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Asbestos Removal Delays Library Opening

Completion of George Fox College's new M. J. Murdock Learning Resource Center is being delayed after the release of asbestos fibers in the existing Shambaugh Library.

"We were hoping to have the building completed by the first of August, but now we're looking at the first of September. We'll have to move in after classes start," said Don Millage, GFC's vice president for finance.

The library was closed March 28 by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality after asbestos fibers were released into the air when construction workers broke through the library's ceiling and walls.

The College hired Asbestos Abatement Management Inc., Portland, to vacuum and wash the asbestos fibers from the building and its estimated 70,000 volumes. The decontamination project, estimated to cost as much as \$82,500, was originally expected to be completed at the end of April.

Now the College has hired AAM to remove all asbestos-containing materials from the building. It will cost an additional \$80,000 to remove asbestos-filled plaster from ceiling panels and pipe elbows, \$20,000 to construct temporary partitions required for the removal, and \$8,000 to replace the ceiling plaster, Millage said. AAM workers estimate they will complete the additional work by June 6, he noted.

Initially, it was believed there was no need to remove the asbestos-filled materials, which are harmless when intact. After it was learned, however, that any jarring of the materials in the future could release more fibers, further action was taken. "If we don't do that (remove the asbestos-filled materials) we're facing an asbestos problem as long as the building's here," Millage said.

The \$20,000 temporary partitions are necessary to divide the new portion of the building from the old. They will protect the new portion when abate-

ment workers scrape asbestos materials from the ceiling and pipes, Millage noted. "My understanding is that the [decontaminated] books and shelves will be enclosed in plastic as they scrape. It will all be done in an enclosed atmosphere and they will suck out the dust as it falls," he said.

While cleanup continues, waiting continues for notification of possible fines from the DEQ and state Accident Prevention Division. The APD has fined two of the library's construction contractors \$5,150 each, based on six violations. In a recent newspaper article, Dale Rhodes, division regional health supervisor for APD, said penalties likely would be levied against the College as well.

College officials are developing a fund-raising program to cover the cost of the asbestos cleanup. GFC President

"We have all seen the Lord take problems and turn them into opportunities."



Asbestos removal is expected to delay completion of GFC's new \$2.5 million M. J. Murdock Learning Resources Center one month.

Edward F. Stevens already has received two unsolicited \$1,000 contributions from President's Council members, and a pledge of \$500.

"We think there are a lot of people out there who will want to help, once they know the need," Stevens said. "We have all seen the Lord take problems and turn them into opportunities. Although it's a situation we didn't want and one we can't control, I have been encouraged by personal notes, comments and unsolicited financial support."

Both College employees and students found that humor helped ease the frustration brought about by the library closure. A large sign outside the College's temporary library reads, "Please be patient... we're doing asbestos we can!"

GFC juniors Steve Benson and Scot Bolsinger designed and sold more than 80 T-shirts that sported the silk-screened words, "I'm a Shambaugh
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Graduates Urged To Work For God

Students entering the work world should be laborers for God, commencement speaker Robert Schaper told a record 160 graduates April 30.

"You're a part of God's strategy, to make the wisdom available to the world," said Schaper, dean of chapel and professor of practical theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

There are not many laborers in the world, so students should carry their "mission" with a sense of urgency and caution, Schaper warned.

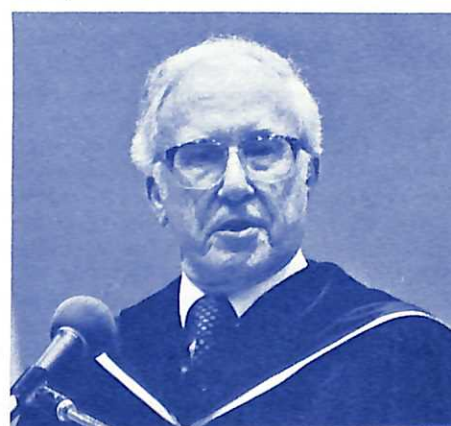
"Think how much there is to be done. We are part of a world of billions of people—what are we among so many? Go out as sheep among the wolves."

As laborers, students should not worry about God's overall "project," Schaper said. "It's Jesus' project, we don't have to worry. It's His harvest, it's not ours."

Students should be "allergic to everything that brings division" and "thrilled with the prospect of peace," Schaper

continued. "Think of what a magnificent agenda that is—to say my project is peace. And God bless any of us who realize the peacemakers are the children of God."

Laborers for God should expect to work hard, "responding with deeds and explaining and interpreting the Word," Schaper said.



Robert Schaper

Laborers should not be afraid of failure. "You're all going to continue with some magnificent failures. Please don't let that get you down. My dear friends, God has an amazing way of putting together all our efforts that aren't that great," Schaper said.

"Go, go out into the world," he concluded. "We know who we're fighting for."

Fifty-one of the College's graduates were the first to be awarded the College's new Human Resources Management degree. The HRM program is a degree-completion course for adults.

HRM graduate George Myers, a residence hall counselor at the College, received the most cheers from the 2,500 in attendance. Julia Hass of Sherwood, who suffers from cerebral palsy, received the most applause as she walked, with crutches, across the stage. Mike Pilcher of Camano Island, Wash., received the most laughs as he walked with his infant daughter, donned in a white graduation cap, across the stage.

Psychology Does Not Undermine Scripture, Professors Say

- The emphasis on "self" in the psychology world results in an unhealthy pursuit of personal happiness, says William Kirk Kilpatrick in his book, *Psychological Seduction*.
- "Consulting a psychotherapist is much the same as turning oneself over to the priest of any other rival religion," says Dave Hunt in his book, *Beyond Seduction*.
- Psychology can't offer what the Bible can offer, television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart tells his followers.

Psychology is coming under the fire of many Christian leaders today. The mental health field, they say, undermines spirituality, fails to promote fundamental Christian values.

Their message, in turn, has come under the scrutiny of two George Fox College professors.

In the April 8 issue of *Christianity Today*, in an article titled "The Mind Doctors, Questions to Ask on the Road to Mental Health," associate professors Mark McMinn and James Foster assert that "overzealous Christian criticism of psychology" may prevent people from seeking needed psychological help.

The authors agree Scripture should be acknowledged as authoritative. They question, however, Christian leaders who believe the science of psychology "can add nothing to Scripture in our understanding of human nature."

In his own private psychology practice, McMinn has counseled clients who feared psychological treatments would lure them off spiritual paths. "I found a number of people who have been fearful. Mostly it comes from recommendations of other people—other people in the church have warned them that psychology is humanizing, or whatever," McMinn explains. "I've seen some people absolutely certain that they were healed of their depression (after receiving spiritual guidance). Then two months later it's back. And they can't go back to their pastor because supposedly they were healed."

Critics of psychology do raise some important questions about mainstream psychology, McMinn and Foster admit.



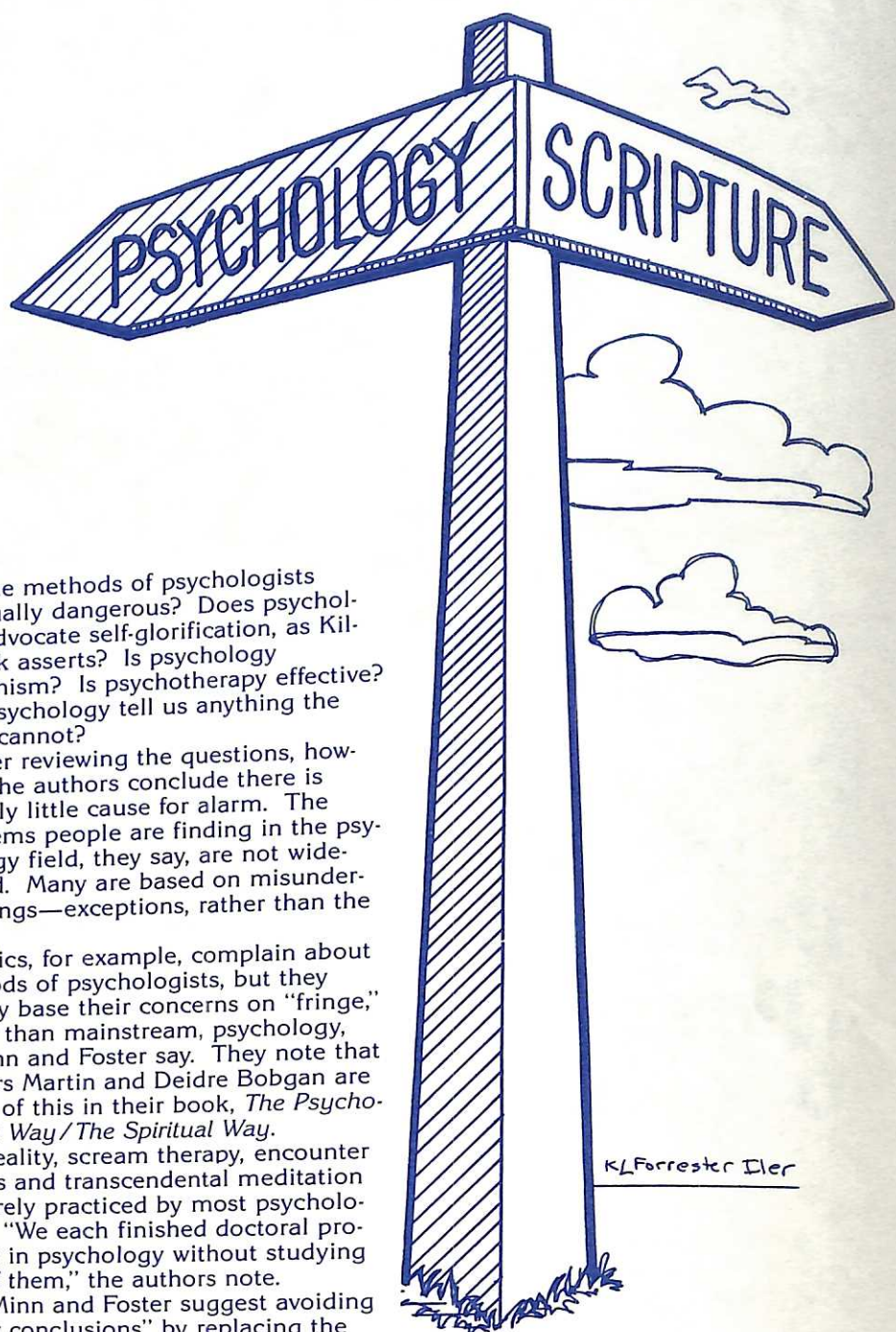
Mark McMinn



James Foster

Interest in the psychology/Scripture debate is growing. McMinn and Foster were asked to contribute their views at a national six-member panel discussion hosted by the CBN John Ankerberg television talk show. They flew to Chattanooga, Tenn., May 21, to film the show with four other authors: Dave Hunt, Martin Bobgan, Jay Adams and Gary Collins. It is not known when the show is scheduled to air.

A publishing company also has expressed an interest in a new book McMinn and Foster have written, titled *Christians in the Crossfire*. The book, McMinn says, helps Christians develop critical thinking skills and apply them to issues that exist in the world today.



Are the methods of psychologists spiritually dangerous? Does psychology advocate self-glorification, as Kilpatrick asserts? Is psychology humanism? Is psychotherapy effective? Can psychology tell us anything the Bible cannot?

After reviewing the questions, however, the authors conclude there is actually little cause for alarm. The problems people are finding in the psychology field, they say, are not widespread. Many are based on misunderstandings—exceptions, rather than the rules.

Critics, for example, complain about methods of psychologists, but they usually base their concerns on "fringe," rather than mainstream, psychology, McMinn and Foster say. They note that authors Martin and Deidre Bobgan are guilty of this in their book, *The Psychological Way / The Spiritual Way*.

In reality, scream therapy, encounter groups and transcendental meditation are rarely practiced by most psychologists. "We each finished doctoral programs in psychology without studying any of them," the authors note.

McMinn and Foster suggest avoiding "hasty conclusions" by replacing the question, "Are psychotherapies spiritually dangerous?" with the more accurate probe, "Is this particular psychotherapy, practiced by this therapist, spiritually dangerous to me?"

This leads to some research. "It is important to explore a psychologist's credentials, values and treatment preferences prior to beginning any kind of therapy. Such an exploration is neither impolite nor unexpected," McMinn and Foster explain.

Should clients select Christian psychologists or psychologists hailed for excellence in the mental health field? The answer depends on a person's individual needs, say the authors.

In general, "If you go to someone who's clinically excellent who doesn't share your faith it's probably okay to stay with that person," McMinn says. The reason is twofold. One, it is likely a clinically excellent psychologist will be sensitive to spiritual needs. Two, many treatments do not deal with spiritual matters anyway. People with problems such as phobias, depression and

stress-related disorders usually are not asked to address their spirituality, the authors report.

On the other hand, people dealing with problems such as anxiety disorders, depression and marital problems should lean more toward Christian psychologists, McMinn and Foster note. This is because religious values are usually considered in treatment of these types of problems.

And, there are times when Christians should specifically seek out Christian psychologists. They should do this, for example, when they are struggling spiritually, the authors advise.

"Many therapists believe they are well prepared for Christian clients but are not themselves professing Christians," the authors explain. "We are skeptical of this, and recommend that Christian therapists be consulted for problems that might relate to issues of faith."

'National Peace Fund' Study Proposed

Would you like to see your tax dollars spent on peaceful, rather than military, solutions to international conflict? If a George Fox College professor has his way, people throughout the United States will be asked that question in a survey in the near future.

On May 4 and 5, Tom Head, associate professor of economics and specialist in international economics, recommended to the Peace Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C., that it sponsor a national survey to find out how people feel about diverting the military portion of their tax dollars to a "Peace Tax Fund."

After receiving PTF's nod of approval, Head began writing a grant for the national project. After the grant is completed this month, it could take "as little as two months or as much as two years" to collect funding, Head said.

Head's recommendation is based on a pilot survey he and his Economics of Peace and War class conducted in Oregon recently for the Peace Tax Foundation. Out of 2,000 surveys mailed to Oregon households, 360 were returned by April 1. The 18 percent response rate is considered high for "a mail survey such as this one," Head said. A response rate as low as 5 percent had been expected and "we would have been elated to get just 10 percent," he noted.

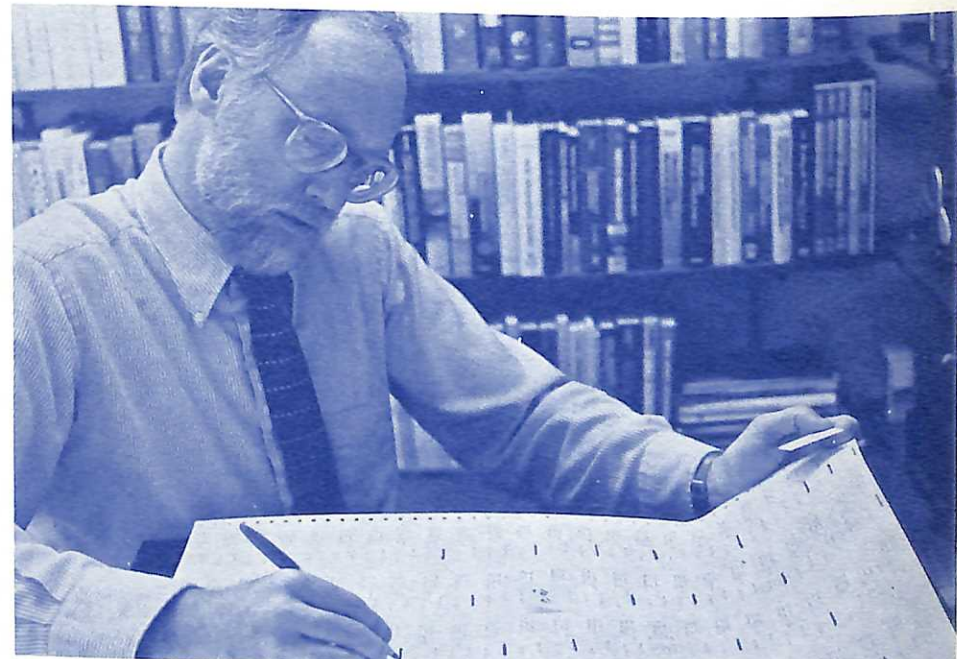
The survey revealed that a minimum of 7.9 percent of Oregonians would use the Peace Tax Fund. It also revealed

that the general population in Oregon tends to be as pacifistic as draft-age males, Head said.

"I am encouraged by this pilot project to think that a national study would be both feasible and desirable," wrote Head in his report to the foundation.

The Peace Tax Foundation lobbies for the proposed U.S. Peace Tax Fund bill.

If approved, the bill would allow "conscientious objectors"—people opposed to any kind of participation in war because of religious, moral or ethical beliefs—to check a box for a peace fund on federal tax returns. Money in the fund would help finance peace projects such as research that helps develop nonmilitary solutions to international conflict.



Tom Head reviews the list of 2,000 Oregonians who were sent "Taxpayer Surveys."

Graduate Commutes 600 Miles For Degree

When 38-year-old Dianne Bagwell decided to go to college to earn a bachelor's degree, she knew working days and studying nights would take a lot of drive.

12,600 miles to be exact.

Once, sometimes twice, a week since October of 1986 the resident of Gold Beach, located one-half hour from the California border, packed her overnight bag, buckled her safety belt and trekked 600 miles to and from George Fox College's evening Human Resources Management classes. After driving a total of more than 12,600 miles—almost half the circumference of the world—she made one final trip to graduation ceremonies on the Newberg campus April 30.

"It's not a difficult drive, it's just, after awhile, you start wishing for 'teleportations' or something," the full-time administrative secretary and personnel director at Curry General Hospital said with a smile.

While Bagwell admits the trips "seemed to get longer each time," she does not think it is unusual—not in Gold Beach anyway—to commute 10

hours weekly to get a degree. "Everyone" in Curry County commutes if they want to attend school—or go shopping, she said. She knows of several residents in the coastal town who have commuted to college classes on weekends, and several who have finished their degrees through post office correspondence courses. Residents who experience symptoms of "mild withdrawal" often jump in their cars and head for Clackamas Town Center, she explained.

Rather than enroll in a college closer to her home, as some of her neighbors have done, Bagwell opted for the long-distance drive. She was attracted to GFC's new HRM program that guides adults through a 15-month schedule of classes and offers credits for life experiences. "I wanted a program that was structured, that I could complete in a specific period of time," she explained.

When Bagwell asked for permission to leave work early to attend GFC's 6:15 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday classes, her employer "didn't care as long as the work got done," Bagwell said. At

first Bagwell rushed to get back to work by Wednesday afternoons, but that proved to be "too much," she said. Because her job allows room for "flexibility," she was allowed to work 12 hours on Thursdays instead.

Bagwell's husband, Dan, also was supportive during the 15-month project. A disabled, former Department of Agriculture employee, he was free during the week to accompany his wife to the College. The two left Gold Beach at 11:30 a.m., after the morning rush hour, and wound through coastal Highway 101 to Reedsport, Drain and up I-5.

They always took time to stop for dinner and enjoy the sights—the prettiest part of the trip is a stretch that follows the Umpqua River, Bagwell said. The two saw elk and black bear there several times. After classes they spent the night with relatives in Milwaukie or enjoyed "mini-vacations" at favorite hotels in Salem or Corvallis. They had

"I wanted a program that was structured, that I could complete in a specific period of time."



Dianne Bagwell receives a long-awaited diploma from President Stevens at graduation ceremonies this spring.

to repeat their routine an additional six times when HRM professors scheduled Saturday seminars.

Now that Bagwell, step-mother of three adult children, has earned a bachelor's degree she already has forged ahead toward her goal to become a lawyer. She recently was accepted into Willamette University Law School in Salem. Of course, attending the law school requires daily commutes, so Bagwell and her husband plan to move near the school, she said.

For now, however, the woman whose step-daughter received a college degree from the University of Connecticut last spring said she is simply happy to have received a degree at George Fox.

"Now it's my turn," she said with a smile.

Alumni News & Notes

Marguerite (Heacock) (n38) and Wilbert Eichenberger moved in January from their home in Garden Grove, Calif., to Sydney, Australia. He is serving as executive director of the Robert Schuller Ministries for all of Australia.

Paul (G46) and Leona (Harris) (G49) Thornburg are serving with Evangelical Friends Mission as missionaries in Rwanda, Africa, for up to two years. Their main assignment will be in pastoral/leadership training.

Glenn Armstrong (G49) has been serving since July as pastor of Bayshore Friends Church at Bacliff, Texas. He replaced Mahlon Macy (G44), who now lives in Newberg.

Dave Van Bergen (G62) ran against former GFC faculty member Stan Bunn, the incumbent, to represent District 29 (Marion/Yamhill County) in the Oregon House of Representatives.

Mauri (G68) and Margaret-Rose (Williams) (n69) Macy have completed their second album, *Affirmations*, at their recording studio in Newberg. The album includes 11 original songs and is now available on cassette.

Ernest Buckley Martin (G70) is serving as the corporate board president of the Alpha Rho Alumni Association of Theta Chi Fraternity at the University of Washington. Last summer he completed studies in Anglo Saxon history at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, England. This summer he plans to study political strategic analysis at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Arlene Samuelson (G71) has been reappointed by Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt to a four-year term on the state Parole Board.

Brad Smith (G75) has been named Oregon Coach of the Year for girls' basketball. He guided Oregon City High to a 25-1 season with his team, the talk of the high school scene all season, before losing a battle of unbeaten to Tigard High, 46-44, in the Class AAA state title game. In his 10 years at Oregon City, Smith has compiled a 203-46 record, .815 percent. This year's team was ranked No. 1 in Oregon all season and No. 2 in the nation by *USA Today* for most of the season.

Robert Armstrong, Jr., (G76) is serving as the youth pastor at the Bible Church in Basaet, Colo. He started in September.

Larry Zirschky (G76) is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Wash. He also serves as a chaplain with the U.S. Navy.

Portia Jones (G77) graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School recently, and plans to serve her residency in Baltimore, Md. She is specializing in family practice.

Paul Bishop (G79) was recently elected Most Outstanding Student in the School of Business at Duke University. He graduated with a master's in business administration there this spring.

Bruce Breckenridge (n82), a third-year optometry student at Pacific University in Forest Grove, plans to enter private practice in northeast Portland in May. His wife, Becky (McLaughlin) (n82) teaches calligraphy courses at Oregon Craft and Floral and Portland Community College.

Guy (G84) and Candy (Crozier) (G88) Edmonds and their four children begin a ministry to the Navajo Indians in Rough Rock, Arizona, in June under Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Jeffrey Peyton (G84) will present his debut recital in a program of music for percussion at the Intermediate Theater of the Portland Center for Performing Arts May 23. The program will be the first solo recital presented by a classical percussionist in a major Portland concert hall in the history of the city.

Kevin Bottenfield (n87) signed in May as a catcher with the Boise Hawks professional baseball team.

Todd Mott (G87) is with Farmer's Insurance Company in Kalispell, Montana. He and his wife, Rhonda (Potter) (n88), moved there in April.

Christine McLucas (G88) joined the United States Air Force. She began basic training in May at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, then began six months of study at the intelligence Division in Pensacola, Fla. Her appointment will be overseas.

MARRIAGES

Kara Newell (G58) and John Wilkin, April 9 in Portland.

Beth Burbank (G71) and Bill Esler, Jan. 19 in Chicago, Ill.

D'Ann Campbell (n82) and Loren Nelson, Dec. 19 in Beach, Montana.

Sylvia Carlson (G82) and Andy Grosh, Nov. 14 in Dallas, Texas.

Mark Madison (G86) and Jodi Sires (G87), July 11 in Enumclaw, Wash.

BIRTHS

Correction: Herald (G70) and Gwen (McConaughy) (n71) Fodge, a girl, JoyAnne Kim, born Dec. 29 in Korea, adopted June 29 in Snohomish, Wash.

Jeff (G76) and Debbie (Le Shana) (G76) Rickey, a boy, David James, Feb. 4 in Newberg.

Ben (G79) and Debbie (Hansen) (G79) Bauer, a boy, Joel Gordon, April 22 in Springfield.

Martin (n79) and Debbie Koch, a son, Channing Martin, born January 17 in Caldwell, Idaho.

Jack (G79) and Sandy Lyda, a boy, Kyle Patrick, March 17 in Austin, Texas.

Brian (G79) and Lynn (Graham) (G79) Olson, a girl, Brianna Nichole, April 13 in Oregon City.

Kim (Earl) (G81) and Brian (G83) Hawes, a boy, David Benson, March 25 in Portland.

Jonathan (G82) and Judi (Comfort) (G82) Fodge, a girl, Jennifer Lynae, March 16 in Port Angeles, Wash.

Lillian (Jeske) (G83) and Terry Reed, a boy, Daniel Jordan, born April 10 in Salem.

Nancy (Schwab) (G83) and Dennis (n81) Sturdevant, a boy, Tyler DeLane, May 6 in Portland.

Dena (White) (G83) and Eric Smith, a boy, Ryan Alden, April 14 in Portland.

Lura (Perisho) (G84) and Philip Schroeder, a boy, Joshua Henry, Jan. 26, in Pocatello, Idaho.

Craig (G86) and Wanda (Hulbert) (n88) Littlefield, a girl, Ashley Lynn, April 17 in Newberg.

Jeanne Ann (McDonald) (n89) and Tony Taylor, a girl, Bethany Gracy, April 8, in Anchorage, Alaska.

DEATHS

Margaret (Hodgin) Nichols (G20), passed away March 19 in Forest Grove, Ore.

Elizabeth (Hadley) Hall (G32) passed away April 19 in Carmichael, Calif.

Marynette (Smith) Snow (n52) passed away April 11 in Portland.

Tom Bronleewe (n74) passed away March 31 in Hillsboro.



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Completion Scheduled September

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Survivor" next to a funny face. Their purpose was twofold: to earn money, and help people "take something so serious a little lighter," Benson said.

The library closure left the College scrambling to make arrangements for students to continue to have book access through the end of spring semester, April 30. Nearby colleges made their resources available through inter-library loans. The College established a temporary library headquarters in the Student Union Building adjacent to the library.

The College's card catalog, indexes and abstracts were the first to be decontaminated. Students used those to identify books they wanted, then left word with library workers. Cleanup crew members received the requests for materials, located and decontaminated them, and handed them out in plastic bags to library workers. To meet the need for study space, the College opened its dining commons, normally closed except for meal hours.

Both College officials and members of the air quality department of the DEQ reported the asbestos problem had not been long standing. "We think we became aware of the problem soon enough that no one has been seriously endangered," said Millage. In a campus memo he encouraged students and employees to contact their personal physicians if they experienced symptoms that might be asbestos related. He said the College will pay for any medical costs.

David Wall, asbestos control analyst with the DEQ, said the material in the library, until a few months ago, had been harmless. He said it may have become harmful about January, after construction workers tore into the existing building. "Just because it's there doesn't mean it's going to be a problem," Wall said. "You have to have a fiber release before there's a health hazard," he explained.



From top photo, clockwise: GFC employees set up temporary quarters in the Student Union Building adjacent to the contaminated library. A decontamination expert suits up for work. Humor helps ease the frustration, say library workers.



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Bruin Sports



TRACK AND FIELD

Both men's and women's teams finished fifth in the 1988 NAIA District 2 track and field championships under first-year coach Wes Cook.

The Bruin men finished with three champions, with two titles by sophomore David Nickell of Stayton, Ore., who captured the javelin competition with a personal best on his final throw to reach 204-10. He had three lifetime bests in the afternoon of competition. Earlier in the season he won the district's decathlon crown to garner 10 points for GFC.

Freshman Vance Godfrey of Independence, Ore., crushed competition in the 10,000-meter race walk, winning by nearly three minutes over his nearest competitor to take first at 54:35.17.

Tim Hagen, a junior from Newberg, as expected, won the district high jump competition with a 6-8 effort. He has a lifetime best of 7-0.

All three were destined for NAIA national competition, this year in Azusa, Calif. They were to be joined by two Lady Bruins: Kristin Potts, a freshman from Wichita, Kan., who finished second in the district's 5,000-meter race at 18:28.2, a personal best and a new GFC record; and Denise Fox, a junior from Portland who was third in the javelin in 141-6.

The women were 4-1 in dual meet competition, the men 2-3.

"I thought we competed well," said Cook. "We ran against teams much more experienced—and it was a good start for a first year in a new program."

BASEBALL

George Fox College's baseball Bruins took to the field this spring looking for a little respect. Unlike comedian Rodney Dangerfield, who has made

popular the saying "I don't get no respect," the Bruins can forget that line.

The Bruins reached the NAIA District 2 championships for the first time since joining the association in 1965. And they not only made it, but won in title play. When they lost in the playoffs it was to the only two teams to finish ahead of them—the district champion and runner-up.

That's the capsule of a remarkable season under a first-year coach, Pat Casey, who took over a program that went 7-13-1 a year ago and turned it around to a title contender. A former pro baseball player who also is a guard for the basketball Bruins, Casey coached GFC to a 14-8 district record and 14-12 overall. That earned the Bruins the Metro-Valley League title and a playoff berth.

There it took a shutout, the first of the season for the Bruins, to knock them out of contention. The Bruins fell 6-3 in their opener with Lewis & Clark, then in the double-elimination tourney beat Pacific University in a slugfest, 18-10. That set up a matchup with Yamhill County rival Linfield, which stopped the Bruins 11-0 on the way to winning the district crown.

At the end of the season two Bruins were named to the District 2 All-Star team: freshman second baseman Miguel Rivera, Puerto Rico, who hit .378 for the season with 24 RBI and was 15 for 15 in stolen bases; and Frank Wakayama, a junior outfielder from Portland, who hit .388 with five home runs, 25 RBI and who fielded 1,000.

SOFTBALL

Just when GFC's women's softball team thought it couldn't get any worse, it did.

Struggling with a 3-17 record, the Lady Bruins called it quits in mid-May,

ending their 1988 season. Not because of the record, but because of injuries. A series of them, most of them season-ending, left the Lady Bruins without enough players to continue. With the fifth injury to a player, Coach Craig Taylor's team consisted of just eight members. That's not enough and the sixth-year coach called off the season.

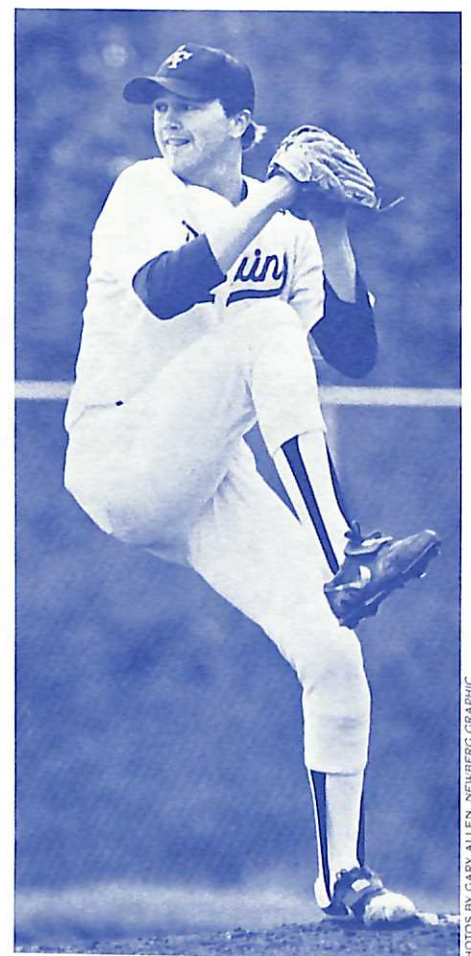
"We had no other choice," said Taylor. "It's the worst situation I've ever encountered in my coaching." He's also GFC's women's basketball coach and a former Bruin baseball boss. "Everything that could have possibly gone wrong, did," he said.

The final blow was the loss of starting pitcher Dee Aarhus, a senior from Vancouver, Wash., and three-time NAIA District 2 All-Star. She injured her pitching hand while moving out of campus housing and required stitches.

The season got off to a bad start when several key players were in field experience and student teaching programs and could not get to some games in time. And, after the season was declared over, forfeits were added to the list to give a final season record of 3-27.



This baserunner was barely safe as the Bruin's Miguel Rivera, Puerto Rico, applies the tag. Rod Jackson, right, Newberg junior pitcher.



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