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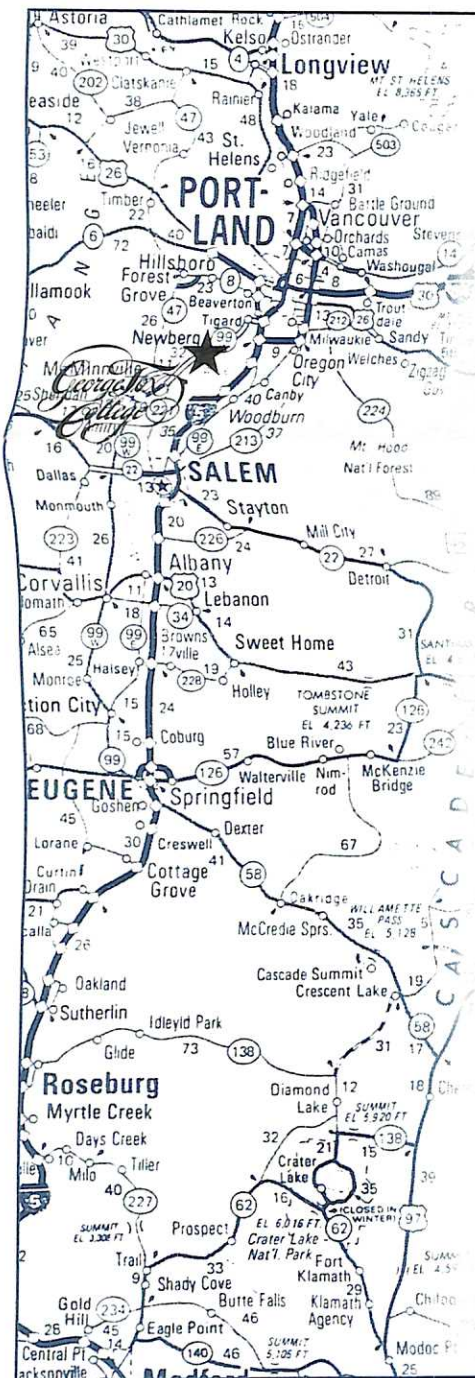
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## College Expands With Branch Campus in Boise, Idaho



**G**eorge Fox is expanding to a new branch campus in Boise, Idaho. The College will begin offering its degree-completion program to Southern Idaho residents this fall.

The new George Fox site will be a multi-use facility, also serving the College as a center for its general admissions and development programs. It will have office and support staff space to serve Newberg campus personnel on their Idaho visits.

This is the first time the College has crossed a state border with the program for working adults. Currently George Fox offers classes in Portland, Salem and Eugene. The College began its degree-completion program in 1986, the first on the West Coast.

Classes will begin in September at the Emerald West Plaza in Boise, where construction is now under way to create classroom and office space.

George Fox professors and staff will travel to Boise as primary instructors, and adjunct faculty will be hired locally. In addition to support services in Boise, students also will be able to communicate directly with the Newberg campus through computers with modems.

The move to Idaho has been endorsed by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, the regional accrediting agency for both public and private institutions, and has been approved by the Idaho Board of Education.

An agreement with Boise State University will allow Idaho residents in the George Fox program to use the BSU library for research and reference materials. Classes will be held at 8660 W. Emerald, where the College has leased 3,500 square feet of space for classrooms, offices and an Internet laboratory.

Director for the Boise program will be Keith Drahn, for 13 years at Northwest Nazarene College as a professor of educa-

tion. He is a 1966 graduate of George Fox, with a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Oregon.

President Edward F. Stevens said the College expects to have about 60 Boise-area students enrolled each year in the Bachelor of Arts program.

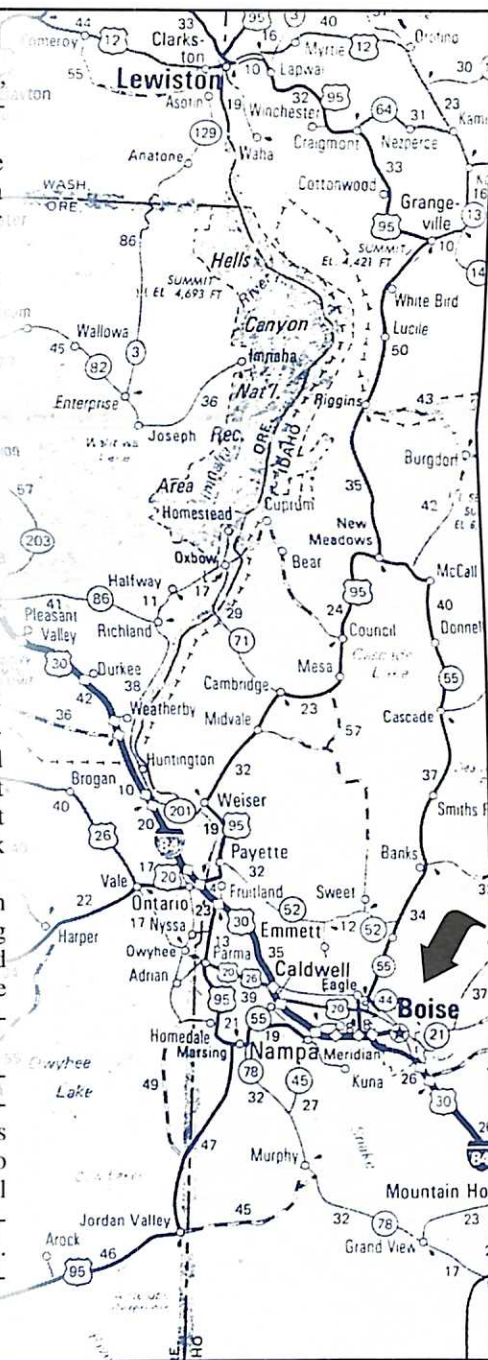
He said a survey showed there are more than 70,000 persons in the I-84 corridor from Ontario, Ore., to Mountain Home, Idaho, who have some college experience but who have not earned a bachelor's degree. Focus group meetings with Boise-area business leaders also showed support for the degree program for working adults, he said.

"This is a unique alternative to the traditional method of pursuing a degree," Stevens said. "It is designed especially for adults who want to earn a college degree while on the job, in classes close to home and coordinated with their schedule."

Classes are offered on the cohort system, with a group of 14 to 20 students progressing through the program together with a primary professor who acts as instructor and mentor. To be eligible, the participant must have two years of transferable college credit and have approximately five years of work experience.

The program allows students to earn credit for "experiential learning," giving credit for life and business experience based on assessment principles established by the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning.

The 15-month program consists of sessions meeting one night per week and covering 10 courses, plus six Saturday seminars with topics ranging from the humanities to the natural sciences. Two of the seminars will be on the Newberg campus, with that experience included in the tuition, which is \$9,150. It is expected some corporations and businesses will pay tuition for their employees.



## Parking Lot Changes Main Entrance

George Fox College's long-familiar main entrance has changed.

Although modified over the decades, the College's most heavily used public entry always had been near the intersection of Meridian and Sherman streets.

In an \$80,000 construction project completed this spring, the entrance was closed and a new one created about 250 feet north — still on Meridian Street but near the intersection with Franklin Street.

The College's landmark sign remains at its original location, however.

The realignment was part of a project that added 45 parking spaces on the west side of the campus adjacent to historic Wood-Mar Hall, constructed in 1910 and recently renovated on the exterior.

The additional parking space is north of the previously existing Wood-Mar/Hoover Academic Building parking area, which was reconfigured to have perpendicular rather than diagonal parking.

The new parking area has two east-west rows of perpendicular parking, including four additional spaces for handicapped parking. The project also included seven additional lights and two new sidewalks: one from Meridian Street east between Calder and Wood-Mar halls, and the other from Sherman Street north to the Hoover Academic Building. Landscaping also was included in the project. Earlier a 30-foot redwood tree, a memorial to a former religion professor who died in 1982, was moved to make way for the construction project.



The new main entrance and parking lot is backed by Wood-Mar Hall, which had its Spanish-style cornice restored this spring.



## Skene Estate Provides for Scholarships, New Building, Peace Center

Even after his death, former George Fox College professor Laurence Skene is going to assist students in their study of science and peace — and in the appearance and maintenance of their campus.

The longtime science professor, who died March 24 in Newberg at the age of 83, has left an estate that will provide the College more than \$400,000.

Skene, who at one time also was vice president of the College, designated his estate to support the science program, the Center for Peace Learning, and a new plant services building.

Before his death, he asked that proceeds from the sale of his Dundee home and 14 acres of property be used for the building project. That will amount to more than \$250,000 toward the nearly \$1 million needed for site acquisition and preparation and building construction.

The remainder of his estate provision to George Fox amounts to about \$160,000. Those funds are to be placed in the College's endowment, with proceeds used to support the ongoing program of the 10-year-old peace center and to fund science scholarships. The scholarships will be named in honor of Skene and his wife, Rosa Mae.

Skene began his teaching career at George Fox, teaching chemistry and material sciences from 1935 to 1950, then again from 1962 to 1967. He was vice president of the College, when it was then called Pacific College, from 1942 to 1949.

Born in Roy, Ore., in 1911, Skene attended Pacific University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1933. He then attended Oregon State College, receiving a Master of Science degree in 1935.

Skene, who was a building contractor in Yamhill County in addition to his teaching, was active in the Newberg Friends Church. In 1949, he served as a representative with the American Friends Service Committee in Palestine.

# Murdock Grant Funds Pilot Program for Retraining Computer Science Teachers

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust has given nearly \$100,000 to improve computer facilities at George Fox.

The \$99,600 gift pays for 25 high-speed Pentium computers and work already under way to achieve direct access to the Internet from four of the campus' main academic buildings.

Murdock gave the money both to update the College's computers and to help George Fox host a workshop for computer science educators. Because the College Board this year made a fundamental change in the computer science portion of the Advanced Placement Exam, nearly all high school computer science teachers will need to be retrained by 1998.

George Fox will host the pilot conference this summer and has been asked to serve as

national headquarters for Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) training.

Brent Wilson, assistant professor of computer science, helped found CSTA in 1991 and has been instrumental in the grant proposal.

"Few computer science teachers have formal education in the field," he said. "The majority in the U.S. need help. We're going to start out by helping the Pacific Northwest this year."

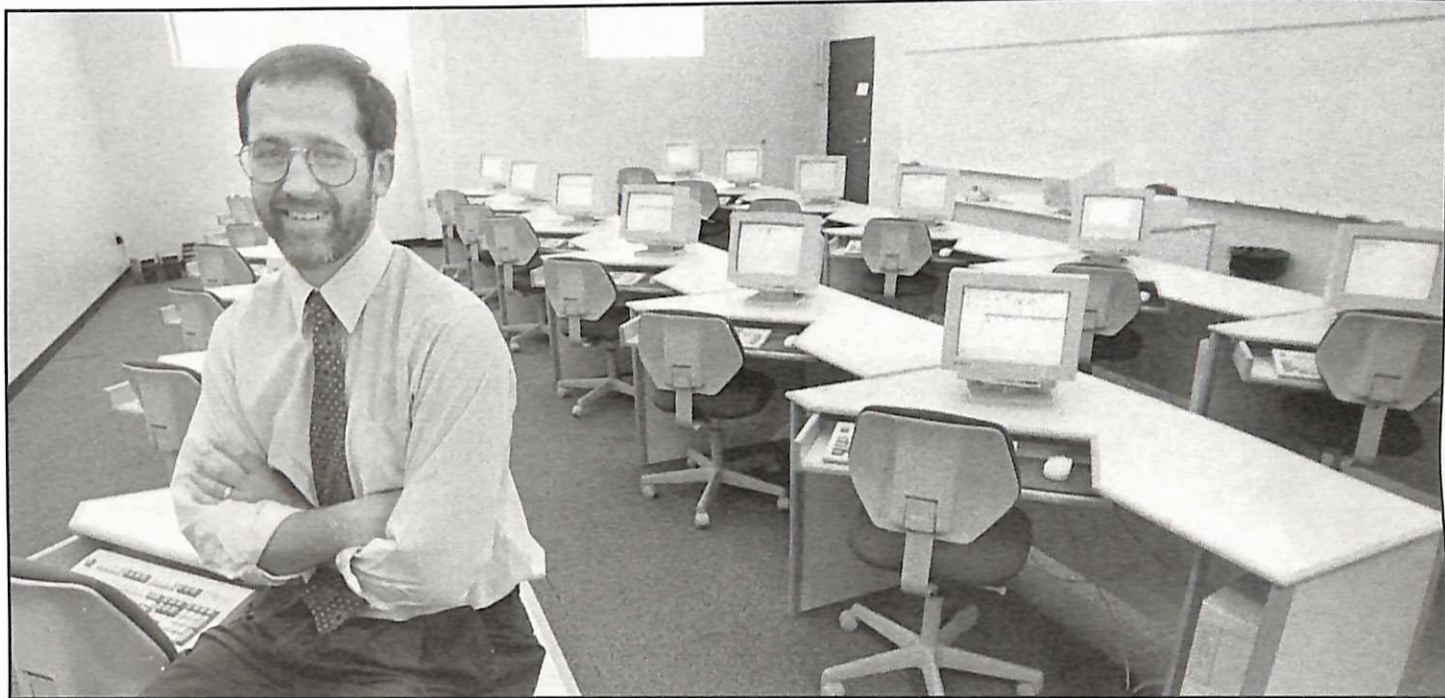
The IBM- and Windows-compatible Pentiums are already in a new computer lab in the Edwards-Holman Science Center. They will help George Fox meet the needs of its growing computer science department.

The number of freshman computer science majors at the College increased 229 percent since the fall of 1992.

The Edwards-Holman Science Center, Wood-Mar Hall, Hoover Academic Building and Murdock Learning Resource Center are expected to be connected by fiber optics by this summer. Conduit was laid in trenches dug during last summer and the past spring break.

The fiber optics also will be used to improve access to the campus electronic mail system, the library's catalog system, and will provide the backbone of a new Ethernet network. The Murdock Learning Resource Center previously had direct access to the Internet.

"We needed to be fully networked because we'll continue to provide support to the teachers throughout the year," said Wilson.



Brent Wilson will help retrain the state's high school computer science teachers with the help of new computers and networking funded by a grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

A few years ago, our centennial theme was "A Heritage to Honor, a Future to Fulfill." I liked it then and I like it now. The last issue of LIFE looked back with the first phase of restoration of historic Wood-Mar Hall. This issue looks forward to the opening of a new extension campus in Boise, Idaho.

To deal with the current times, some have suggested we needed an additional line, perhaps "A Present to Pursue," "Being in the Time Being," or "Hitting It Hard in the Here and Now," keeping with the alliteration of the original theme. On second thought, perhaps not.

We need a healthy respect for the past. My father, a high school history teacher, taught me that. This was just one of the reasons that from the very beginning of our long-range planning in 1990-91, I wanted to "save" Wood-Mar. It was a remarkable path that led us to change the initial plans for its demolition to utilizing the new Edwards-Holman Science Center to help Wood-Mar meet seismic codes. It is a delight to drive by campus and see the original cornice at the top of our "Old Main." I am excited for the day when we can restore the west entrance and complete renovation of the first two floors of Wood-Mar — which will follow a couple of other major campus construction projects.

Looking forward, the College's expansion over the mountains and across the state line into Idaho is a great event. Idaho represents our No. 3 geographic recruiting area for traditional students (after Oregon and Washington). Boise has one of the fastest-growing economies in America. When we held focus group interviews about a year ago, we received an enthusiastic reception



GFC President Edward F. Stevens

from persons who want to complete a college degree.

The branch campus in Boise is an excellent extension of our mission as a Christ-centered liberal arts college. It also will move us in the direction of new technological delivery systems for higher education.

What about the present? The past is important, and only a fool would not do adequate planning for the future. But we must live (achieve, survive, perform, etc.) in the present.

There are pitfalls in being too occupied with any of the three time frames. We all know persons who live in the "good old days" and don't want to dwell in the present or think of the future. When I was younger, I was so ambitious (in an unhealthy sense), I couldn't sleep at night for thinking of my next job or my next challenge. I was obsessed with my future. Now I might be accused of being bogged down in the present, since many days I can't see the future for the high stack of current needs and concerns the College faces in 1995.

As believers in Christ, it is possible to get locked in time as well. The 50-year-old man who talks only of his salvation experience at age 18 needs to experience Christ anew. The 30-year-old woman who needs one more degree or to get her children grown before she starts looking for a ministry for Christ is not likely to ever get started. We need to get up every morning and give the day to God's care and direction. He will give it back to us with a lot of wonderful surprises.

As a College that belongs to Christ, we also need to look backward and say "thanks" — for sacrifices made, for lessons learned. We need to look forward and say "please" — give us direction, supply our needs. And we need to keep working diligently in the present — and leave the results to the Heavenly Father.

## GFC Automates Card Catalog

A \$142,000 grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust has helped fund replacement of the traditional library card catalog in GFC's Murdock Learning Resource Center. Students, faculty and public now locate materials through computer terminals in the library building and via modem. Later, access will be through campus networking to computers in residence halls.

The Murdock grant was part of a \$1,045,000 gift to the Portland Area Library System (PORTALS). Established by recommendation of the Governor's Commission of Higher Education in the Portland Metropolitan Area, PORTALS endeavors to create an electronically accessible research library through shared resources of 14 public and private regional institutions. George Fox is a charter member.

Students using the resource center computer terminals can locate material in not just George Fox's library, but in the other PORTALS libraries as well. The system uses a national and global electronic link called Internet, which makes access to libraries across the world possible. Likewise, Internet users can tap into George Fox's resources.

Technology is changing libraries. "It's fun," says Merrill Johnson, director of learning resources at George Fox. "I can't think of there ever being a more exciting time. There are so many possibilities and potentials."

The grant money paid half the \$300,000 cost of adding five different modules to improve GFC's library. George Fox and other donors are footing the other half of the bill.

The four other modules — besides the on-line catalog — follow:

- Separate, but similar to the on-line catalog, the reserve module will list high-demand materials set aside by professors.
- The College also is automating its catalog circulation system that keeps track of the circulation of more than 100,000 of George Fox's volumes.
- Automation is coming to the acquisition system — computerizing the ordering, receiving and accounting of library material.
- The fifth module is the serials control, which deals with the tracking and acquisition of periodicals.

George Fox is using a Unix-based system distributed by Innovative Interfaces.

A non-profit corporation, PORTALS members include George Fox, Clark, Lewis & Clark, Linfield, Portland Community and Reed colleges, the Multnomah County Library, the Oregon Graduate Institute, the Oregon Health Sciences University, the Oregon Historical Society, Pacific and Portland State universities, the University of Portland, and Washington State University-Vancouver.

President Ed Stevens was elected to serve a two-year term as chair of PORTALS.

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# Teaching Award Goes to Multi-Talented Professor

If there's a stereotype for a George Fox College professor, Tim Tsohantaris, the College's 1995 Faculty Achievement Award recipient, doesn't fit it.

His background is a unique blend of athletics, academics and Christian ministry.

He's certainly not your typical religion professor, although the former pastor has a master's degree in ministry and church history and is working on his doctorate. During the fall he spends his afternoons as an assistant coach for George Fox's nationally ranked men's soccer team. A former professional soccer player, he's served as a head coach at the high school and college levels.

During the last decade he's sunk deep roots at GFC, serving as chaplain for six years before spending 1990 to 1992 as a pastor for a Greek Evangelical church in Massachusetts.

He's unique as a member of the region's Quaker churches, the Northwest Yearly Meeting.

"Being the only Greek Quaker in the Yearly Meeting, I'm a paradox," he says. "I'm probably the only one I know."

His 13-letter name is the longest of any George Fox employee and always is a mouthful to new students. He explained in Chapel one year that if the students could say "pass the Wheaties," they'd be close to the proper pronunciation: "Cho-han-ta-ree-dees."

"On the first day of class I have the upper hand," he jokes. "If I mispronounce (a student's) name, it's okay. They're going to mispronounce mine."

He takes both the general education courses and specialized classes like Hellenistic Greek.

No one is more qualified to teach Greek to George Fox students than Tsohantaris, who emigrated from Greece in 1967.

"I get a charge out of teaching," he says. "The Greek I teach at George Fox is New Testament Greek. It's very similar to modern Greek. I like to see people open their eyes to the Bible, to see the meaning of the words for themselves. It shows students the New Testament during a specific time, in a specific culture with real people. It's a more realistic setting as opposed to a philosophical setting. They can decide for themselves what Paul might have meant."

Tsohantaris can get excited on the soccer sidelines as well. He's vocal in his encouragement, and his enthusiastic disagreements with referees have on rare occasions led to ejections.

Tsohantaris describes himself as a passionate person.

"What I love, I love with a passion. I love my relationship to Jesus, my family, teaching — making the Bible understandable — and playing and coaching soccer."

While also handling the chaplain responsibilities, Tsohantaris brought GFC's seven-year-old men's soccer program its first

winning season in 1986. In his four seasons as head coach, the team took two national third-place finishes and a national championship in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA). He currently is an assistant coach for the Bruins, a Northwest powerhouse at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) level.

Tsohantaris believes being a coach gives him a unique bond with the athletes

who come into his classroom. "I think the athletes are more attentive since they know me. There's a special relationship between a coach and an athlete, even if they're from a different sport. It's a special thing. I enjoy students seeing me as a human being."

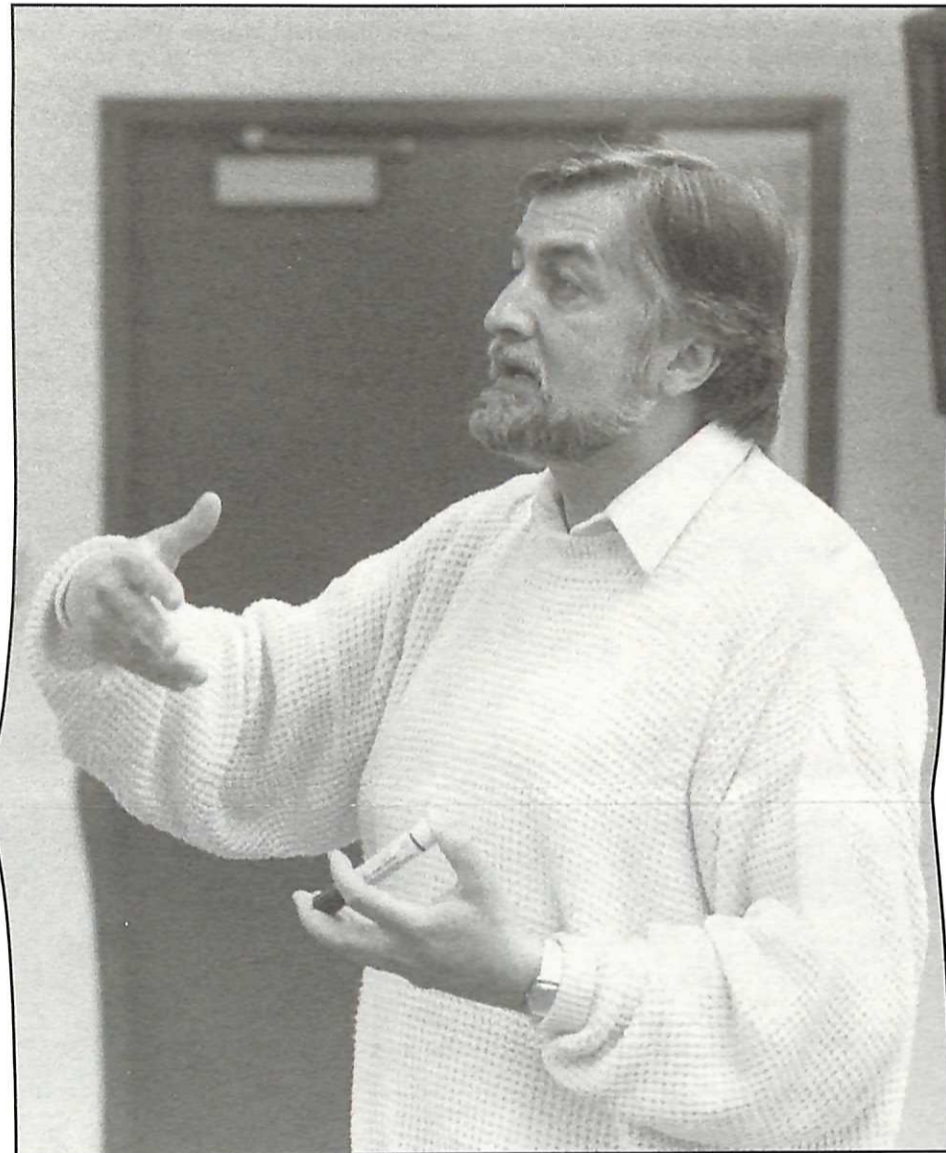
His best moments at George Fox are with the students.

"Most of my experiences have been happy," he says.

"Like when I see a student struggling and something clicks and all of a sudden they understand and they really run with it. When a subject is exciting to them, that's fun for me."

**"It's an honor and a confirmation. That's why I'm back here: to teach. I feel I'm an effective pastor, but I'm called to teach."**

— Tim Tsohantaris



Tim Tsohantaris explains the relationship between Revelation and the Old Testament book of Daniel to students in his Literature of the New Testament class.

On the other side is the underachiever. "It's hard for me when students don't do their best," he says. "I know they can do better, and I have to find ways to motivate them. Teaching to me is loving to learn, loving the students you teach, and creating opportunities for them to explore subjects I teach."

His students appreciate his efforts. "Tim is a dedicated, hard-working professor who takes time to care about his students and makes sure that the course work is relevant, interesting and challenging," wrote one of the students who nominated him for the annual award, formerly sponsored by the Burlington Northern Foundation.

The nominator continued: "He's innovative and challenging in the classroom. He uses current material and practical application to teach students concepts, theology and how to be Christ-centered in all aspects of life."

Any full-time faculty member is eligible for the \$2,500 prize, presented to a professor who achieved unusually significant and meritorious teaching during the past year. Winners are chosen by a committee of students, faculty and administration using formal teacher evaluations and nominations submitted by students and faculty.

Tsohantaris's vita includes a bachelor's degree in physical education, Bible and science at Barrington College in Rhode Island. After graduation, he continued his academic work and in 1985 earned a Master of Arts degree in pastoral ministries at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio.

While studying, he served as a pastor and church planter for the Evangelical Friends Church in Ohio.

He returned to coach the soccer team at Barrington College in 1980. The next year he began a high school coaching career that lasted until coming to George Fox in 1985 as assistant soccer coach and acting director of Christian life.

While a pastor in Massachusetts, he started doctoral work at Boston College and hopes to finish at the University of Athens. He returned to George Fox when his two-year commitment to the church ended.

If Tsohantaris holds a stereotypical George Fox professor trait, it's that he — like many others at the College — says he feels a spiritual "calling" to teach.

"I left (George Fox) knowing the door was still open," he says. "I came back because teaching was where I felt comfortable and I knew this place."

"It's an honor and a confirmation," he said of the award.

"That's why I'm back here: to teach. I feel I'm an effective pastor, but I'm called to teach."

## Faculty Achievements

■ **Scot Headley**, assistant professor of education, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the American Vocational Education Research Association, held in Dallas, Texas, in December. The results of a national study by Headley and N.L. McCaslin of Ohio State University that investigated accountability systems in vocational education were presented in the March issue of the Vocational Education Journal.

■ A new communication textbook by **Craig Johnson**, associate professor of communication arts, has been published by Waveland Press, Inc. Johnson co-authored the book, "Creative Communication: Principles & Applications," with Michael Hackman of the University of Colorado.

■ **Doug Campbell**, associate professor of art, has been awarded a \$3,000 Humanities Study Grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities. "Heroic Painting: Abstract Expressionism Revisited" is his topic.

■ **Gale Roid**, associate professor of psychology, is co-author with Lucy Miller of the University of Colorado Health Science Center of the technical manual for the "Toddler and Infant Motor Evaluation" (TIME). The standardized measure of coordination, movement quality and developmental delay in young children was published in the fall of 1994 by Therapy Skill Builders of Tucson, Ariz., a subsidiary of Harcourt Brace.

## FACULTY NEWS

### Grants Awarded for Summer Research

Ten George Fox faculty members have received funding from the College's faculty summer research grant program.

Three professors were awarded summer research awards ranging from \$800 to \$1,280, and another seven won supplemental awards of \$500 or less.

Receiving the research awards were Don Powers, associate professor of biology; Scot Headley, assistant professor of education; and Irv Brendlinger, professor of religion.

Powers will conduct a study of the *Lampornis clemenciae* hummingbird in the Chiricahua Mountains of southeastern Arizona. He will examine the importance of hummingbird song to the dynamics of territorial behavior.

Headley will attempt to research and determine the continuing education and in-service training needs of teachers and administrators at elementary and secondary schools affiliated with the Association of Christian Schools International in the Northwest Region.

Brendlinger is proposing to write a biographical sketch of Anthony Benezet, an 18th-century Quaker from Philadel-

phia who was influential in the fight against slavery. Brendlinger will research Benezet's Quaker heritage and theology and how they relate to his position on slavery.

The following seven professors received supplemental awards:

Dennis Hagen, professor of music and education, plans to study the size and growth pattern of the Chinese church in the Hubei Province of central China.

Carlisle Chambers, assistant professor of chemistry, is going to work on initiating and developing an undergraduate program in fundamental chemical research. The specific area of research will be the preparation and examination of several supramolecular systems.

Debra Drecnik Worden, assistant professor of business and economics, plans to return to Purdue University and examine the financial portfolios of a national sample of households, to better understand their asset allocation as it relates to attitudes toward financial risk and the use of debt.

Jo Lewis, associate professor of drama, will research the availability of three literary works — "The Violent Bear It Away" by Flannery O'Connor, "The Brothers Kara-

mazov" by Fyodor Dostoyevsky, and "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott — with the hopes of adapting one for dramatic production at the College.

Brad Johnson, assistant professor of psychology, plans to write three articles on the impact of fathers on the lives of children and present two of them to the American Psychological Association convention and the other at the convention of the Christian Association of Psychological Studies.

Kathryn Ecklund, assistant professor of psychology, will continue research on developing a reliable and valid measure for assessing integration of faith and learning outcome in Christian college education.

She plans to write either one or two manuscripts to be submitted to the American Psychological Association convention or the Christian Association of Psychological Studies convention.

Phil Smith, assistant professor of philosophy, plans to research "Evolutionary Ethics" and what a Christian response should be. He anticipates writing at least one article.



# STUDENT NEWS

## Fifteen Seniors Named to 1995 'Who's Who'

Fifteen George Fox College students will be included in the 1995 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

George Fox faculty and staff chose honorees by ballot. The students were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. They join students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in the United States, the District of Columbia, and several foreign countries.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

All are seniors and two graduated last December.

Named to Who's Who were Kristina Arnold, a writing/literature major from Portland; Carol Joy Brendlinger, an interdisciplinary major from Portland; Trey Doty, a sociology/social work major from Vancouver, Wash.; Kimberly Cain Dougherty, a music education major from Estacada, Ore.; Tamarah Fast, an elementary education major from Vancouver, Wash.; Kristin Thomas Gault, a sociology/social work major from Newberg; Russell Johnson, a psychology major from McMinnville, Ore.; Jared Jones, a writing/literature major from Merced, Calif.; Angie Jordan, a physical fitness management major from Springfield, Ore.; Shelley McBride, a business major from Eugene, Ore.; Darin Mitchem, a music major from Jefferson, Ore.; Jeff Nelson, a business major from Medford, Ore.; Chad Riggs, a writing/literature major from Pratt, Kan.; Meagan Williams, an engineering major from Forest Grove, Ore.; and Greg Woolsey, a mathematics major from Central Point, Ore.

## Students Renew Annual Trek Down the Willamette River in GFC Raft Race

For the last quarter-century, students, faculty and staff have traded books for oars and spent part of their Saturday racing each other down the Willamette River during the College's annual Raft Race.

This spring, the tradition was rekindled after a two-year absence as brave souls climbed aboard their homemade rafts, prepared either to float or swim. The race ran on a three-mile course stretching from Roger's Landing in Newberg to Champoeg State Park.

The event's return was a resounding success, both in terms of participation and competition. Twelve rafts entered the race, the most in at least the last eight years, and a new course record was set.

This year's first-place raft — five Pennington Hall men on the "Titanic" led by freshman Chris Elston — reached Champoeg in 64 minutes and 45 seconds. The original speed record of 65 minutes was believed set in 1971. It had been tied several times, but never beaten.

The second-place raft of Jon Bingham, Larry Bailey and Brian Todd



Heidi Rueck checks the competition as teammates Katie Meyer, Kerry Aillaud and Meagan Williams (from left) work the oars.

finished in 65:15, while a women's team from the Woolman Apartments garnered third with a time of 70 minutes.

According to available records, it was only the third time a women's team has placed in the top three finishers in the race's 25-year history.

As in previous years, vessels were constructed from "anything that floats" — as the rules say — and crews had to have at least three members. The only method of propulsion allowed was oars.

The race shoved off from Newberg at 10:30 a.m. Serious and not-so-serious racers bobbed downstream underneath spectators on the Highway 219 bridge.

GFC's student newspaper, The Crescent, sponsored the Raft Race.

"We're trying to renew interest in the race," editor Eric Muhr said of his reasons for rekindling the tradition. "It's important because it gives students a chance to enjoy one another's company, to take a break from their studies, and to have fun. It's what makes college college."

Cash and food prizes were given for first, second and third places. Awards also were given in unique categories such as "most creative materials" and to the housing area with the highest percentage of students participating.

The first Raft Race was held in 1969 and soon became a popular and unique tradition for the College.

A few highlights from the past 26 years:

- The most unique craft to float the course might have been the air-filled waterbed that captured the 1976 race.
- In 1980, U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield attended and began the race with a starter's pistol.
- It is believed that 1981 marked the high point of race popularity. More than 100 GFC students put in 22 rafts.
- In past years, the race has received coverage from as many as three television stations.
- The race has changed with the times. In the early '80s, women's teams were given a five-minute head start. Females no longer receive that courtesy.



ASCGFC officers got creative, but their idea of a bicycle-powered raft never worked.

## College Spending \$400,000 in Summer Construction Projects

Construction and remodeling projects totaling more than \$400,000 are under way this summer at George Fox College.

The largest of the 17 projects is a \$175,000 renovation of Edwards Hall. Constructed in 1964, the three-story residence hall houses 106 students. It's the first major update since its completion.

Renovation includes new plumbing, electrical wiring, light fixtures, fire alarm system, doors and locks, restroom improvements, painting, furniture, carpeting and drapery. The central lobby will be refurbished and updated. The renovation follows similar improvements to Pennington Hall last summer.

Several other projects also are under way to expand and improve campus housing. The Barclay House on the east side of campus will be expanded to house an additional four students. The \$35,000 project will remodel a current garage area and bring total house capacity to 17.

The newly purchased Meridian Street House, a former residence recently used for commercial office space, will have a kitchen restored and bathroom added in a \$15,000 project. The house will then accommodate 12 students next year.

Macy Residence Hall will get a new roof for \$17,000. Both Macy and nearby Sutton Residence Hall will have shower/restroom floors replaced for \$25,000.

The Lewis Apartments will be carpeted and tiled in a \$20,000 project, and the Newlin Apartments, for \$5,000.

GFC work crews this summer also will construct a new Prayer Chapel just east of Edwards Hall on the edge of Hess Creek Canyon. The \$40,000 project will give the College its first stand-alone prayer chapel, replacing a previous prayer room in Heacock Commons. The six-sided building will be constructed of wood and is being funded largely through a gift by a Newberg couple that wishes to remain anonymous. Student funds also are contributing to the project.

Wheeler Sports Center will have its multipurpose room roof replaced for \$15,000, and the entire building will be re-keyed for \$2,500. Also being re-keyed is Hobson Residence Hall, for \$2,200.

A \$25,000 project will begin the process of new interior signage for campus buildings. To be started this summer are Heacock Commons, Hoover Academic Building, and Wheeler Sports Center.

The College's telephone switchroom in Pennington Hall is being expanded and upgraded in a \$23,700 project.

Several landscaping improvements are planned. Five new tennis courts completed last fall will have landscaping added for \$10,000. Another \$20,000 is being used for landscaping and fencing for the Woolman Apartments, acquired by GFC last year.

The Virginia Millage Rose Garden in the central campus will be completed in a \$3,500 project to add a centerpiece decorative fountain.

## China, Greece, Australia Among Destinations of Juniors Abroad Trips

More than 100 George Fox students traveled overseas in May on five different trips to study music, religion, biology, history and culture. Another 14 spent the month in Ukraine on a serve trip.

The three-week trips were made possible through the Juniors Abroad program, which provides eligible juniors concentrated study overseas at a reduced cost. Since 1987, the College has paid transportation and program costs. Students pay for their room and board. Excursions have reached every continent except Antarctica.

The tours are led by George Fox professors, and the number of students per tour is limited. Students earn three credit hours for the study tours, which are registered as part of the spring semester load.

John Bowman, professor of music, and David Howard, associate professor of music, led a European study tour. The 32 students in their group toured significant historical sites in the world of music. Students visited castles, palaces and museums while traveling through Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany and Switzerland. Participants also had the chance to cruise down the Danube River, hike in the Swiss mountains, and remember the Holocaust while visiting the concentration camp in Dachau.

Lee Nash, professor of history, and Howard Macy, professor of religion and biblical studies, led a trip to England and Scotland. The 11-member student group tracked the careers of spiritual leaders John Wesley, C.S. Lewis, and several British Quakers. Participants visited London, York and Scotland, Cambridge, Oxford and the Lake District.

Participants in the study tour of China visited two of the world's wonders: the 7,500-mile Great Wall and the first emperor's tomb, which includes thousands of clay soldiers, horses and chariots from 2000 B.C. Led by Dennis Hagen, professor of music and education, eight students and five others also explored Chinese Christianity, Tiananmen Square and the westernized city of Shanghai.

A group of 20 students was guided through Greece by Tim Tsohantaris, a native of the country. Tsohantaris and Mel Schroeder, associate professor of drama, showed a group of 19 students sites significant to classical Greek culture and early Christianity. The tour traced the path of the Apostle Paul on his second missionary journey from Phillipis to Corinth. The students stayed in Greek homes.

Thirty-one students took part in a trip to Australia with Paul Chamberlain, professor of chemistry, and Glenn Moran, professor of education. The trip emphasized science with visits to museums, aquariums, and on-site ecological systems such as the Great Barrier Reef and wildlife refuges.

Another 14 students visited Ukraine on a service trip. Three students went to Kharkov with Les Martin, professor of education, to teach English and share their Christian faith. Denise Brooks, director of outreach and discipleship, and Laurel Lee, assistant professor of writing, took 11 students to Kiev as part of GFC's Ukrainian exchange program. The U.S. students lived with Ukrainian students at Kiev Linguistic University. In September, George Fox will return the favor by hosting the Ukrainian students for a month.



# 21-Year-Old GFC Athlete Survives Cardiac Arrest

*Editor's Note: On May 21, 16 days after completing her senior softball season at George Fox, Angie Jordan's heart stopped. When paramedics revived her, Jordan began a new life — one without the vigorous exercise she loved. Oregon's largest television and newspaper outlets came right to her hospital room to find out how she would deal with this traumatic event. Her Christian testimony and I'll-deal-with-whatever-comes-my-way attitude were what they found. Following is a column by Ron Bellamy of The Register-Guard newspaper, Eugene (Ore.), reprinted by permission.*



Angie Jordan talks with reporters from her hospital bed about her cardiac arrest.

Less than two weeks ago, Angie Jordan's heart malfunctioned and paramedics saved her life. Since then, she's had an electronic device surgically implanted in her body and on Tuesday doctors in Portland induced a heart attack, just to make sure that the new equipment was working.

And now comes the tough part.

Because the 21-year-old graduate of Thurston High School said she wasn't scared when she woke in the hospital early last week and learned that she has a heart condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, the leading cause of sudden death in young athletes.

But now, back in her apartment near George Fox College in Newberg, the young woman who was the starting catcher on the GFC softball team, an honorable mention all-league selection, must prepare herself for a life devoid of the athletic activity upon which she thrives.

For Jordan, that's the scary part. Because when all the flowers from so many friends have wilted, and when all the balloons are deflated, and when the candy and fruit have been eaten, that's the challenge that will remain.

No more strenuous workouts. No more weight-lifting. No more running.

"I'm having a really hard time with it," Jordan said Wednesday. "In my mind, I'm thinking there's a point where I'll get back to being my active self, but the way the doctors talk, that's not true.

"I won't be able to go to the gym and work out, or run, and that's so much of my life. When I'm upset, I go work out. It's my release. And to have that taken away is really hard. I don't know how to deal with it. I'm going to take each day at a time."

Jordan's religious faith has supported her thus far. "For me, it gets harder from here

out," she said. "There's a lot of challenges that I have to face that I don't know how I'll face. It will be a big test of faith in my walk with the Lord."

Jordan grew up in Springfield, Ore., and played volleyball, softball and basketball for Thurston High School. She said she embraced Christianity between her junior and senior years.

"I was really introverted," she said. "I didn't have hardly any friends, and the ones I had kind of used me. My junior year, I got really angry and became really mean. I hit bottom and almost got kicked out of school. I decided I needed to change something

about my life."

She did, and went on to George Fox, the private Christian college southwest of Portland. She played softball — she was team captain last season and, because of her extra running and weight-lifting, was considered the fittest player on the team. She majored in human performance, with the goal of teaching physical education, and was to begin grad school.

Last September, at the beginning of her senior year, she had an episode of rapid heart beat; subsequently, she said, a doctor told her that it might have been an anxiety attack, though an exam disclosed a heart murmur.

The experience led Jordan to write a class paper on hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a thickening of the wall between the two pumping chambers of the heart; during exercise, the thickened tissue prevents the heart from getting the blood it needs. On May 21, life imitated her term paper.

That Sunday, Jordan ran the one mile from her apartment to work out at the George Fox gym, then ran most of the way back. "I felt a different kind of tiredness that I hadn't felt before," she said.

She greeted her roommates, then sat on the couch. In other rooms, her roommates heard something strange, found Jordan in cardiac arrest and called for paramedics.

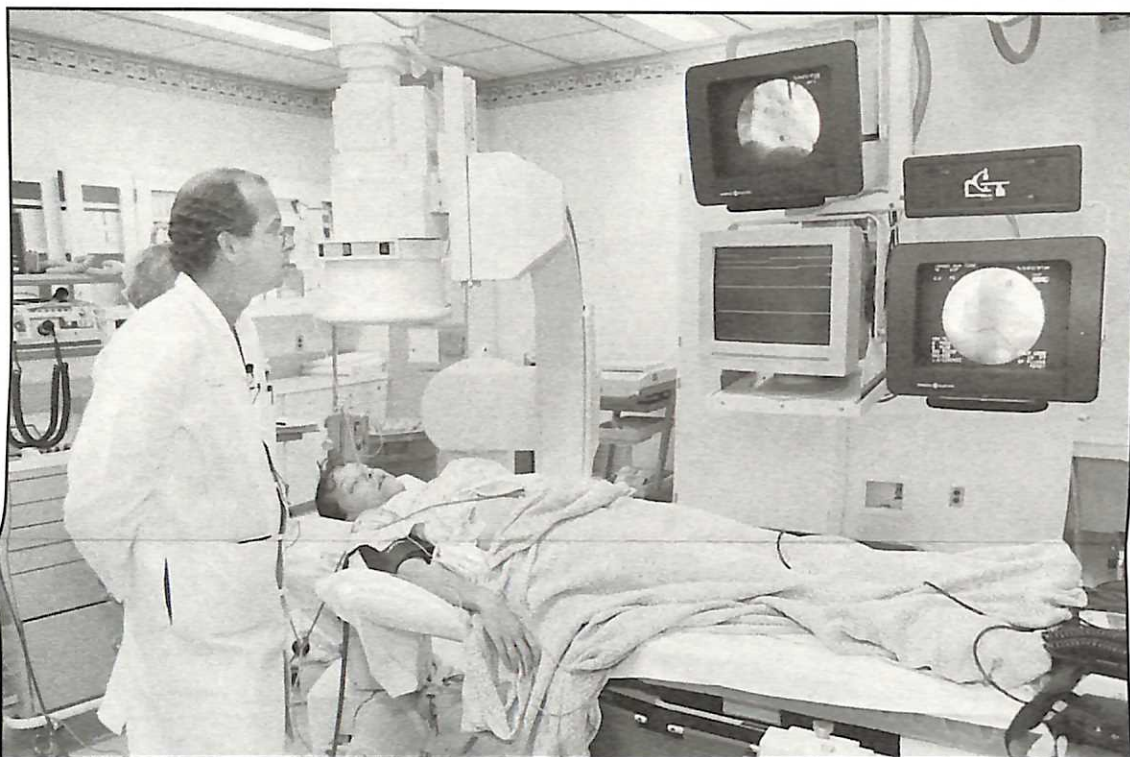
If her roommates hadn't been home — and they had expected to be out — and if they and then the paramedics hadn't reacted so quickly, she would have died. "The paramedics said that if it had gone one minute longer, I wouldn't have made it," Jordan said.

Last Friday, doctors at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center implanted a defibrillator in her abdomen; two wires follow a vein from her collarbone to touch her heart. The electrical device is designed to shock her heart back to normal rhythm if she again goes into cardiac arrest.

On Tuesday, before releasing her from the hospital, doctors tested the device by stopping Jordan's heart. "It's been the most phenomenal past 10 days," she said. "I'll never forget all the people who have been here for me."

For all that, Jordan and her family are profoundly grateful. "People we didn't even know were calling," said Jordan's sister, Julie Hanf. "It seemed as if millions of people were praying for her. We want to publicly thank them for that."

And Angie Jordan thanks them, and counts on their support. Because she knows that when the petals have fallen from the roses, her biggest challenge will be just beginning.



Dr. Daniel Oseran of Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland watches monitors as Angie Jordan is about to have her heart stopped and restarted by a defibrillator implanted in her four days earlier.

PHOTOS BY DOUG BEGHTEL / The Oregonian

## ALUMNI NOTES

**Thomas Larson** (n77) is the director of support services for King College in Bristol, Tenn.

**Thomas Jacobson** (G78) is executive director for The National Center for Home Education.

**Sandra (Brown) Olmstead** (G78) has been named the 1995 recipient of the Evelyn Sibley Lampman Award of the Oregon Library Association as the outstanding contributor to children's library services. She was selected by a vote of children's and youth services librarians around the state of Oregon. Sandi works at the Newberg Public Library.

**David Schmidt** (G78) was recently elected to the Washington state House of Representatives, serving the 44th legislative district located in Snohomish County.

**Paul Smith** (G78) is program director for the Tri-County Oregon Prekindergarten/Head Start Program serving Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman counties in Oregon.

**Joe Geil** (G80) lives in Mt. Vernon, Wash., where, as account manager for Citibank, he is responsible for Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

**Steve Harmon** (G82), president of Harmon & Associates of Stanwood, Wash., and a 13-year professional in the life insurance industry, has earned membership in the Million Dollar Round Table's Top of the Table. The Top of the Table members represent the top one-tenth of one percent of the life insurance sales force worldwide. Steve is a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) after qualifying for the past 10 years. Only 6 percent of the world's life insurance agents qualify for MDRT each year.

**Rob Classen** (G83) is pastor of worship and outreach at Bethany Evangelical Free Church in Canby, Ore. He and his wife, Bonny, recently returned from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, where they served with Latin American Mission for two years.

**Nancy (Schwab)** (G83) and Dennis Sturdevant are the owners of Precision Helicopters, Inc., Newberg. Dennis is president and Nancy is operations manager of this 14-employee company that offers helicopter and fixed-wing flight training, charters, sales and service, and an FAA-approved repair station.

**Nathan Whitham** (G85) received his Master of Divinity degree June 9 from Northwest Baptist Seminary in Tacoma, Wash. He and his wife, **Rebecca (Smith)** (G85), are currently raising support for the position as home missionaries with Prison Mission Association.

**Robert Yardley** (MHR89) is executive director of the foundation at Legacy Visiting Nurse Association, Portland. He also is executive director of Meridian Park Medical Foundation.

**Annette (Greenwood) Dexter** (G92) is a staffing coordinator for Northwest Temporary Services, Inc., Portland. She is responsible for filling the staffing requests which come into the NTS agency.

**Yuzuru Yamaji** (G92) teaches music and directs the orchestra at Sheng-te Christian College in Chungli, Taiwan, a George Fox College sister school.

**Peter Norquest** (G93) attends Shr-da Mentoring Training Center in Taipei, Taiwan, studying the Mandarin Chinese language. He also teaches English part time at Hess English School, Taipei.

**Al Gaines** (MHR94) is a Youth for Christ chaplain at Skipworth Juvenile Detention Center in

Eugene, Ore.

**Paul Liao** (G94) is teaching English at Shingren Center in Taipei, Taiwan.

**Grace Tsai** (G94) teaches English at Hess English School in Taipei, Taiwan.

### MARRIAGES

**Larry Kading** (G87) and Silvia Santinato, April 29, 1995, in Medea, Italy.

**Jennifer Berkman** (G93) and Brent Wilder, April 8, 1995, in Portland.

**Cathy Stevens** (G93) and Joel Kassebaum, May 27, 1995, in Newberg.

**Kristina Lee** (G95) and Joel Williams, July 7, 1995, in Beaverton, Ore.

### BIRTHS

**Linda (Corlett)** (G81) and Ron Herdina, a son, Scott Charles, May 13, 1995, in Portland.

**Laura (Schmeling)** (G82) and Dave Kuchera, a girl, Larina Rachele, Feb. 6, 1995, in Billings, Mont.

**Sandra (Conant)** (G82) and **Richard** (G83) **Zeller**, a girl, Rachael Arlene, March 28, 1995, in Portland.

**Valerie (Haynes)** (G85) and **Scott** (G85) **Woods**, a girl, Jessica Melanie, Nov. 27, 1994, in McMinnville, Ore.

**Colleen (Gallagher)** (G87) and **Laine** (G89) **Holdahl**, a girl, Valerie Rose, born Oct. 30, 1991, in St. Petersburg, Russia, adopted Nov. 16, 1994, in Newberg.

**Marion (Hull)** (G87) and Tom Reynolds, a boy, Ben Graydon, April 7, 1995, in Erie, Pa.

**Rebecca (Nauman)** (G89) and **Jim** (G90) **Steele**, a boy, Zachary Brennan, April 9, 1995, in Newberg.

**Stacie (Chandler)** (G89) and **Ron** (G92) **Wolfe**, a girl, McKaelie Anne, April 12, 1995, in Newberg.

**Steve** (G90) and **Diane (Wallace)** (G91) **Fawver**, a girl, Janna Elaine, April 25, 1995, in Newberg.

**Chris** (G90) and Susan **Patoine**, a girl, Marina Nicole, April 24, 1995, in Roseburg, Ore.

**Kim (Miller)** (n90) and Larry Wilkinson, a boy, Aaron Gregory, March 5, 1995, in Tacoma, Wash.

**James** (G91) and **Deanna (Stahlnecker)** (G91) **Lyda**, a girl, Jamie Lynn, June 7, 1995, in Newberg.

**Kimmie (Carbone)** (G92) and Jeff Auxier, a girl, Mary Emily, June 1, 1995, in Tualatin, Ore.

**Andrea (Robinson)** (G93) and Shawn Dishman, a girl, Paige Noelle, Dec. 28, 1994, in Portland.

**Mike** (G93) and **Adina (Briggs)** (G94) **McConaughey**, a girl, Amanda Kate, May 5, 1995, in Newberg.

### DEATHS

**Ross Gully** (G47) passed away April 23, 1995, in Brookings, Ore.

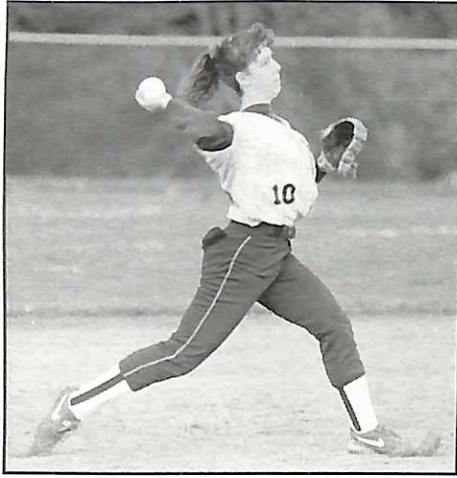
**Robert Ralphs** (n72) passed away May 6, 1995, in Tigard, Ore.

**Elizabeth (Gray)** Richmond (G80) passed away May 12, 1995, in Port Orchard, Wash.



# BRUIN SPORTS

## Young Track Teams Win Conference Titles and NAIA Top-15 Finishes



Shortstop Casey Waits, a sophomore from Medford, Ore., makes a throw to first base.

### Weather, Youth Keep Softball Team from Repeating Success

A pair of final-inning one-run losses in the conference playoffs ended a George Fox softball season plagued by rain clouds.

Of the 19 game dates on the Lady Bruin calendar, just three were played when and where they were supposed to be. Rainouts and unplayable field conditions shredded the schedule. It became so bad the George Fox home opener was bumped back 11 times, ending up on the final day of the regular season.

For head coach Chris Gross, it meant too much time on the phone rescheduling and too little time on the field.

"It was hard on our continuity," said Gross. "With a young team like we had, we weren't allowed to build from one game to the next."

One year after its best-ever season, George Fox — the 1994 NAIA District 2 champion — began rebuilding with youth. The roster displayed five seniors, no juniors, and a host of sophomores and freshmen. Gross's young players needed game experience to improve their defense and hitting.

As much as anything, GFC's struggles at the plate translated into its 10-15 record. George Fox's .240 batting average was lowest of the five teams in the Cascade Collegiate Conference, while the pitchers' 2.64 earned run average was second best.

"We knew when we started we needed to hit the ball to win, because our defense wasn't as strong as last year," said Gross. "With the exception of two or three games, we weren't an offensive threat. Our defense really came along. At the end of the season — even with our youth — the defense was playing together. Our pitchers were throwing well by the end of the season, too. We just couldn't get the offense to back them up."

Top hitter for the Lady Bruins was designated hitter Allison Vaubel, a freshman from Gervais, Ore. She hit .357 in 42 at bats. Senior infielder Melanie Parker of Richland, Wash., hit .301 with a team-high 20 runs batted in. Senior infielder Jeanette Prenevost Jacobson led the conference in home runs with two.

Among the George Fox pitchers, freshman Sarah Swanson of Modesto, Calif., was the earned run leader with just 16 allowed. Her 1.66 earned run average led the conference. She tied Terri Cody, a converted relief pitcher, with a team-high 26 strikeouts.

Five GFC players won conference honors. Swanson and Parker won first-team honors, and Jacobson, Vaubel and senior catcher Angie Jordan won honorable mention.

"Despite the obstacles like the rainouts, I think we leave the season feeling good about ourselves as a team," said Gross. "That is an accomplishment."

While not always able to play, the softball team was willing to serve. Highlighting the California spring break trip, the team volunteered to do work projects at the Sunset District Community Center in San Francisco. Not surprisingly, the scheduled games that week with San Francisco State University were rained out.

Without a senior scoring a point, the George Fox College men produced four All-American efforts and the women had two national runners-up as the teams finished 13th and 14th at the NAIA national track and field meet.

For the men, the 13th-place finish at Azusa, Calif., was their highest-ever national finish. The women's tie for 14th was an improvement from last year's 21st-place finish.

Nancy Rissmiller, a freshman track and basketball athlete from Tigard, Ore., was edged by defending champion Corinna Wolf of Simon Fraser University in the high jump. Rissmiller — who came in with the NAIA's best mark this season at 5-10 — cleared 5-9.75. Wolf went an inch higher, 5-10.75.

"It was just a great competition for Nancy," said GFC coach Wes Cook. "She was jumping very, very well."

In the javelin, junior Leah Johanson of Kirkland, Wash., won her second All-American award despite an injury that occurred at the regional meet. Like Rissmiller, she also entered with the nation's best mark and finished in second. Trina Gumm of Whitworth College threw 143-07.0 and Johanson tossed 140-07.0.

National recognition didn't end there. A health teaching major with a 3.64 grade point average, Johanson was named an NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete.

The national meet efforts came three weeks after George Fox took home the Cascade Collegiate Conference trophies as farewell presents.

In their final conference meet before joining the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges, George Fox's women's team ran away with the title by scoring 70 more points than the nearest competitor, 156-86. The men edged out Western Oregon State College 127-125.

Cook was named conference coach of the year for both teams, and multi-talented John Smith, a junior from Lakeside, Ore., won the men's athlete of the meet award.

It was a team effort — 21 of the 23 GFC women and 16 of the 22 men scored points — but key individual efforts made the difference on the men's side. The four future male All-Americans accounted for 82 points.

They went on to shine at the national meet.

The highest national finisher was returning All-American Erik Gibson, a junior from Seattle, Wash. Behind two international athletes, he took third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:03.88.

"Erik ran an incredible race," said Cook. "He was the fastest American and his time would have won it a lot of years."

Sprinter Ryan Chaney, a sophomore from Salem Academy, advanced through two rounds of 400-meter trials to take fourth in the finals with a school-record time of 47.25.



Leah Johanson placed second in the javelin at the NAIA national track and field meet after entering the competition with the nation's best mark.

### In First Season Without Casey as Coach Baseball Team Places Third in Conference

George Fox's baseball team found success in its first losing season since 1987.

The Bruins overcame adversity to finish third in their conference and, with two days remaining in the regular season, still maintained dreams of a berth in the NAIA regional tournament.

Few expected so much after Pat Casey — the coach who led the Bruins to seven conference titles in seven years — left to take the head job at Oregon State University. NAIA pollsters, who placed George Fox at No. 28 in the nation at the end of 1994, didn't give the Bruins a single vote in 1995.

Professional baseball scooped away three of George Fox's top juniors in 1994. Interim coach Jeff Hollamon was handed two returning starters and a pitching staff decimated by injuries to one senior and five freshmen.

Things began badly. The Bruins dropped 12 of their first 13 games in a tough pre-season schedule.

But the team turned around once the conference season began. Senior pitcher Danny Graham of Federal Way, Wash., won Cascade Collegiate Conference pitcher of the week honors for throwing a complete-game one-hitter against Western Baptist College.

With wins in 10 of their next 12 conference games, the surprising Bruins surged to the top of the conference standings.

Second baseman Marty Beyers gave the Bruins a taste of Canadian-style baseball. The junior from Surrey, British Columbia, had at least one hit in 29 straight games, from March 9 through May 3. He led the team in batting with a .377 average and collected 63 hits, the third-highest season total in George Fox history.

Joe Gordon, a third baseman from Simi Valley, Calif., came on in the second half of the season to finish with a .305 batting average. His 13 doubles tied him for sixth-most in a season at George Fox. He led the team with 29 runs batted in.

Ryan Corey, a junior catcher from Hermiston, Ore., provided more muscle. He swatted eight home runs, third-best ever by a Bruin, and 12 doubles, eighth in the GFC record books.

With the elimination of NAIA District 2 and its postseason tournament last season, the only way to advance to the regional playoffs was to finish in one of the top two spots in the Cascade Collegiate Conference. The Bruins came surprisingly close.

"Ryan certainly ran well," said Cook. "It was pretty tough company. (Setting the record) at the end of three days, that's awfully good."

Aaron Young, a junior from Newberg, overcame a foot injury to win his first All-American award. Despite not taking his full allotment of jumps, he took sixth in the triple jump at 47-07.75. He came back and attempted to high jump, but did not clear the opening height.

Smith scored in two national meet events. He broke his own school record en route to a fifth-place finish in the decathlon, accumulating 7,138 points.

He returned to competition Friday, tying for eighth in the pole vault at 15-3.

"Smith was awfully close to making 15-11," said Cook. Because Smith was tired from the decathlon competition, he limited his attempts. "We gambled a little bit, skipping 15-7."

Eli Lane, a sophomore from Seward, Alaska, qualified for the steeplechase finals with Gibson by running a personal best 9:24.09. In the finals, he ran 9:42.43 and took 12th.

The men's 4x400 relay team ran 3:25.04 in the trials and didn't advance.

Also scoring points for the women was junior Liz Stephens of Bellevue, Wash. She was one place away from All-American status, finishing seventh in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:03.88. Stephens came into the meet with the fourth-fastest time but had been battling illness.

Both of GFC's women's relay teams competed. The 4x400 team qualified for the finals and took eighth at 3:53.81. Earlier in the season it ran the fastest mile in Oregon small-college history, clocking 3:51.62.

The 4x100 team ran a season's best 49.08 in the trials but failed to qualify for the next race.

Stephanie Castillo, a freshman from Los Angeles, ran a personal best 26.10 in the preliminary 200-meter heats but did not advance.

Senior Stephanie Rosen Morrow of Newberg and Dawn Hartwig, a junior from Woodhaven, Mich., participated in the 10,000-meter and 5,000-meter races, respectively, but did not score.

Since 1989, 31 NAIA All-Americans have come out of George Fox's track and field program. Between his cross country and track teams, Cook has had 27 NAIA All-American Scholar-Athletes.

George Fox lost its grip on the conference lead after being swept by Western Oregon State College in GFC's second-to-last conference series. The Bruins went into the final conference series needing a sweep of Albertson College of Idaho to reach the playoffs, but lost three and won the season finale. The team finished 13-10 in conference, 15-29 overall.

Five members of the team received conference honorable mention, including Graham, Beyers and Corey. Tony Iranshad, a four-year infielder from Milwaukie, Ore., was selected at shortstop, and outfielder/pitcher Ryan Muñoz, a freshman from Aloha, Ore., earned the award as a utility player.

Pat Bailey, who led his West Linn High School baseball team to a runner-up finish in the Oregon Class 4A tournament this season, will replace Hollamon.

"I'm really happy for the guys that played this year and stuck with the program," said Hollamon. "I appreciate them for that. I think we could have done better — but, then again, we did well."