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A TRIBUTE

Elver Voth's Dedication Affects Generation Worldwide

It is not often colleges dedicate an entire front page of a news publication to a faculty member. Space is precious and there are other stories to report.

But when a single professor influences hundreds of students in such a way that the world is changed for the good—even in a small way—then that becomes news. When those students go out into the world as physicians, dentists, veterinarians, missionaries, medical technicians, professors and public school teachers they produce a ripple effect from that one teacher.

The story then is more than just about a professor. It also portrays the influence one individual can have by the simple planting of seeds that eventually flourish all over the world.

Perhaps more than any other report in recent years, the following illustrates why colleges like George Fox College exist. This is the core of what a small Christian college is about: a professor in the classroom with students, not devoting the bulk of time to research, but choosing to be a teacher first and foremost—teaching more than just the subject matter, but also about life, about the Christian walk, about excellence, about faithfulness, diligence, humility, and service to fellowman.

This is the story of Elver Voth, who after 25 years at GFC, stepped out of the classroom for the last time this spring, forced to make that decision because of terminal cancer. He will be embarrassed by the attention. You will be inspired by this remarkable man's devotion to his students—and their response.

Below are excerpts from cards and letters that were sent to Voth following the announcement of his departure from the College:

“Thank you for giving so much of yourself to us. I will never forget you or your love for biology and its beauty. Someday I hope I will make you proud. I love you, Dr. Voth. *Kathie Wagner.*”

“Through all the lectures, lab work, and field studies, you never failed to show us how God's handiwork was at the heart of creation. With much love, *Steve Reynolds.*”

“I often think about all the things you taught us in class; not just the facts of biology, but also the truths of life. Truly, *Elaine (Rhodes) Poole.*”

“If I can influence as many lives as you have over the years, if I can maintain personal discipline and moral standards like yours, and if I can learn to do God's will, despite the offers of the world, then I will truly be able to say I have fought the good fight. Your grateful student, *David Van Tassel.*”

“I remember the encouragement you gave to me during my vulnerable first quarter at George Fox College when I was miles away from home and had no close friends. You gave me confidence

in my ability to succeed in college. I'll always have a special place in my heart for you, Dr. Voth, who gave so much to me! *Debbie Bersagel.*”

“Your dedication to the Lord, George Fox and your students, has produced a generation of men and women with Christian ideals, morals and integrity that make this world a better place. In His abundant love, *Grant Gerke.*”

“Your expectations of your students were never compromised. Now that I teach, I see how high expectations get good results. With respect and love always, *Dean Boening.*”

“Although I have not directly applied my science background as some have, I have learned a great deal about patience, motivation, confidence and respect—qualities that your teaching and your person have helped me establish and maintain. *David McDonald.*”

“You have touched my life, Dr. Voth. Changed it and gave it some direction. You have given me tools that I use every day in academia, and given me interests that I explore for fun and relaxation. I miss you very much. Your student, Your friend, *Keith Augustin.*”

“At a time when I was beginning to wonder if they were mutually exclusive, you showed us how science was enhanced by, even more, how it was more clearly understood, as we examined it through God's Word. I have been so thankful for how that strengthened my faith and has helped me to know what I believe. Praise the Lord for the privilege that was mine in being your student and friend. Because of Calvary, *Doug Peterson.*”

“Your example as a Christian man of science was a major factor in my decision to surrender my medical career to God, for service to Him—anywhere He leads me. Thank you, Dr. Voth, for caring enough about your students to spend your life at George Fox, teaching many who have committed their

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Elver Voth helps GFC student map out an academic schedule.

Voth Fund Awarded

His research has earned him the respect of scientists worldwide, yet his loyalty has never strayed from George Fox College.

The Newberg college is now honoring its biology professor of 25 years with an endowed scholarship in his name.

For Elver Voth, forced to leave the classroom for health reasons, the gift of education seemed the most appropriate honor the College could give, said George Fox President Edward F. Stevens.

He said the College will designate \$5,000 to the fund, and is asking Voth's friends and family to contribute to it.

“Elver Voth's extraordinary intellectual gifts and research skills would have won him a professorship in a prestigious research university, had he chosen that sort of career,” said Lee Nash, vice president of Academic Affairs at GFC. “So his choice to minister in the college of his church has been a tremendous boon to his 130 biology graduates these last 25 years. They serve around the world as physicians, dentists, veterinarians, missionaries, medical technicians, professors, and public school teachers.”

David Elkins, a student who nominated Voth for the Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching at GFC in 1986, praised Voth for his commitment to learning. “He has helped me learn many details of biology which will aid me in my future goals. Part of this help has been his high academic standards,” Elkins wrote. “He has pushed me (as well as his other students) in several ways, including responsibility, attention to detail, and persistence in study and learning.” Elkins now is in the M.D., Ph.D. program at Loma Linda University in California.

Voth believes high standards can never be set too early. Last year, he spent one hour a week, for five weeks, teaching a second grade boy in the Newberg area about dinosaurs. The young scientist learned the name of every dinosaur known, and something about its anatomy and habits, and gave a 20-minute talk to his second-grade class on the probable lifestyles of a coelurosaur and hadrosaur.

But it was the outdoors, not the classroom, that captured for Voth the true joy of teaching and learning. Out on a birdwatching excursion with his ornithology class at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge in 1979, he was moved by his students' surprise encounter with two rare birds. “It had been one of the happiest and most spontaneous conjunctions of natural chance, expert science, and exuberant art that those present will ever experience,” he wrote.

Voth last year was awarded an \$11,060 grant from the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon

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"You have touched my life"

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influence. Your Brother in Christ, *Dave Elkins.* ☞

"You have been an example to me of outstanding Christian intellectual scholarship. I believe that Dr. Carr and you were among the most brilliant professors who have ever taught at George Fox College. I respect you very much for that and also for your outstanding Christian testimony. You have lived your life for Christ's glory and I am sure that the Lord will reward you richly for your diligent labors. With deepest love and respect, *Timothy Janzen.* ☞

"We admire the dignity with which you deal with each student—referring to them as "Mr." and "Miss," always holding them to high standards, but allowing each of them to be unique and accepted. How often we have heard a student say "I just love that man!" Only heaven has kept track of all the positive impact you have had on GFC students. Your sense of humor and commitment to love your students has been such an example to other faculty. In His Love, *Rich and Flora Allen.* ☞

"I only hope that someday I can be half the scientist that you are as well as being half the human being and Christian you are. I've been "working hard" like you told me to, Dr. Voth. Someday I'll be a good doctor, probably in the mission field. I want to thank you for your part in getting me here. I was well prepared for medical school, thanks to you. God Bless you, Dr. Voth! *Marion Hull.* ☞

"The respect you have earned, both from the students and those in your professional coterie, has shown you to be a model for others of us to try to emulate. I have especially appreciated your carefully uttered words of wisdom in faculty and committee meetings. Your serious, total commitment to your teaching research has been an inspiration to me personally. In His love and friendship, *Dave and Marge Howard.* ☞

"You did much more than teach me about biology. Because you believed in me and expected a lot from me, I learned to expect a lot from myself. Your vision extended my own. Working with you introduced me to excellence and professionalism. Having learned from you has enabled me to serve our Lord better. "I thank my God every time I remember You." (Phil. 1:3) In Christ, *Lana Thurston.* ☞

"I remember your encouragement to us to learn when we wanted to play, your patience when labs were long. I appreciated your devotion to God that was evident in your lectures and life.

You were the professor I respected and admired the most. Your friend, *Ken Lillie.* ☞

"I know that if it weren't for your patience and caring attitude I would never have been accepted into medical school and never would have been able to fulfill my dreams. In Christ's love, *Mari Kay Evans-Smith.* ☞

"I want to thank you again for the godly influence you had in my life. Your example as a Christian scientist gave me a role model I can seek to emulate throughout my life. You helped me to realize that I could be both a Christian and a physician.

Thank you so much for taking time for me. *David Breikreuz.* ☞

"I have learned a lot about science, writing and thinking from you. Much more importantly than that, I have learned honesty, integrity, and most of all, a serving attitude. With much respect, care and love, I say thank you. *Bradley Grimstead.* ☞

"I was privileged to be your assistant and appreciated your respect. You were never demanding—always saying, "If you feel it's worth your time, you can..." "Do you remember when I pointed to some pigeon organ and asked you what it was?" You said "Looks like a pigeon to me." Or when Roy, Dave and I were working on a salamander leg. You stood behind us, just watching for the longest time, and we were getting pretty nervous. Finally, you said, "You realize, of course, that

all tibialis muscles are preaxial." Then you walked away smiling to yourself, because you knew we had no idea what you were talking about—you sure got us. May the Lord be with you, *Susie Dillon.* ☞

"You made the material come alive with the labs, class projects and field trips you encouraged us to take. I'll never forget your wonderful sense of humor and for the Far Side cartoons that you often placed on the overhead. Most importantly, you strengthened my faith through some of the things you said in class and through the book you had us read. Love, *Rich Swingle.* ☞

"There abides a presence in a room when you are there that demands respect. Your intelligence and correctness are always clothed in humility. Your love for biology has caused me to work hard, to desire to learn, and to desire to please you. I honestly love you, *Tiffani.* (No last name provided.) ☞

"Thank you for the influence you have had on my life. I remember walking into your office as a freshman student, and you knew my name as well as my high school background in science! I was impressed because it was the beginning of school, you had a lot of new students, and you took the time to know each one! Love and prayers, *Lois (Thomas) Vanderveer.* ☞

"I am so appreciative of the preciseness and discipline you taught us—as it helped me to carry on good habits and graduate with honors. I know I was always amazed how you could remember all of our names and called us "Miss James" or "Mr. _____" and it made one feel important and not just a number. God bless, *Christine (James) Champ.* ☞

"In my professional life, I strive to serve the needs of others as you demonstrated so well as a professor

dedicated to his students. It was important to me to be taught that science and Christian faith are compatible. Sincerely, *Steve Gilroy.* ☞

"Through the thirty-plus years I have taught in Christian higher education, I have worked with many colleagues in all disciplines. A few have stood head and shoulders above the others because of great emphasis on excellence in scholarship, their attention and personal caring for student problems and needs, and especially for their living Christian testimony of the grace of the Lord Jesus. You are one of these, Elver, and I am grateful.... God bless you, *Mary Green.* ☞

"I'm sorry you are unable to [teach] this semester. I know you miss it. Your students miss you, too. They have a great respect for you as a teacher and as a man. I know because many have told me so. You have been an example of a dedicated teacher and a godly man. In Christ, *Laurel Ann Strieby.* ☞

"Elver, you are a bridge builder for your students. You help connect the known to the unknown by giving form and structure to random data and ideas. You have led many into the joy and appreciation of the world of biology and helped them to see the beauty of God's special creation. Your friend, *Hector Munn.* ☞

"Elver, you have brought great joy to so many, great growth, great visions and dreams for individuals as to what they can do with their lives. Your students have been your life. Your students have discovered an example and a meaning in you that has pointed to Christ. We praise the Lord for His goodness to us. Sincerely in Christ, *Ron Stansell.* ☞

"Your enthusiasm, scholarship, and Christian example in scholarship all served well to encourage me toward pursuing advanced degrees and Christian service to my fellowman. My years spent at George Fox were exceptionally helpful to me in formulating a Christian emphasis and work ethic, not to mention finding a life's mate who has been a true helpmate in my present vocation. In Him who is Faithful, *John Macy.* ☞

"Nancy and I want to thank you for the part you had in some major decisions in our lives. I would not be in the field of medicine if not for your influence. Love in Christ, *David Sargent.* ☞

"Thank you for working so hard for your students and giving us a great education. We all really miss you.... I love you. P.S. Not too scholarly a letter, eh? *Sheri Spisak.* ☞

"During my senior year at George Fox, you had to make some very difficult decisions concerning me. I know that you made these in my best interest. We are told that "all things work together for good." Those words have proven true in my life. God is truly all powerful and forgiving. I live my life for His glory and kingdom. In His love, *Dean Gadd.* ☞

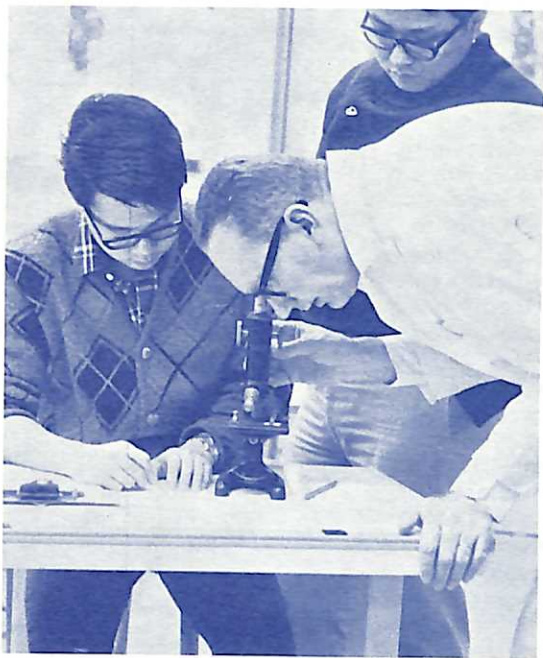
"I knew that you loved what you were teaching and that you were giving us part of yourself in every lecture and lab. I always felt that you cared about me as an individual and whether or not I was learning and doing my best. There aren't many college courses where that is the case! God bless you richly, *Sarah Tarr Hoerauf.* ☞

"Dr. Elver Voth, God's world is a much better place because of your life and the way you lived it. Thank you so very much for being there to touch my life in such a positive way. In Christian love and admiration, sincerely, *John Holton.* ☞

"Your helpfulness to me at GFC was significant. I learned that a person's grasp of material did not so much depend on their brilliance, which might be an advantage, but rather on their diligence and the world view that God gives us. Later during dental school in Portland, I would have been nearly overwhelmed, as many were, without the rigorous preparation of your courses. *Matthew Haehlen.* ☞

"I can state unequivocally that you have been influential in shaping the course of my career, which is in health care management. My life will be a tremendous success, Dr. Voth, if I can be half as unconcerned for my own glory as you are yours. *Rob Hunter.* ☞

"One of the best things you did for me was not only teach the importance of excellence but also that women do indeed have a place in science. Sincerely, *Linda Price.* ☞



Voth in earlier years at GFC.

Fund

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for a 12-month research project that supporters hoped would help scientists discover causes of birth defects. The project was completed this month.

The 1987 recipient of George Fox's highest teaching award, a \$2,000 unrestricted grant from the Burlington Northern Foundation for achievement in teaching, Voth was granted a sabbatical the same year to conduct research titled, "Morphometry of the Sheep Heart." In 1975, Voth was one of three in the nation chosen for participation in a National Science Foundation study program at Battelle Northwest Laboratories. The faculty participants worked with research staff studying energy-related effects on man and the environment. The year before, Voth was one of four biologists in the nation selected to participate in a five-week institute on energy and environment sponsored by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in cooperation with the University of California.

Voth and fellow Oregon scientist Hugh Black published in an international journal in 1973 the results of their combined research in wildlife management. Their research animal was the mountain beaver, a burrowing rodent that often becomes a serious pest on Douglas Fir or Redwood tree farms. Requests for copies of the paper, titled "A Histologic Technique for Determining Feeding Habits of Small Herbivores," came from all over the world, including Africa, Australia, Europe, Eastern Europe and South America.

Selected as an Outstanding Educator of America in 1971, Voth is a member of American Scientific Affiliation, the Ecological Society of America, Wildlife Society, American Society of Mammalogy and the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society.

Contributions may be sent to:
The Elver Voth Endowment
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Brown Named Alumni Director

Gary Brown, a Coos Bay area school administrator who calls himself a "people person," is George Fox College's new Director of Alumni Relations. Brown, principal and chief administrator of Kingsview Christian School, North Bend, for the last 10 years, was chosen following a nationwide search. Brown, 50, is a 1968 George Fox graduate who headed George Fox's Alumni Association as volunteer president in 1978-79 and previously headed the organization's alumni fund drive. The new George Fox administrator began his duties July 1. He was selected from 25 candidates. Brown fills a position open since October with the resignation of Gene Christian, who served three years. Brown has been an educator for 20 years after graduating from George Fox with a degree in education/psychology. He earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Oregon in 1969. Brown was an elementary school teacher in Coos Bay from 1968 to 1974, then a teacher/coach in North Bend from 1974 to 1979. He was one of the organizers of Kingsview Christian School two years prior to being named administrator. The school grew from 80 students and 4 teachers of kindergarten to fourth grade to a school with 180 students and 10 teachers in kindergarten through eighth grade. As administrator he was responsible for all operations, staff development, public relations, fund raising and special programs. Brown has been a regional representative for the Nazarene International Education Association, representing schools in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Alaska and Oregon. He also has served on the Northwest regional council for the Association of Christian Schools International.

Alumni News & Notes

Marion Doble (G43) is retiring after 41 years in Brian Jay (Western New Guinea) with the Christian & Missionary Alliance, as a missionary translator. She produced the New Testament and UBS Shorter Old Testament in the Ekari Language. She will be temporarily with her sister, Priscilla (Doble) Jeffrey in Kent, Wash. Ron Crecelius (G48) has been named Alumnus of the Year with a citation for distinguished professional achievement by Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland. Wendell Armstrong (n50) and his wife, Annabell, travel full-time for Mobile Missionary Assistance Program, based in Pasadena, Calif. Maribeth (McCracken) Hampton (G53) has been installed president of Yamhill County Legal Secretaries. Kara Newell (G58) has been appointed Executive Vice President for Mercy Corps International. Based in Portland, her responsibilities include financial administration, strategic planning and personnel. Bruce Longstroth (G65), and Leon Longstroth (n64) are copublishers of a Christian tabloid that is distributed free in three counties in Oregon. The first edition of the bimonthly publication, *The Dove Report*, was printed in April. John Almond (n67) is co-owner of Almond & Rogers, specializing in searching for upper-level managers, executive and professional employees. The firm has two subsidiaries, Evergreen Temp-porters and Evergreen Personnel Service, based in Tacoma, Wash., employing 22 full-time personnel and 1,000 temporaries. Glen Ludtke (G71) has been appointed music curriculum and development specialist for Portland Public Schools, supervising 90 music teachers working with 53,000 students. He also serves as organizer for Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland. Ed Burns (G76) has received a master of arts degree in Christian education from Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland. He and his wife, Judy (Johnson) (n80), will leave their pastorate at Newberg Free Methodist Church after 13 years to serve at Quincy, Wash. Scott Mayfield (G77) is leaving his position with the Free Methodist Church Department of Planned Giving to serve as pastor of Okadale Free Methodist Church, near Modesto, Calif. Gordon Elliott (G78) and his wife, Nikki, are living in Dallas, Ore., on furlough from missionary work with The Evangelical Church in Bolivia. Margaret Neff (G79) has received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Purdue University. She will spend the next five years teaching missionary children in Bogota, Colombia. Susan (Barnard) Anquist (n82) has "retired" from teaching to be at home with her son, Christopher. David Case (G83) was named an Outstanding Young Minister by the North American Christian Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 14. Michelle Stecker (G84) has been ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church. She received a master of divinity degree this year from Fuller

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If you wish to nominate someone for recognition during George Fox College's Centennial observance, please fill out the form provided and mail it to: Centennial Planning Commission, George Fox College, Newberg, OR 97132. The College will select a number of persons for recognition—alumni, administrators, faculty, staff or supporters who have strengthened the College and enhanced its reputation. The people selected, living or deceased, will be recognized during Centennial observances in 1990-1991.

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BIRTHS

David (G72) and Carol (Siebert) (G77) Kelley, a girl, Melissa Kristin, June 10 in Portland.
Sharon (Milhous) (G77) and David (G78) Delano, a boy, Garrett David, March 17 in Portland.
Cliff (G77) and Susan (Brown) (G79) McCurdy, a girl, Rachel Kay, Dec. 26 in Sanger, Texas.
Rawnen (G78) and Lois Smith, a boy, Kyle Dean, July 12 in Newberg.
Cheri (Martin) (G81) and Kent Nagel, a boy, Samuel Wade, March 14 in Portland.
Brian (n81) and Carolyn (Harris) (G87) Morse, a girl, Hannah Alyssa, December 12 in Oregon City.
Beth (Aldridge) (G82) and Rob Molzahn, a girl, Karley Lanae, June 27 in Newberg.
Karlise (Fowler) Worcester (n47) passed away May 5 in Florence, Ore.

MARRIAGES

Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., and will serve as associate pastor for youth and young adults at the First Presbyterian Church of Finlay, Ohio, beginning July 1.
John Malgesini (G85) has completed his fourth year teaching junior and senior high Social Studies for the Umattilla (Ore.) School District. His wife, Tammy (Stockman) (G82), is on the administrative staff at Betha Enterprises, a residential/vocational provider for mentally retarded/developmentally disabled adults.
Rich Miller (G86) will serve as pastor of South Salem (Ore.) Friends Church, beginning July 1.
Mina (Stotsenberg) Barrette (G86) and her husband, Michael, have recently returned from Germany. Michael served in the U.S. Army and she worked for the Department of Defense High School as an education aide. They are now living in Corvallis, Ore.
Dan (n85) and Betsy (Bletscher) (G84) Comfort, a boy, Jason Daniel, May 18 in Milwaukie.
Terry (G85) and Cheryl Dawnson adopted a girl, Jessica Nicole, Feb. 2 in Medford.
Jon (G85) and Susan (Brantingham) (n88) Guenther, a girl, Lydia Suzanne, April 14 in Portland.
Catherine (Weesner) (n85) and Rob King, a girl, Lindley Jo, May 22 in St. Paul, Minn.
Tom (G85) and Lorrie (Hughes) (n87) Walker, a girl, Elizabeth Joy, April 7 in Chicago.
Bestie Marie (Dixon) Overby (n29) passed away May 15 in Portland.
Joseph Silver (n30) passed away February 4 in Palo Alto, Calif.
Winifred (Woodward) Sandoz (G33) passed away May 22 in Portland. The family suggests memorial donations to the Winifred Woodward Sandoz Memorial Scholarship Fund, George Fox College.
Charles Henriksen (G35) passed away March 23 in Milwaukie, Ore.
Wendell Morse (n36) passed away June 22 in Greenleaf, Idaho.
Leroy Pierson (G40) passed away May 24 in Portland. The family suggests memorial donations in his honor to George Fox College.
Robert Steiff (G40) passed away May 2 in Kenwood, Calif. The family suggests memorial donations in his honor to George Fox College.
Mark Fanetti (G41) passed away June 25 in Portland.

DEATHS

Kim LaPan (n82) and David Dahquist, May 27 in Portland.
Debi Stoberg (G82) and Jeff Hanson, Dec. 23 in Milwaukie, Ore.
Phillip Burnett (n83) and Pamela Louie, June 3 in Portland.
Virmi Basinger (G84) and Scott McKellar, June 10 in San Diego, Calif.
Mary Crisp (n84) and Richard Onstad, June 10 in Oregon City.
Howard Perry (G84) and Linda Caudle, March 11 in Turlock, Calif.
Curt Settle (G84) and Steve DeWitt, May 17 in Yorba Linda, Calif.
Bonnie Mather (n87) and Larry Lippert, April 9 in Vancouver, Wash.
Jannifer Cooke (G89) and Richard Swingle (student), June 3 in Medford, Ore.

Brown, married to 1963 George Fox graduate June Hubbard, lists hobbies as golf, skiing, fishing, singing and photography. While a student at George Fox—with his studies interrupted by four years in the Army as a Korean linguist—Brown played football and baseball, was a member of the choir, sang with the touring Swordsmen quartet, was class president in 1962-63 and was president of the campus Circle K Club. Brown has even earlier George Fox ties. When he was in the fourth grade his parents became head residents of Hoover Hall dormitory on campus. "I suddenly had a houseful of older 'brothers' and some opportunities few children ever have," Brown said. "Our family was musical and my evenings were often spent sitting on the floor with the Four Flats as they rehearsed. I was the traveling mascot for the football team and had several parts in campus dramatic productions if a child was in the script," he said. Of the selection of Brown, George Fox President Edward F. Stevens said: "We're really excited Gary is able to join us. It's unusual we were able to attract someone with his experience and ability. He's been very active in every community he's been in and he knows George Fox and Newberg well. I think George Fox alumni and friends will respond particularly well to Gary." The alumni director post is one of six administrative positions within the George Fox Development Office. The director is responsible for organizing alumni communication, campus for alumni, for encouraging alumni communication, directing the annual alumni fund campaign, and for enlisting alumni and parent volunteers and support.



Gary Brown

Record 182 Graduated

Blue skies and sunshine reflected hundreds of smiles at George Fox College April 29, as a record 182 students were graduated.

About 2,300 attended graduation ceremonies in the College's Wheeler Sports Center; about 900 baccalaureate services in Bauman Auditorium.

Diane Sykes, a Christian ministries major from Newberg, was the College's top graduate, with a 4.0 grade average over four years, through fall semester.

Newberg resident Daisy Read, 96, was recognized for attending ceremonies 75 years after her own graduation from George Fox, then Pacific College, in 1914.

Television anchorman Mike Donahue began the day at morning baccalaureate services with a simple suggestion for easing the strain of everyday living. "Don't worry about anything, but instead pray about everything," he said.

Christian College Coalition President Myron Augsburgers told students at the

afternoon graduation ceremony to use their future places of employment as their mission fields.

Referring to biblical characters Jacob and Martha, Donahue said he no longer worries about anything—including parking meters. "I don't worry about parking meters anymore. I pray about them," he said.

When late to a meeting one day, Donahue asked God for help in finding a parking space, he said. As he circled a city block, he came around a corner and found not one but two empty spaces. "Why were there two?" Donahue asked. "Because one had time left on it and I didn't have any change in my pocket."

Donahue said the power of prayer helped him again when he missed the "window" he needed to send a report via satellite to Portland. It turned out the person next in line, a CBS correspondent, was unable to send a report. "Do you want to send your

report?" the correspondent asked Donahue. "But if our satellite comes back we'll have to interrupt you."

"Just as I finished my report, the CBS satellite came back," Donahue said. "God moves satellites. God moves mountains."

Donahue said his reliance on prayer has developed to the point that he no longer relies on alarm clocks, no matter whether he is at home or abroad. "It's the most wonderful way to start your day—to have God wake you up," he said.

Augsburger, of Washington, D.C., told students to live their lives in such a way that will impress others. "Don't forget, people will be impressed by your personal sense of self-worth, the quality and integrity of your work... the spirit in which you work," he said.

Borrowing from a famous quote, Augsburgers said, "Preach the Gospel in everything you do. If necessary, use words."

'Good Neighbors' Fund Science Chair

For 38 years John (Jack) and Helen Holman have lived adjacent to George Fox College, watching the growth of the Newberg campus.

For more than 40 years—part of that time operating the only soda fountain in town—they've been in contact with the College's students, faculty and staff.

Quietly they began forming opinions and making decisions.

Now in retirement, they've reached a conclusion: They like what they've seen.

For George Fox College it means an endowed gift of more than \$265,000 through a 15-year trust.

George Fox President Edward F. Stevens announced the gift in April.

"Jack and Helen exemplify a great example of the strong relationship between George Fox and the Newberg community," Stevens said. "Their motivation to help young people is admirable."

The Holman gift, at the end of 15 years, will be transferred to George Fox's endowment fund to establish the Holman Science Chair.

"Education drives the wheel of progress of mankind," Holman said from his retirement home in Mesa, Ariz., where the couple spends three months each winter. "Once we selected the field (education), George Fox seemed the natural pick," Holman said in explaining the decision.

"We've been interested in helping educate those who might not have had the opportunity otherwise," he said.

The Holmans moved to Newberg in 1947, buying College Pharmacy, located at 814 East First, a business established in 1922. In 1950 they purchased what became Newberg Drug, located in the center of Newberg, about four blocks from College Pharmacy. For a time they also owned a pharmacy in McMinnville. The Holmans retired in 1974, selling Newberg Drug to an employee.

What generations of George Fox students and Newberg residents remember is the Holman's College Pharmacy soda fountain, the last in Newberg. It was closed in 1959. "Most went there," Holman says of the popularity of the fountain with GFC students, some of whom also were employed by the Holmans. "We became well acquainted with George Fox."



President Edward F. Stevens, left, visits with Helen and John (Jack) Holman, recipients of GFC's Good Neighbor Award.

Although the drugstore had the name College, Holman is not sure of its origin, but apparently it never related directly to the Newberg College and was not located on College Street in Newberg.

In 1952, the Holmans picked the site for their new home, in the same block with a campus building complex. The Holmans literally built the home themselves. They hired persons by the hour to follow plans they drew up. He used his carpentry skills, honed while he put himself through college helping build grain elevators, a skill learned through an uncle.

Holman again used those carpentry skills during World War II when he helped construct military bases on the West Coast.

Born in Montana in 1912, Holman was brought up in North Dakota after his family moved there in 1919. He attended North Dakota State, receiving a degree in pharmacy in 1930. He met Helen Pierce, who grew up in North Dakota, while both were in school; she was attending business school. They were married in 1929, during his senior year. Helen used her training to help with their businesses as accountant and

bookkeeper. "We fit kind of like hand and glove," Holman said of their complementary business skills.

When Holman was graduated from college it was just a year after the stock market crash and work was difficult to find. During the depression he took several jobs with small stores in small North Dakota towns. Then, in 1937 they moved to Oregon, to operate a drugstore in St. Helens.

Why Oregon? Because of the difficult North Dakota weather and favorable comments from college student friends who liked Oregon's weather and economy. From St. Helens the next move was to Newberg.

Now the Holmans have a national and global vision. The decision for educational support came deliberately, he said. "We decided if we eventually had more money than we needed, education is as good a gift as there is," Holman said. "In my opinion, the general public is going to have to pay more attention to higher education if the United States is going to compete in the world."

For the Holmans, their concern for higher education started with George Fox College, their neighbor.

Sports

Track

A freshman runner has become George Fox College's second-ever NAIA national champion and the highest finishing NAIA District 2 track athlete in national competition this year.

Jill Jamison completed a spectacular rookie season with a record-breaking 36:08.71 time in the 10,000-meter run May 25 in Azusa, Calif. She became an All-American by winning the national title by five seconds over the second-place finisher. Jamison, from Seattle, came from behind to win, setting a new GFC record. She was one of two Lady Bruins designated All-Americans. Junior Nancy Katus of Potlatch, Idaho, finished sixth in the discus with a toss of 139-2.

George Fox had six competitors in national competition, all finishing in the top ten in their events. Senior Denise Fox, Portland, was tenth in the javelin at 133-6. Senior Larry Mock, Elma, Wash., ran the marathon in 2:35:08.2 for a seventh place; Tim Hagen, a Newberg junior, tied for eighth in the high jump at 6-9, and freshman racewalker Vance Godfrey, Independence, Ore., set a new GFC record as he finished ninth in the event at 49:10 over the 10,000-meter distance.

In NAIA District 2 team competition, the Lady Bruins finished second and the men fourth.

Baseball

George Fox College's baseball Bruins are joining the basketball Bruins in becoming known as a Northwest small college powerhouse.

For the second year in a row the Bruin diamond crew finished third in NAIA District 2 championships.

Give the credit to a man who has linked the two sports: baseball coach Pat Casey, who's also been the Bruins' basketball captain and starting guard.

What Casey has done in two years is turn around a 7-13-1 season in 1987 to a program that wins. The records stand for themselves:

- The 1989 Bruins produced a school record 22 wins, the most in a quarter century of NAIA play.

- The 22-14 season is a winning rate of .611, the best ever since GFC joined the NAIA in 1965.

- It's even better in NAIA competition only (excluding NCAA teams) where

GFC was 21-10 this year, a .677 winning average.

- In the Metro-Valley League, GFC won the title with a 10-2 record, a .833 winning rate.

- In two seasons with Casey at the helm, George Fox has won 35 of its 53 NAIA games, a .660 average.

- This year George Fox led the district in team batting at .355.

- GFC senior infielder Dan Stuper, Portland, proved the level of GFC play as he was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodger organization and is now playing in the Class A Northwest League with the Salem Dodgers. He led all NAIA District 2 players with 50 RBIs.

Casey, named Metro-Valley Coach of the Year, no doubt would trade all those impressive stats for a higher district playoff finish. Still, he's taken the Bruins to the championships and has proved they can win there.

This year George Fox rode an 11-game winning string all the way to the semifinal game, before bowing to Linfield, the eventual district champion for a second straight year.

