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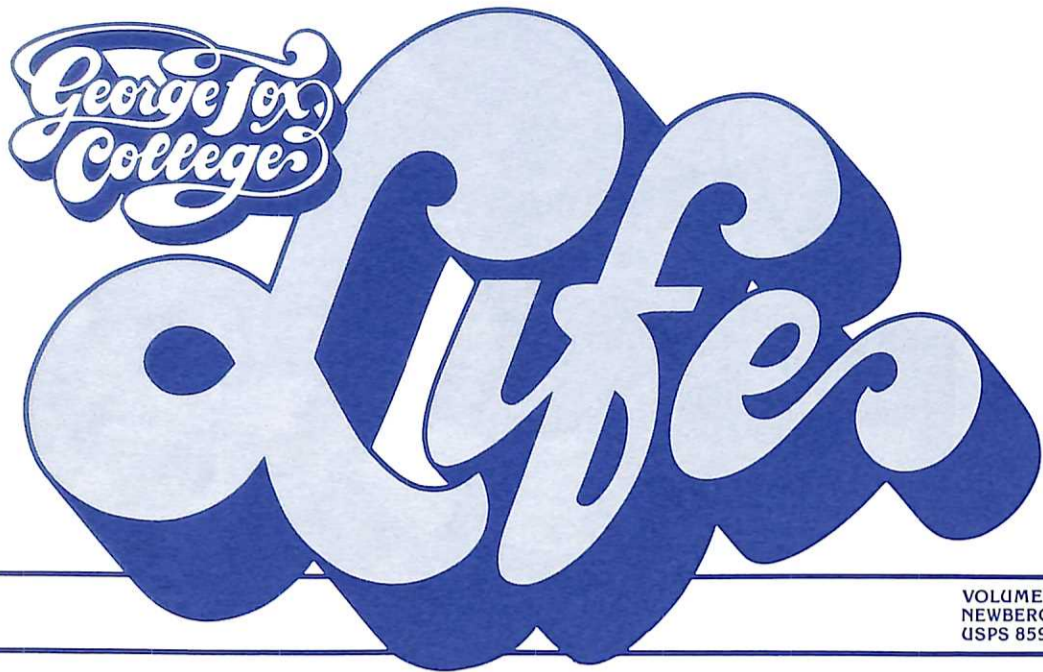
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## George Fox: One of 'America's Best Colleges'

"Obviously we are elated," says President Edward F. Stevens, following national reporting of George Fox College as one of "America's Best Colleges."

The October 26 issue of *U.S. News and World Report* devotes 30 pages to a cover-story special report on the nation's colleges and universities.

In the category "Midwestern and Western Liberal Arts Colleges" fifteen are selected. George Fox is ranked 12th. The geographic area includes 184 colleges in the category west of the Alleghenies and north of the Mason-Dixon line.

The listing puts George Fox in the top 7 percent. The poll involved college and university presidents. They were asked to select 10 schools providing the "best" undergraduate education from among those classified in the same category as their own. Each college, therefore, was judged by a jury of its peers.

The criteria to be considered, the magazine reported, included cohesiveness of the curriculum, quality of teaching, relationship between faculty and students and the overall atmosphere of learning fostered by the campus.

Presidents also were asked for lists of schools excelling in the humanities and in science and technology and were asked to single out colleges noted for their academic innovations as well as schools making exemplary efforts to develop students' moral character.

The survey's list of "best" colleges was compiled by category, based on the number of times a college was mentioned as being among the top 10 by presidents of schools in its grouping.

There are nine categories in the poll, based on the 1987 classification of institutions of higher education by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

"This is national recognition and we have often felt we were a well-kept secret, so it's great to receive this type of unsolicited publicity," Stevens said.

"There are evidently a number of college presidents who believe we are doing a good job—being faithful to our mission as a Christian liberal arts college," Stevens said.

Following the initial rankings of colleges, the *U.S. News and World Report* article has a chart, "Vital Statistics," that lists George Fox. It is introduced with the statement: "If you're interested in the nation's best colleges, you'll want to know how selective they are." It then reports SAT and ACT scores and the percentages of students accepted from those applying this year at the top-ranked colleges.

Among the nation's colleges just one other member of the 13-member national Christian College Consortium is named—Taylor University in Indiana.

Stevens said he believes George Fox may be so highly ranked because of its recent successes in student recruitment and fund raising and because of recent innovative changes: a new degree completion program in Human Resources Management, a program to internationalize the curriculum, a change to semester calendar, and addition of new majors in telecommunication and engineering.

College teams also have been nationally ranked in several sports, and several faculty members make presentations in national meetings or are officers in national organizations.

## Nine-Shovel Ceremonial Start for Murdock Center



Wielding shovels to ceremonially start GFC's new M. J. Murdock Learning Resource Center are (left to right): Board Chairman Bill Field; Student Body President Kristen Diefenbaugh; honorary chairmen for the Newberg Century II Campaign, Ken and Joan Austin; President Edward F. Stevens; M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust Representative Walt Dyke; President's Council Century II Chairman Esther Klages; Director of Library Services Merrill Johnson; and Alumni Association President Bob Laughland.

College and city leaders joined with major donors October 22 in formally breaking ground for George Fox College's new \$2.25 million M. J. Murdock Learning Resource Center.

Nine shovels simultaneously turned the symbolic first earth for the three-level structure that will double the existing 25-year-old Shambaugh Library.

Clear skies and warm fall weather were enjoyed by about 175 persons gathered on the west side of the construction site in the campus academic mall.

Pink and blue ribbons were tied to the name-tagged shovels as those designated for the honor lined up for pictures in the 40-minute ceremony.

The honors went to George Fox Board of Trustees Chairman Bill Field, GFC President Edward F. Stevens, Director of Library Services Merrill Johnson, and Student Body President Kristen Diefenbaugh.

Community and state representatives were Ken and Joan Austin, honorary chairmen for the College's Century II Newberg campaign that has raised funds for the project; Esther Klages, who headed the President's Council fund drive for the project; GFC Alumni Association President Bob Laughland, Portland; and Walt Dyke, a representative of the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

Newberg Mayor Elvern Hall gave city greetings, saying "I congratulate you on behalf of the city. We're glad to see you growing."

He said the 97-year-old College is an important asset to the city and that leaders stress the potential business and industry.

Architect Ron Slusarenko of WEGroup Architects and Planners, Portland, said "Any building is only as good as its client—we believe your building will be a marvelous one."

He said it follows the principles of Vitruvius, an architect 2,000 years ago. It has three elements: firmness, commodity and delight, meaning the building is designed to be structurally sound, efficient in budget and materials, and "a thing of beauty, bringing joy and ambience."

GFC Academic Vice President Lee Nash said the new 35,000-square-foot facility will be "a sociocultural magnet." He joked that it might cause Quakers a problem with pride. "Ahead lies quality, opportunity and joy," he said.

Diefenbaugh said she was especially thankful for the prayer on the project and said for students the new learning resource building will "open up their horizons."

Most of the time, however, was reserved for Dyke, who is one of three directors of the Murdock Trust that gave \$1.35 million toward the project. He recalled the earliest contact of Murdock with George Fox College—in 1969. Murdock, one of the founders of Tektronix who died in an airplane crash in 1971, was "very sensitive to problems and opportunities of humanity," Dyke said. He said Murdock asked why colleges were struggling and studied them and saw a need for better market-

ing. His first support of George Fox, Dyke recalled, was for the purchase of a magnetic memory typewriter for Admissions and Development Department uses. Since that time support has now grown to nearly \$5 million.

Dyke said that as enrollment grew, buildings were needed and support also was given to those projects. He said the latest support is a continuation of the previous successes.

"If Jack were here today, he'd be pleased to have his name on this building," Dyke said. "We [the trust] are a little selective in naming, and this really seems to fit," Dyke said.

The ceremonies were held near ground, already cleared for the expansion. Work crews actually started on the project one week earlier to take advantage of the good fall weather for construction. Completion of the project is expected by next September.

Project general contractor is Elliott-Jochimsen Construction Inc., Salem, with a basic construction bid of \$1,545,000.

The new Murdock Learning Resource Center will have capacity for up to 150,000 volumes. The existing library has 65,000 volumes and periodicals. Fund raising continues for the estimated \$1.25 million needed for the additional library holdings, included in the College's \$8.3 million Century II Campaign.

Included in the new center will be space for instructional media services, computer services, archives, expanded reading and study areas, and additional stack areas.

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marvelous one."

# Enrollment: 'Naturally We Are Excited'

A 28.4 percent enrollment increase has jumped George Fox College's 1987 fall semester enrollment to 705.

Included in the growth is an increase of 27 "traditional" on-campus students (freshmen through senior classes), up 4.7 percent to 576.

The largest increase, however, has come from 129 students enrolled in the College's new degree completion program started last fall. Ten classes are now underway in Portland, Salem and Newberg.

The program offers a bachelor's degree in human resources management with students classified as full-time students for 15 months, taking courses in evening classes and weekend seminars.

In all, there are 156 more students this fall than last fall.

A 28 percent increase in new students—freshmen, transfers and re-admitted students—has pushed that total to 253, up from 197 last fall.

On campus are 186 new freshmen, compared to 149 a year ago.

"Naturally, we are excited about this dramatic enrollment increase," George Fox President Edward F. Stevens said. "The larger freshman class and the momentum generated in student recruitment make the next three to four years look very promising.

"Faculty and staff have really worked hard to support both of these efforts,"



Students, enjoying warm fall weather, gather around Chemistry Professor Paul Chamberlain.

Stevens said. "It's been a complete College effort."

He noted that while enrollment is increasing, the combined SAT score for entering students also has increased, to

908 from 895 last fall. He credited the enrollment to the "effective job of Jeff Rickey [Admissions Director] and his staff and Dirk Barram's management in the degree completion program."

# Changing Trustee Leadership

Three persons have been named new members of the George Fox College Board of Trustees.

In addition, 11 others have been renamed to the 42-member board. All were approved by Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church at its annual sessions on campus.

Joining the board are Jake Lautenbach, Corilda Grover and Charles Mylander. Lautenbach is a Portland landscape contractor. He is the father of a George Fox College junior.

Grover is a 1977 George Fox graduate, a lab technician at Family Practice Clinic in Oregon City, where she lives.

Mylander, a 1964 graduate, is superintendent of the Friends Church Southwest Yearly Meeting, headquartered in Whittier, Calif. He is the author of two nationally known books and is GFC's 1987 Alumnus of the Year.

The trio replaces outgoing members Michael Jarvill, a Stanwood, Wash., attorney; George Millen, general superintendent of the Evangelical Church of North America; and T. Eugene Coffin, who leaves the board after 30 years. A 1935 graduate, he was the College's Alumnus of the Year in 1970 and was executive minister for pastoral services at Garden Grove, Calif., Crystal Cathedral until his retirement last year.

One-third of the College's board, or 14 members, are elected each year, six nominated by the current board, six by the church organization and two by George Fox alumni. All must be confirmed by Northwest Yearly Meeting.

Alumni renamed Marla Ludolph, a partner and officer with the Vancouver, Wash., law firm of Landerholm, Menovich, Lansverk and Whiteside.

The board renamed Clarence Knoepfle, superintendent of the Pacific Conference of the Evangelical Church of North America; Fred Neumann, personnel manager, Martin Marietta Corporation, Littleton, Colo.; C. W. Perry, senior pastor of Rose Drive Friends Church in Yorba Linda, Calif.; and Kent Thornburg, associate professor of physiology at the Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland.

The church renamed Dorothy Barratt, a Christian education consultant for the Evangelical Friends Alliance; Aaron Hamlin, executive director of the National Black Evangelical Association and pastor of the Piedmont Friends Church, Portland; John Holton, a Boise, Idaho, dentist; Roger Martell, a Boise, Idaho, accounting firm executive and Jack Newell, a Boise, insurance executive.

# Our New Faculty

Ten new full-time members have joined the George Fox College faculty.

Half are in the College's Division of Communication and Literature, the other half will join four other divisions.

New members of the Division of Communication and Literature include Sandra L. Lindsey, Jeffrey K. Lukehart, Bruce E. Carrick, Milford L. Schroeder, and Philip H. Nash.

Lindsey has a doctoral degree in English from the University of Oregon. She taught previously at Western Oregon State College from 1969 to 1980, and now is assistant professor of literature and writing.

Lukehart taught for the last six years at Linfield College as assistant professor of speech communication and director of forensics. He previously held similar positions for four years at the University of Wisconsin—Platteville. The previous three years he was a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.

Lukehart, who has a master's degree in speech from the University of Cincinnati, is assistant professor of communication arts.

Carrick is assistant professor of English as a Second Language. He has a master's degree from Portland State University in the field of Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages, received this spring. For the last two years he was a teaching assistant in English as a Second Language at the school. Carrick also has a master of divinity degree from Western Baptist Seminary.

Schroeder and Nash share duties in a new team approach for drama music theater leadership. Schroeder has a master's degree in communication and education from San Jose State University and is a Newberg free-lance producer and director. He was previously at George Fox from 1978 to 1983 as director of the College's television center. He then taught for three years at Pacific University as assistant professor in communications.

Nash has a master's degree in speech and drama from Pepperdine University and is the founder and president of the Dramatic Word in Salem. He travels nationally with scriptural-based programs and has taught previously at Western Baptist College and Chemeketa Community College.

Both have associate professor of drama titles with Schroeder responsible for technical production and program work and Nash emphasizing acting and directing.

In the Division of Education as assistant professor of education is Beth A. LaForce. She has a doctoral degree, received in August, from Michigan State University where she has been a graduate assistant/instructor since 1982. Her degree is in teacher education with emphasis in reading, language arts, and children's literature. Previously LaForce was an elementary school teacher in Michigan for eight years and in Newfoundland, Canada, for two years.

New in the Physical Education Division are Wesley A. Cook and Steven M. Curtis. Cook is associate professor and head track and cross country coach. Curtis is instructor of physical education and head trainer.

For the last 17 years Cook was at Gladstone High School as a teacher and coach. He has a master's degree in teaching from Lewis and Clark College. He was Coach of the Year in AA schools three times and has had his track teams in the top ten in Oregon state championships seven of the last eight years.

Curtis, a 1982 George Fox graduate in physical education, returned to the College after four years at Franklin High School, Portland, where he was head trainer, teacher and activities director. He is a June graduate from Portland State University with a master's degree in physical education teaching.

With a doctoral degree in Old Testament/Religious Studies from Yale University, Gerald H. Wilson is associate professor of biblical studies. He has both a master of arts and a master of divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Wilson was assistant professor of religion at the University of Georgia from 1982 to 1986 and for the last year was a pastor with the Pacific Southwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church in California. Since 1985 Wilson also has been consulting editor of Old Testament with the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Michigan.

New to the faculty, but not in the classroom, is Linda J. Lambert, who is

reference librarian and assistant professor. She has a master's degree in library science from Indiana University and a master of arts degree in missions/intercultural studies from Wheaton College. She was a reference librarian at both Indiana State Library and Wheaton College.

## SABBATICALS SHOW RESEARCH, WRITING

Projects as diverse as study of the sheep's heart and a biographical book of a prominent Palestinian Christian are underway this fall as two professors take sabbatical leaves from teaching.

On leave for research and writing is Ralph Beebe, professor of history, and Elver Voth, professor of biology.

Beebe, a faculty member since 1974, is drafting the autobiography of a Palestine leader he met on a Christian College Consortium trip last June to the Mideast. He spent six weeks earlier this summer in Israel for interviews and research. He will discuss the special perspectives of being a Palestinian, a Christian and living within the Jewish culture in Israel. A follow-up visit is planned, perhaps next summer or fall.

Voth, who joined the faculty in 1964, has teamed with a former student in a project "Morphometry of the Sheep Heart." He is assisting Kent Thornburg, a 1967 GFC graduate, who now is associate professor of physiology at the University of Oregon Health Sciences University.

Thornburg, one of Voth's first majors, has a doctoral degree in developmental physiology from Oregon State University. He is in the second year of a five-year project under a National Institute of Health grant. Voth is assisting in electron microscope work involving measurement of the size and shape of all organelles in cardiac muscle tissue.

Both professors will resume classroom teaching spring semester starting in January.

Ten join  
five divisions



# Bringing The Outdoors Indoors

At George Fox College you don't have to be outside to see and hear running water splashing down plant-covered rocky slopes to a pool below.

A small version of a Central Oregon scene is becoming the new centerpiece for the College's Student Union Building in a project called a "Three Sisters Fountainscape" by designer Clyde Thomas.

Valued at about \$4,000, the recently completed project is the result of a \$1,700 class gift by the 1987 graduating class—and the work of Thomas and other students and staff.

The GFC student government organization contributed another \$300 in addition to the labor of student volunteers.

The 15-by-8-foot fountain project has two rivulets of water tumbling down rocky slopes and overhangs, channeled to fall into a gravel-lined pool with small goldfish. Various plants, sustained by a built-in drip irrigation system, are located among the rocks. Underwater lights brighten the pool at nights when light is not entering the lounge area from overhead skylights.

In the surrounding lounge area new furniture, plants and cedar latticework have been placed, with a wall mural, track lighting, and additional planter boxes soon to follow.

"The design concept came from my love of the high mountains and is meant to mimic high mountain volcanic and glacial geology," says Thomas, GFC superintendent of grounds and a 1978 GFC graduate.

The new Student Union attraction is on the site of a class of 1958 gift—an outdoor fountain that featured fish and lily pads. The pool was the centerpiece of an outdoor court yard of the original Student Union Building, constructed in 1958. In 1979 the area was enclosed and the pool retained in an



Clyde Thomas and Don Cossel with new GFC fountainscape.

indoor lounge area. But attempts to keep fish and plants living failed as the pool system deteriorated with age. A picture of the original pond will be displayed near the new fountain, along with the original class gift plaque.

The idea of Thomas, the project had the assistance of Ever Camua, a George Fox sophomore from the Philippines. He drew the design, detailing it to scale on paper.

Thomas and Don Cossel, superintendent of buildings and a 1980 GFC graduate, and volunteers did the mortar mixing, concrete trundling, rock transporting and rock setting.

# Kenny Stone: From Bruin to Blazer

There he stood wearing No. 44. That's Portland Trail Blazer No. 44—as in professional basketball.

And there was his name and college—George Fox—in the program, along with such other school names as UCLA, Louisville, St. John's, Oregon State, North Carolina, Indiana and Georgetown.

George Fox's Kenny Stone had reached his dream: the opportunity to try out with the NBA. On October 17 he got the opportunity few college players, at any level, ever do—to legitimately wear a pro uniform.

Although it was briefly, and Stone was waived by the Blazers, they still retain the rights to the 6-6 Bruin All-American. And Stone may yet play.

Here's the words of Blazer coach Mike Schuler: "There's no question that Kenny is good enough to play in Europe, and he'll probably get another chance in the NBA. He's a good shooter and he's very solid fundamentally. You can tell that he's been very well-coached."

That's Bruin coach Mark Vernon you see smiling.

Added Schuler about Stone: "Something good is going to happen for him."

Drafted in June as a seventh-round choice in the NBA draft, some thought it might be a "courtesy" draft from a nearby college. His fellow players, coaches and fans knew otherwise. When cuts were made after rookie camp on Oct. 8, the number four and the number six drafts did not make it to veteran camp. But Kenny Stone was invited, a legitimate player and not a token draft choice.

"I knew then the coaches had some confidence in me," Stone said. Instead of depression after not making it on

the first try, Stone was elated with his NBA experience. "I enjoyed it a lot and got a lot out of it," he said. "I know what I have to work on now. It gave me an opportunity to improve myself as a ballplayer."

Now he's at home in Winlock, Wash., coming frequently to the campus to work out with this year's Bruins, and

deciding on his immediate future: ball playing in Europe, Australia or with the Continental Basketball Association in the USA.

"I don't want to sit out and wait until next year. I want to get better and come back here as soon as I can," Stone says of his still-alive hopes for the NBA.

*The following first-person feature, headlined "Skinny Kid from Winlock Beats the Odds," was written by sports reporter Mark May and appeared in the Oct. 19 edition of The Daily News, Longview, Wash. It is reprinted here with permission.*

PORTLAND—The first time I laid eyes on Ken Stone, he was a tall, skinny sophomore on the Winlock High School basketball team. A tiny crowd watched the Cardinals play Castle Rock at Winlock that night.

Stone did little to distinguish himself. In fact, he wasn't even very good. Nevertheless, something about his attitude and the way he moved with a basketball suggested that this gangly kid with the long arms had the potential to be something special.

The last time I saw him, on Saturday night, Stone was playing for the Portland Trail Blazers in an exhibition game against the Cleveland Cavaliers. This time there were 12,000 people in the stands, and he had distinguished himself before he ever set foot on the court.

Stone beat the odds when the Blazers drafted him in the seventh round out of George Fox College, and again when he survived the cut during rookie camp. And although his season was brief—the Blazers waived him after Saturday's game—his longtime dream of playing in the NBA is far from dead.

Stone hopes to play professionally in Europe, then return for another shot at the NBA. Nobody works harder, or deserves a second chance, more than him.

Ken is an instantly likable young man. He's friendly, well-mannered, intelligent and a whiz on the basketball floor. He leaps like a gazelle, shoots the soft jumper, and his seven-foot arm span makes him a shot-blocking machine.

He's grown several inches and added a few pounds to his lanky frame since I first met him. But in seven years, he hasn't lost his love for the game or his positive outlook. He believes anything is possible if you work at it hard enough.

Ken's father, Terry Stone, remembers playing one-on-one against his son in the family driveway. "We played all the time until he got older and started beating me," said the elder Stone, who works in the finan-

cial department at St. John's Hospital. "That's when I stopped playing him."

At Winlock, Ken was a two-time MVP and a two-time all-league selection. He made all-league honorable mention as a sophomore. As a senior he led the Cardinals to the state tournament and was named all-state honorable mention.

Eighteen colleges expressed interest in him, but he selected George Fox in Newberg, Ore. Stone, a business major, started every game in his four years there. He owns six school records, including rebounds and blocked shots, and is second in career scoring.

He was a two-time NAIA All American and a three-time National Christian College Athletic Association All-American. He was District 2 Player of the Year as a junior and senior, and the Bruins' MVP three straight seasons.

I wasn't surprised when Ken was drafted by the Blazers. His accomplishments justified the selection, and besides, the Blazers have a habit of using low-round picks on local players. Castle Rock's Steve Cochran was drafted out of Lewis and Clark in 1981.

I was surprised the day I watched him at Portland's rookie camp. I had assumed this talented young man had finally reached a level where he would be overmatched. Instead, he more than held his own in scrimmage of rookies and veterans. Afterward, the Blazers informed him he'd be invited to regular camp with the veterans.

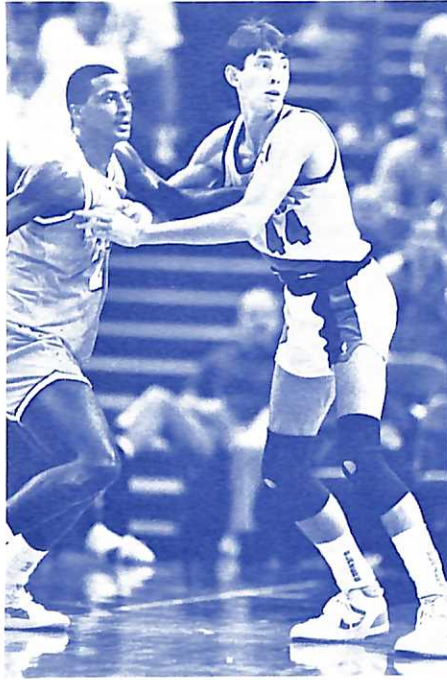
It was an eerie feeling watching him play against the Cavaliers Saturday. It's a long haul from Winlock High School to the NBA, but there he was playing basketball against the best players in the world.

Stone says his biggest inspiration has been his family. His father, mother Jeri, and sister Kristi (19) "have been just great," he said. "The support I've gotten from them is unbelievable."

Ken is small by NBA standards. He plans to lift weights and add some bulk to his 195-pound frame before giving it another shot with an NBA team.

Whatever happens, life will go on even if his professional basketball career doesn't. I, for one, hope it does.

"But there he was, playing basketball against the best players in the world."



Bruin/Blazer Kenny Stone

# Serving Nationally

George Fox College President Edward F. Stevens has been named one of 32 college presidents in the nation to serve on the new National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Council of Presidents.

Stevens was elected by the 15 college presidents in NAIA District 2, which includes private and public colleges in Oregon and Idaho and is one of 32 districts in the nation.

He has been designated for a three-year term, serving until 1990. The newly created council will meet twice annually, in the fall and in March in conjunction with the NAIA's national basketball championship tournament in Kansas City, Mo. First meetings were in September.

"I appreciate your willingness to take this on and to serve on behalf of all of us in important work," Pacific University President Robert F. Duvall wrote Stevens. "It's clear that a lot of your colleagues think highly of you."

The plan was to have presidents submit names for candidates, then to vote to select a district representative. Stevens had a plurality of votes at the nomination level and was declared the new representative without a second vote.

Stevens, 47, has been George Fox president since 1983. Earlier this year he was named chairman of the national Christian College Consortium. In June he stepped down as president of the Oregon Independent College Association.