F. Stevens at 1986 fall community/student barbecue; at 1985 Fall Convocation; at 1986 spring President's Council Dinner with wife Linda; at 1987 Commencement. Above: Receiving inaugural medallion from Board Chairman Robert Monroe in spring 1984; at fall President's Council Dinner in 1985; "kidnapped" for student community help project in 1986.

## Engineering: Our Newest Major

Beginning this fall George Fox College will offer a major in engineering in cooperation with the University of Portland.

The new five-year program will include three years on the GFC campus and two years in Portland, leading to two degrees: a bachelor's degree in applied science from George Fox and an engineering degree in one of five areas from the University of Portland's Multnomah School of Engineering.

It is the first cooperative engineering program at the University of Portland and the first time George Fox has offered a major in engineering.

Engineering students will take most of their general education, mathematics, science and lower division engineering courses at George Fox. They then will transfer to the University of Portland for two years of specialization in civil engineering, electrical engineering (computer or electrical track), mechanical engineering, engineering management or engineering science.

At George Fox the participants will take 96 credit hours, 71 transferred to

the University of Portland, where another 63 to 65 hours will be taken for a total of 134 to 136 hours. From the University of Portland, approximately 30 hours will be transferred back to GFC for a total of 126 hours of credit for the George Fox applied science degree, received after the fourth year.

Proposed by George Fox's Division of Natural Science, the new degree program will add five new courses, the present general physics will become calculus-based rather than algebra-based, and the present physics faculty will be increased from one-third load to a two-thirds to full-time person beginning in 1988-89. Some additional physics/electronics equipment will be purchased.

Addition of the major is seen as a way of responding to a popular major, with some estimations engineering is the top choice for high school males. It has been estimated as many as 37 percent indicate it is one of their major choices.

GFC Admissions Director Jeff Rickey said it is expected as many as 10 to 15

students will enroll in the new major each year. He said five to seven will begin this fall "and we've not even advertised it yet" with response so far by word of mouth.

George Fox will be the only Christian college in Oregon with an engineering major. It is believed students in the new program will be stronger in liberal arts than the typical engineering student.

George Fox Natural Science Division chairman Paul Chamberlain said the five-year program is "reasonable since most engineering students at the University of Portland also take five years to complete their degree."

At George Fox the new courses to be added, beginning in the 1988-89 school year, are Engineering Mechanics—Statistics, Engineering Mechanics—Dynamics, Strength of Materials, Logic Design, and Engineering Drafting. The drafting course is two hours of credit, the rest three hours.

The new major, approved by the George Fox Board of Trustees, is the 27th offered by the College.

## Keeping GFC In Touch With You

Although it may never find its way to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, more than a dozen women are feeling good with their new George Fox College record.

They processed more than 17,000 pieces of mail in a single day.

The volunteers, all from Friendsview Manor and nearby Spaulding Oaks adult living complex, did not set out to establish a new record. It just turned out that way, according to volunteer organizer Bonnie Hollinshead.

She's one of nearly 25 who are available for College mailing projects, but who specialize in the handling of this newspaper, published every other month for alumni and College friends around the world. The Development Office staff provides computer labels and the volunteers place them on the newspapers, carefully watching stacks and maintaining the zip code order.

Once labeled, the newspapers are processed by the campus post office for delivery to the Newberg Post Office. The volunteers work together in the greenroom of Bauman Auditorium.

Prior to the labeling by volunteers, mail was processed by campus work-study students during their two- to three-hour work shifts. Sometimes the process took more than a week.

With volunteer help it was cut to five days, then three, then two, then a day and a half, and finally just a single day.

Give the credit to an increasing number of volunteers—14 in all helped in processing the June issue—and also to their leader.

Hollinshead, a retired school teacher who moved to Newberg in 1977, now takes the labels to her Friendsview Manor apartment several days in advance and begins preliminary sorting of labels by zip codes and making stack notes.

When the volunteers arrive about 8:30 a.m. she has the process ready to go. Working various paces, the volunteers not only label, but also serve as a "screening" system, catching labels for persons they know have moved, noting incorrect ZIP Codes or misprints, catching duplicates and other changes.

Even with a 99 percent accuracy rate from the mail room, there could be more than 175 label changes in a single mailing. The women catch many.

The volunteers do take time out. The Development Office staff brings coffee and rolls about 10:00 a.m. and most volunteers stop briefly. Then coffee and cookies are brought for an afternoon "tea time."

Why volunteer for such an unglamorous, unnoticed task? The answers vary, but many also are similar: they say it's an interest in George Fox College, and many cite the companionship while volunteering their time.

Says Hollinshead: "Though I am not a former GFC student, I love this College as if it were my own." She moved to Newberg to live in Friendsview Manor and was introduced to the College by longtime friend Isabelle Emry. "She got me interested in the College," says Hollinshead, who also is a member of the College's President's Council and an active supporter of Bruin basketball. "I want to work for the College," says Hollinshead, who taught in Central Oregon for 20 years.

She credits Friendsview Manor resident Beryl Woodward with attracting her to the volunteer mailing team. "She got me into taking her place when she was not available," Hollinshead says. Now she is the person the College turns to for

help with the volunteers and Hollinshead passes any praises to her crew. "They've been great; just really great," she says. "They keep asking 'when do we do *Life*?'"

Unlike Hollinshead, Doris Hampton is an alumna. Retiring to Newberg seven years ago after 31 years as a teacher and moving from The Dalles, Hampton says being a GFC graduate (1933) is one reason why she helps: "I'm an alumna; I like to do this and I like the companionship."

"Ditto," says Newberg resident Beth Bagley. She also adds: "I love to work with my hands and I think I'm kind of fast—I've done it a lot." A 1949 George Fox graduate, she was a secretary with Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends in Newberg for 27 years before retiring.

Esther Klages is another volunteer who moved to Newberg for her retirement years. She says she volunteers because "I enjoy it; I like to be busy."

"It's something I could do and I'm interested in the College and want to help out where I can," says Klages, who has been a major benefactor to the College.

Marie Chapman has had a long commitment to the College. She retired in 1983 after 16 years as a secretary in the Admissions Office and lives near the campus. "I enjoy it (the volunteering) and the fellowship," she says. "It's not hard work and I can do it for the College."

Another with a long-time George Fox connection is Olive Hester, a member of the class of 1935. Her husband, Homer, a former mayor of Newberg, served on the George Fox Board of Trustees for 24 years, and her two daughters attended GFC. She says: "I like to do things for the College, I've been involved most of my life with the College."

"I think it's kind of fun," says Leila Ralphs. "I enjoy it and it's a way to help the College." She's lived in Newberg for over 20 years, a former school teacher and pastor's wife.

Then there's Marie Walker, who's been a Newberg resident for 2½ years. "I just thought I could help," she said. And she keeps up with the rest—at the age of 92.

Although the volunteers are just that, Hollinshead makes it a longtime commitment. She heads her volunteer work list "Labelers for Life."



Volunteers Bonnie Hollinshead (right) and Clara Bostwick prepare *Life* mailing.

"Though I am not a former student, I love this College as if it were my own."

## A Gift with Sentiment

The laboratory building in which the world's first successful heart valve was developed has been given to George Fox College as part of its Century II Campaign.

The building on Multnomah Boulevard in Portland is part of a gift of \$100,000 by Margaret Watt Edwards, widow of M. Lowell Edwards, inventor of the heart valve in collaboration with Dr. Albert Starr, a Portland cardiac surgeon. It became the first and most widely used heart valve in the world.

The development occurred after Edwards was 60 years old, and in the last two decades of his life Edwards went on to form several multimillion-dollar industries devoted to a variety of equipment used in medicine, mostly in the cardiovascular field.

Edwards died in April 1982 at the age of 84. He attended George Fox from 1919 to 1921, then majored in electrical engineering at Oregon State. He was a descendant of Quakers who founded the City of Newberg.

Mrs. Edwards, who lives in Laguna Hills, Calif., said the building "has a certain sentimental value to me." She added: "I hope you can make a satisfactory sale of it."

She said, "If gifts from one person tend to arouse enthusiasm for giving in others, I would be glad to have you use my name."

George Fox's Century II Campaign started in January of 1986 now has raised \$5.4 million, surpassing the base goal of \$5 million, toward a challenge goal of \$8.3 million, President Edward F. Stevens said.

The \$94,000 building is in a series of gifts to the College by the Edwardses. They gave \$160,000 to the endowment fund in 1966, and in 1976 gave \$100,000 for construction of the Kershner Center, a part of the Hoover Academic Building on campus. Edwards was a member of the George Fox board of trustees from 1965 until 1976. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by

George Fox in 1964. The same year he was awarded one of the American Medical Association's highest honors when he received its Layman's Citation Distinguished Service Award for his work on the heart valve.

He became interested in the valve after his retirement. He had more than 63 patents to his credit and in the 1940s had begun wondering if his knowledge of pumps might be useful in development of an artificial heart. He teamed up with Starr in 1958 to work on the valve, and two years later the first valve was successfully implanted. It is believed hundreds of thousands of the valves and improved versions have been implanted.

Of the gift, Stevens said: "It is really special that Margaret would make this type of significant contribution. It is more than money. It is a part of the Edwards family heritage and symbolic of her husband's gift of life to thousands of persons. We appreciate Margaret and her generous spirit."

**CENTURY II  
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# Daisy Read: GFC's Oldest Graduate

*"I am more than grateful to my heavenly Father for all the Christian teaching I got at Pacific and that He spared my life to capture a little of the beginnings of what is now George Fox College," Read ended her original booklet of recollection. She says it's still a good ending.*

On a sunny Oregon afternoon with temperatures in the mid-90s Daisy Read sits with an afghan on her lap. A fan nearby on the floor sends breezes across the room to keep her cool.

"You know, this is my 66th!" the silver-haired Read says proudly, explaining why the green and brown wool blanket is on her lap on a hot day. She's knitting it to give away.

It's one of the activities that keeps Read busy in her Friendsview Manor room that overlooks the campus of George Fox College.

It's a campus she watches closely and with interest. At the age of 94 she's George Fox's oldest graduate.

Seventy-three years ago—on June 10 at 10:00 a.m.—she and eight others (three women and six men), sat on the Wood-Mar Hall stage to receive their diplomas from President Levi Pennington before an auditorium full of friends and relatives.

Read, still with a sharp memory for details and facts, recalls: "It was the custom then for people to bring gifts to the graduates and they were piled along the edge of the platform. Many flowers were among the gifts. My folks gave me my first watch."

She can even tell you the complete menu for the Junior-Senior banquet held just three days earlier: oyster cocktail, "salmon a la Newburg," baked potato, roast chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, asparagus, hot rolls, salad. That was followed by dessert: charlotte russe, angel cake, orange sherbet and macaroons, almonds and mints. It cost \$1 and lasted until 3:00 a.m.

A history major, Read went into teaching without much planning she says. "I just always knew I would [teach]; everyone else did." For 41 years Read taught in Oregon primary grades, 33 years in Portland teaching first grade at Joseph Kellogg Grade School before she retired in 1958 because of a mandatory 65 years retirement age.

After leaving Pacific College (renamed George Fox in 1949) Read taught her first year at Enterprise, teaching fourth grade. She then returned to Newberg to teach first grade at Central School during World War I. After that she moved to Astoria for two years—and most of the town burned down. She then moved to LaGrande for two years to teach second grade before beginning her third-of-a-century of teaching in Portland.



**Daisy Read in her Friendsview Manor room.**

She met her husband, Harold, when they lived in the same boarding house. They married in 1943. When her father died, leaving the family home to them, the Reads moved to the Springbrook area near Newberg where Daisy grew up and lived while going to college. She moved to the manor 20 years ago this year after her husband, an electrical engineer, died.

Waking before six each morning so she can watch Portland television evangelist Gary Randall (whose daughter, Michelle is a GFC sophomore), Read knits while watching news programs, but declines to watch others because they are "silly." Instead, she devotes time to her knitting, with the afghans given away as wedding and baby gifts to friends and relatives. Most afternoons she plays dominoes with a friend confined to the manor's infirmary.

She also spends time reading her Bible in her room, one that features souvenirs from her travels to Mexico and Alaska. Read sets aside evening hours for devotions. She maintains a notebook with penciled names of missionaries, the sick, and friends who need special prayers. She systematically prays for each.

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## New Alumni Board Members

Three persons, including the incumbent president, have been elected to the George Fox College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Current president Bob Laughland, Portland, has been elected for a second time. Terms are for three years.

Laughland is vice president of Roger Minthorne Co., an electronics manufacturing representative firm in Portland, and a 1979 George Fox graduate.

Also elected to the 10-member board are Debbie Le Shana Rickey, Newberg, and Brian Beals, Hillsboro, Ore.

Rickey has been at Newberg High School for eight years as teacher and activities director. She is a 1976 GFC graduate. Beals is a fifth grade teacher at West Union Grade School, near Hillsboro. He is a 1965 George Fox graduate.

Beals returns to the board after serving from 1969 to 1975, including several years as president.

Five candidates were running for the three slots. George Fox alumni balloted by mail.

Alumni directors meet four times a year with Alumni Director Gene Christian to plan and coordinate annual alumni events and projects, highlighted by January homecoming weekend events.

The first board meeting for the newly elected members will be in October, with election of officers.

Christian said: "I am pleased with our College Relations Committee's initial nominations, and the three selections made by our alumni constituency; I look forward to working with these members over the next three years."

## Alumni News & Notes

### BUILDING NAMING HONORS GFC GRAD

Wayne Burt (G39) has been honored by Oregon State University with the naming of two buildings in his honor. Wayne V. Burt Hall is the name for the former Oceanography I and II buildings on the Corvallis campus. The dedication was July 8 by OSU President John Byrne, who said Burt "set ripples, waves and currents in motion" to help the university become recognized worldwide as a leader in marine research. Burt was the first chairman of what is now the College of Oceanography and the first director of what is now the Mark Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, on the Oregon coast. Burt founded the OSU oceanography department in 1959 and was chairman until 1967, when he became dean of research for oceanographic programs. In 1964 he helped develop the marine science center and was its first director until 1972. He was the leader in the designation of the university as one of the first Sea Grant Colleges in the nation in 1968. "From the seeds he planted, the department, then school, then College of Oceanography assumed national and international prominence," Byrne said at the dedication.

Melvin Ashwill (n44) has received a \$600 research grant from the Mazamas, a Portland-based mountaineering club, to cover travel and photography expenses for collecting and curating new specimens of leaves that grew in Central Oregon about 50 million years ago. He is a former music teacher at Warm Springs Elementary School in Madras, Ore., where he lives. Ashwill earlier this year was honored by Hokkaido University, Japan, for his loan of fossil maple leaves and seeds to aid in the research of this ancient plant. In a recent publication Ashwill had a new species, "Acer ashwillii," named in his honor.

Dick Zeller (G55) is technical director for the Champeog Historical Pageant, now in its sixth year. He also portrays Oregon founder Dr. John McLoughlin for the sixth year.

John Halgren (G67) is one of seven elementary school principals from Oregon to receive the National Distinguished Principal Award. It was given at the 13th annual conference of the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators in Seaside, Ore., in June.

Jim Shaw (G71) has received a grant (his third in four years) from the Nevada Arts Council to compose a Christmas cantata for chorus and chamber ensemble, to be performed at Northern Nevada Community College, where he is a part-time music faculty member. He also is director of the Elko, Nevada, Musical Antiques, an early music group, and is musical advisor to the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada Liturgical Commission. He is employed full-time in auto sales and his wife, Joyce, is full-time in administration at Northern Nevada Community College.

Ruth (Ricarte) Lillie (G74) works part-time and freelances in computer graphics, typesetting and desktop publishing in Colorado Springs.

Ken Lillie (G75) in June completed a two-year training program with the U.S. Air Force and now is certified to "fly" geosynchronous satellites. He is a captain, with the title of Operations Director, in charge of a crew of 9 to 12 officers, working in the Consolidated Space Operations Center, Falcon Air Force Base, Colo.

Brad Smith (G75) coached the Oregon Metro All-Star high school girls teams in two contests with the State team June 18 and 20 in Salem and Portland.

Denise Georgioff (G77) is the Director of Residence Life at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska.

Daniel Smith (G77) and his wife, Michelle Underwood (G78), are moving from Jerusalem, where they have been on a 21-month assignment for Quaker Peace and Service, to Wilmington, Ohio. He will be assistant professor of religion and director of peace studies at Wilmington College, affiliated with Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

Claudine Blair (G79) on July 7 began a one-year assignment in Manila, the Philippines, as missionary teacher. She is on sabbatical from teaching first grade at Ninety-One Elementary School near Salem, Ore. She will be staying with pastors of the Asian Charismatic Fellowship, where she was previously teaching on summer missions trips with Ambassadors in Mission.

John Carpenter (G79) is beginning a two-year contract teaching English in grades 9-12 at the American School of Asuncion, Paraguay.

Fred VanGorkom (G79) and his wife, Vicki, have finished language school and expected to move down to Al Duba in Southwestern Ethiopia in mid-July to begin veterinary development work.

LeAnn (Nash) Beebe (G80) is assistant director of Financial Aid at Boston University.

Kelly (Duncan) Brewster (G83) is an assistant property manager for Norris Beggs and Simpson Real Estate in Portland, Ore.

Rachel Hampton (G83) graduated June 6 from Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, Ore.

Nancy Martin (G84) graduated May 2 from Azusa Pacific University with a master of arts in marriage, family and child counseling. This summer she is a staff advisor at Forest Home (Calif.) Christian conference center. Last summer, she was with Young Life's Sailing Beyond Malibu program in British Columbia, Canada, teaching teenagers about Christ and sailing.

Paul Almquist (G84) became associate pastor of Silverton Friends Church July 1.

Dan (G84) and Tami (Magee) (G85) Cammack, former pastoral interns at Bell (Calif.) Friends Church, are going to Bolivia as missionaries under Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church. He graduated this spring from the Azusa Pacific Friends Center with a master of ministry degree.

Carol (Freymiller) Meyers (G84) is enrolled in the home economics graduate program at New Mexico State University, expecting to graduate next May.

Melody (Groeneveld) McMaster (G85) scored eight points as her Chehalem team defeated Gresham (Ore.) in the State Games of Oregon water polo contest July 11 in Sandy, Ore. The coach is her husband, Jim, who also is coach of

the Newberg High team that formed the nucleus of the Chehalem team.

Robin (Merchant) Varwig (n85) is a second grade teacher at Carlsbad Unified School District in Southern California. She and her husband, Thomas, a computer programmer in San Diego, live in Escondido.

### MARRIAGES

Joyce (Roberts) Crow (n67) and James Owens, Feb. 14 in Medford, Ore.

Marian Larson (G69) and Robert Schulz, June 28, 1986, in Seaside, Ore.

Dave Adrian (G80) and Pat Pierce, July 18 in Oregon City, Ore.

Kelly Duncan (G83) and William Brewster, Dec. 27 in Salem, Ore.

Lena Jessup (n83) and John McDermott, June 27 in Kotzebue, Alaska.

Darrell Maier (G83) and Winona Thileman, May 4 in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada.

Carol Freymiller (G84) and Keith Meyers, January 3 in Prewitt, New Mexico.

Rebecca Taber (G84) and Ron Douglass, June 6 in Sherwood, Ore.

Robin Merchant (n85) and Thomas Varwig, April 11 in Escondido, Calif.

Sandra Beebe (G86) and Douglas Reimer, June 13 in Portland.

Susan Nofziger (G86) and Steven Roth, June 19 in Salem, Ore.

Todd Mott (G87) and Rhonda Potter (n88) June 6 in Hungry Horse, Montana.

### BIRTHS

Donna (Marks) (G69) and John Kreutz, a girl, Alicia Dawn, April 29, in Tuscon, Ariz.

Herald (G70) and Gwen Fodge, a girl, JoyAnne Kim, born Dec. 29 in Korea, adopted June 29 in Snohomish, Wash.

Kathleen (Norton) (G77) and Charles Carroll, a boy, Charles (Chuck) Allen, May 26 in Portland, Ore.

Karen (White) (G77) and Marc Combs, a boy, Joshua Cecil, August 27, 1986, in Eugene, Ore.

Craig (G79) and Chris (Pike) (G80) Roberts, a boy, Mark Andrew, June 15 in Prosser, Wash.

Steve (G80) and Lesta (Perisho) (n80) Johnson, a girl, Christina Marie, April 28, in Medford, Ore.

Marv (G81) and Kathy Walker, a boy, Benjamin Lee, June 26 in Pendleton, Ore.

Laveda (Waldrep) (G85) and Dave Anderson, a boy, Chad David, July 5, in McMinnville, Ore.

### DEATHS

Wendell Herbert Hutchens (G28) passed away June 15 in Rockaway Beach, Ore.

Eva May Carter (G35) passed away June 5 in Oregon City, Ore.

Joyce Lewis (G45) passed away June 14 in Central Point, Ore.



## Going Wild In the Canyon

A little bit of wilderness through the campus is growing a little more wild.

Hoping to "speed up nature by 20 to 30 years," Clyde Thomas is patiently transplanting wild flowers into Hess Creek Canyon, the shaded ravine that cuts nearly a mile through Newberg's east side.

George Fox College owns nearly eight blocks of the mostly natural growth area, and Thomas, a GFC physical plant staff member, has launched his own one-man effort to restore the area to a pristine beauty.

For Thomas it meant spending a Saturday this spring on his own near Albany, Ore., carefully digging wild flower plants, bulbs and tubers, trucking them back to Newberg, and heeling them into his home garden space. As time allowed, he transplanted the nearly 80 plants of more than a dozen varieties to selected locations along the canyon.

It was a labor of love that started when Thomas learned about a Scio area farmer who was going to release cows into 10 acres that had been old growth fir area, but were being converted for grazing. Thomas asked permission to "rescue" as many plants as possible for relocation. The farmer agreed.

So Thomas dug wild iris, columbines, lupines, lamb's tongue, creeping anemones, trilliums, false Solomon's Seal, bleeding heart, hare bells, and other plants.

Now he's replanted them, based on their preference for sun or shade locations. He bailed water out of Hess Creek to give the initial watering. After that, the plants are on their own—as they would be in their previous location.

The love for the wild nature of the canyon is not new for Thomas, a 1978 George Fox graduate in biology. Originally from arid Eastern Washington, Thomas found the College's canyon fascinating when he arrived. Between his freshmen and senior years he personally logged and identified 153 varieties of plants in the canyon, teaching himself as he went.

Since joining the physical plant staff he's seen that the canyon is kept free of encroaching berry vines, keeps grass



Clyde Thomas is transplanting wild flowers to GFC's Hess Creek Canyon.

where it should be in the flat areas and out of the plant areas, and has made plans for waterfalls, rocked up slopes and even has dreams of an amphitheater area.

Striving to maintain the original ambience of the ravine, Thomas is emphasizing a natural spring area in one location near Edwards Residence Hall, is planning stepped pools in another water run-off area, and hopes to locate even more native Western Oregon plantings to relocate.

He admits some of the "natural" things are going and are being removed: poison oak, berry briars and nettles. They are hazardous to students, staff and visitors walking through the canyon.

"On the long-term I'd like to see the canyon—at least the College's part—become an arboretum of natural plants," Thomas says. "On the short term, I'd like to maintain and improve what we have."

## Recalling GFC 80 Years Ago

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On Sundays Read is a faithful attender of the Newberg Methodist Church (where she served for years as Women's Society president), picked up by church bus. And, she frequently hosts friends for lunch or dinner in the Manor's dining hall.

Never a smoker or drinker—even of coffee ("I just didn't like the taste of it")—Read says she doesn't give her



Daisy Read in her 1914 graduation dress, now in GFC's museum.

habits credit for her longevity. She points out that although her mother died at the age of 72 and her father at 85, she had aunts who lived to be 95 and 96.

Just recently diagnosed with diabetes, Read has had to reduce her intake of sugar, but has not let that bother her. "It was not much punishment," she says. "I never liked sweets anyway."

What Read does like is to recall her College days. In 1978 she wrote her memories in manuscript form, and when College leaders learned of it a small booklet, "My College: Memories of Long Ago," was published. It details Read's seven years on the campus starting in 1907 when she enrolled at Pacific Academy, continuing through her college graduation.

Read helped pay for her academy and college education by picking prunes and berries and working in the Springbrook Cannery managed by her father. Tuition was \$50 a semester. There were 88 students on campus and, says Read, "we all knew each other very well and knew a lot of what each one was doing."

Because Read walked the two-miles to the campus and back home each day—including traversing a high trestle—she had little time to participate in school events. "Getting back and forth was my activity," Read says. But at the time the Academy and College did not allow plays. She remembers the first being staged in 1913. May Day ceremonies were started her last two years at College.

Lunch was carried in a pail. Boarding students ate in a dining hall in

what was then Canyon Hall, now named Minthorn Hall. "The women in this area [Newberg] used to can fruit and vegetables during the summer to be used in the dormitory. They also dried corn, apples and prunes. Fresh vegetables and fruit also were brought in by some of the farmers. When someone butchered, fresh pork sausage and hams would sometimes find their way to Canyon Hall for a change in diet," she recalls in her booklet.

She remembers the time students went to chapel and "there was an awful smell in the auditorium." Chapel was dismissed. "No one could imagine what had happened," she says, and "it was disclosed finally that the smell was coming from under the platform. Someone had put some hydrochloric acid to generating and it sure was generating!"

It was in an auditorium Read has never forgotten. She was there when it was first used in the spring of 1911. "A lot of us had the job of sweeping the auditorium before they could put in the seats," Read reports. "It was the biggest room I had ever seen, and the floor was covered with sawdust and pieces of two-by-fours. It took us nearly all day to get it cleaned up."

Seven decades later in 1982 Read was present when the George Fox's new William and Mary Bauman Auditorium was opened, the only person to have attended opening events for both auditoriums.

Read has begun donating much of her memorabilia to the College's Brouger Museum, which already displays her handmade graduation day dress.

## New Coach For Track

Wes Cook, 1987 Coach of the Year for Oregon AA schools, has been named head track and cross country coach at George Fox College.

Cook, currently president of the Oregon association of The Athletics Congress, this spring was named Coach of the Year for all sports for the third time. He was selected in 1983 and 1978.

Cook's Gladstone High School track and field teams have been in the top ten in the Oregon state championships seven of the last eight years. His teams have been ranked in the top six for the last eight seasons and from 1976 through 1984 his boys cross country squads were undefeated in 51 straight dual meets.

Cook, 47, replaces Rich Allen, who resigned after 18 years to take a position with George Fox's new degree completion program for adult students.

Cook has been at Gladstone for 15 years with his track teams winning eight consecutive league-district championships, and 10 of the last 12. The Gladiator track team was state champion in 1982 and cross country squads won state titles in 1977, 1979 and 1986.

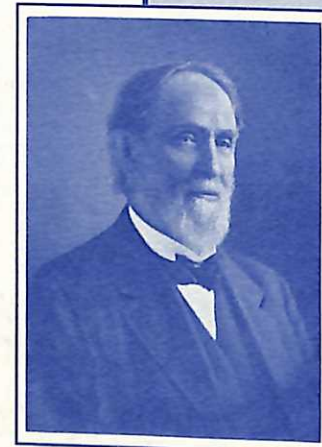
Cook's career coaching record in cross country and track is more than 70 percent wins.

Cook is a frequent speaker at clinics across the nation and is the author of numerous articles in both state and national publications. In July he will address the South Carolina Coaches Association.

In 1986 Cook led the first foreign tour of Northwest Outreach Ministries and in the summer of 1988 he will be head coach for a tour to Scandinavia and the Soviet Union.

Cook, who will teach physical education courses at George Fox, has a master's degree in teaching from Lewis & Clark College and a bachelor's degree in history and physical education from the University of Northern Colorado.

## Do You Recognize This Author?



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