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Dedication Celebrates Completion of Remodeled Wood-Mar Auditorium

In a phoenix-like resurrection, George Fox College's Wood-Mar Auditorium, once demolished and non-existent, is back again in renewed grandeur.

The stately 84-year-old campus and community landmark has been breathed new life, thanks to a \$1.2 million overhaul that literally destroyed the original to replace it with an updated version.

The formal "opening night" to celebrate the revival was Oct. 14, with the public and special guests invited to a 5 p.m. ceremony. Instead of a scheduled stage performance, an open house allowed attendees to tour the auditorium, look backstage and sit in the seats. A reception was held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The dedication preceded the annual fall dinner for members of the College's President's Council.

After eight decades of use, the original Wood-Mar Auditorium was showing its age: cramped and uncomfortable seating, poor acoustics and lighting, limited stage space, difficult access, and a deteriorating interior, including leaks and falling plaster. Every part of the former facility has been removed.

In its place is the new Wood-Mar Auditorium, same location on the third floor of historic Wood-Mar Hall and with much of the same early-century charm of the original. The exposed wood ceiling "beams" have been carefully reconstructed, and traditional period decor has been kept, including fabric-covered walls, dark blue and red colors, and ornate metal and wood seats close to the original design.

It's all new, yet it has the appearance of tradition, something in keeping with the rest of the building.

The 6,000-square-foot small theater features raked seating 12 feet up the north wall, a floor-level stage area, and a "black box"



Tiered seating gives every member of the audience in the remodeled 257-seat Wood-Mar Auditorium a clear view of the stage.

concept with original windows preserved on the exterior but blocked off from the theater interior. The project has increased seating from about 150 to 257.

In addition to drama performances, the auditorium will be used for student recitals, small group presentations and seminars, and

summer conferences. The auditorium is reached by elevator and "sky bridges" across a 20-foot-wide atrium from the adjacent Edwards-Holman Science Center, which opened in September 1994.

The atrium serves as the entrance lobby for the auditorium, and restrooms in the sci-

ence center also serve the theater.

The unique location of the auditorium is part of a plan that preserves Wood-Mar Hall itself. The lower two floors are destined to house faculty offices when a new adminis-

(See **WOOD-MAR**, page 6)

U.S. News Cites GFC for Teaching



U.S. News & World Report magazine ranked George Fox second in academics, sixth overall, among regional liberal arts colleges in the West and selected the College for a new category of "Top Teaching Schools" in the nation.

George Fox College's academic reputation as one of the best in America is now even stronger.

U.S. News & World Report magazine for the second consecutive year ranks the College second in academic standing among regional liberal arts colleges in the West and moves GFC up three slots to sixth overall.

The much-publicized cover story rankings of "America's Best Colleges" were released Sept. 7 to the colleges and published in the magazine's Sept. 18 issue, which appeared on newsstands Sept. 11.

George Fox's accolades for academic strength have been increased through a new category: "Top Teaching Schools." The College is one of just five chosen in the West Regional Liberal Arts Colleges category—named second—topped only by The Evergreen State College of Washington.

"Since the classroom is the most important part of any campus, we asked college presidents, provosts and deans of admission which schools in their respective categories

do the best job of teaching undergraduates," the magazine says in the widely read issue. The magazine lists the new category under the heading, "These schools are tops in teaching."

U.S. News reports that "in recognition of widespread public concern about the quality of teaching on the nation's campuses," it created the new category and asked for selection based on "unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching."

The second year of ranking second in academic reputation follows three consecutive years in third position. Listed first is Evergreen State. This is the eighth year that George Fox has been listed among the nation's top colleges by U.S. News.

"We are particularly pleased to be mentioned by the other college presidents as one of the leading schools focused on excellence in undergraduate teaching," said George Fox President Edward F. Stevens.

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Meyer Trust Makes Gift

The latest gift to make possible the new Wood-Mar Auditorium is a \$250,000 award from the Meyer Memorial Trust, Portland. The gift covers one-fifth of the cost of the renovation project.

"It could be argued Wood-Mar Hall is the most important building on our campus, and we are pleased to have the Meyer Memorial Trust's help to save it," President Edward F. Stevens said. "It's a wonderful gift."

The Meyer Memorial Trust gift adds to a \$300,000 grant received earlier from The Collins Foundation, Portland. And, the project received more than \$100,000 in contributions from more than 200 George Fox alumni and friends who "purchased" 217 seats at \$500 each, to be marked with dedication and memorial nameplates.

Enrollment Hits Record High

For an eighth straight year, George Fox has set an enrollment record.

Attending the College or its off-campus programs are 1,717 students. That is a 3.5 percent increase over fall of 1994, when enrollment totaled 1,658. It also represents a 212 percent overall increase during the past nine years — from the 1986 enrollment of 549 students.

George Fox's enrollment has consistently set records since 1988. The fall enrollment of 820 students that year surpassed the College's previous high mark of 746, set in 1980. Successive enrollment marks since then have been 945 students in 1989; 1,073 in 1990; 1,222 in 1991; 1,425 in 1992; and 1,557 in 1993.

Andrea Cook, vice president for enrollment services, cited expansion of the College's graduate programs and the establishment of a new branch campus in Boise, Idaho, as contributing factors to this fall's record growth.

Traditional undergraduate enrollment is 1,270, a 4 percent increase from the 1,221 recorded last year. Of those 1,270, 786 are returners.

Graduate student enrollment this fall is 267 students, a 14.5 percent increase from 233 students last fall. The College's largest graduate program, offering a doctor of psychology degree in clinical psychology, enrolled 109 students. The master of business administration in management program has 74, the master of arts in teaching program is at 45, the master of education program is at 26, and the master of arts in Christian studies program has 13.

Total enrollment this fall in George Fox's degree-completion program for working adults is 180 students. Twenty of those are enrolled in the first classes at the program's new teaching site in Boise.

College's 'PeopleSing' Music Workshop for Church Choirs Attracts 320 Participants

It was apparently the first event of its kind in the Portland metropolitan area. And if participants have their way, it may not be the last.

"It was time well spent. Overall, very encouraging," summed up church choir director Tom Shepherd of Newberg, about "PeopleSing." George Fox College sponsored the evening workshop for music ministers and church choirs Sept. 29 at Beaverton (Ore.) Christian Church.

"It was very inspirational," agreed Stacy Burchett, also a Newberg church choir leader.

The workshop — perhaps the first local interdenominational gathering specifically

for music ministers and church musicians — drew a big crowd from throughout the region. A total of 321 people represented 40 churches from Vancouver, Wash., all the way south to Albany, Ore.

Derric Johnson, music consultant for Walt Disney World and George Fox College's touring vocal ensemble, Dayspring, led the workshop.

"It's not PerformerSing," said Johnson. "It's PeopleSing. The idea is we can be better than we ever thought in singing corporate praise to God."

Johnson designed the event thinking that entire church choirs might come. Many did, with groups as large as 15, 20 or even 30

from individual churches.

Dayspring assisted in the workshop and performed briefly, drawing an enthusiastic response from the crowd.

Johnson has been a church music minister for 15 years and is the composer of 150 original songs, 24 cantatas and 2,800 musical arrangements. He has been a creative consultant for Walt Disney World for 23 years, where he arranges and produces the EPCOT Center's Voices of Liberty, America's premier a cappella stylists. Last year he began an association with George Fox College as a consultant and now writes arrangements for all the music Dayspring performs. He flies to Oregon three days a month to rehearse the group.

Prior to working with Walt Disney World, Johnson spent 12 years directing Re'Generation, a Christian ensemble of singers that toured nationally. During that time the group logged more than a million miles, performing 6,000 concerts for 15 million people.

In the workshop, Johnson emphasized that while the gospel that churches sing and proclaim is unchanging, musicians should "package" it in a way that speaks to contemporary culture.

In addition to sharing anecdotes of his years in music ministry, Johnson led the hundreds of singers attending in two of his own arrangements: "Shout for Joy" and the Christmas favorite "Joy to the World."

"What he spoke was very down to earth," said Burchett, who is minister of music at Newberg First Assembly of God Church and who had 10 from his choir go with him to the event. "What he said was relevant to where we all live."

"It really emphasized that music is ministry, and that we need to keep the joy in it and be joyful in what we do," said Shepherd, who was joined by six from his Newberg Christian Church choir.

Also featured with a perspective on instrumental music was Ted Nichols, former music director for Hanna-Barbera TV productions. A former instructor at George Fox, he has composed for "The Flintstones" and "Scooby Doo" and many other TV shows and also spent more than three years as international music director for Campus Crusade for Christ.

Sam Farmer, assistant to the president for church relations and special projects, said George Fox College was pleased to sponsor the workshop.

"We found that there are many churches looking to improve their music program and to encourage members, and hopefully we provided that opportunity," he said.



Derric Johnson leads participants in GFC's PeopleSing music workshop in rehearsing his arrangement of "Shout for Joy."

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Periodically I receive a phone call or a letter from a former student or graduate, and the message might be something like this, "I have heard George Fox College is dropping the Statement of Faith!" Or, "Someone told me George Fox College no longer believes in the authority of the Bible or in the deity of Christ!" Or, "I understand that George Fox is watering down its Christ-centered position to become a more generic Christian liberal arts college."



GFC President
Edward F. Stevens

From one point of view, these concerns are valuable because they show the person cares deeply about George Fox. Often the concerns originate because of a change in personnel or in general education requirements or in other areas that are "near and dear" to the writer/caller.

Obviously, I respond to these contacts with the correct information. I must admit I periodically respond quite strongly. However, when a person strikes a blow at the "heart" of our work — the Christ-centered mission — it tends to bring out my "old nature," and I can become a bit emotional.

In 1891, when Pacific Friends Academy leadership made a decision to add college education to the six-year-old (1885) school, they wrote, "The Aim of the College: The purpose of the college is to offer to young men and young women the benefits of a liberal (arts) Christian education. The courses of study are arranged to give that broad culture which should be the possession of every intelligent man and woman. The

founders recognized the great importance of religious training, and the work of the classroom is (to be) not merely consistent with Christianity, but decidedly Christian in its tendencies." This "Aim" goes on to state the hope "...that it shall be a strong support not only to the Friends Church, but to Christianity wherever its influence may reach."

The last statement is informative because of another type of criticism that sometimes comes to my office: that George Fox is "too Quaker" or "not Quaker enough," depending on the point of view of the "critic." In fact, one of my more amusing days in my 12-plus years as president came when I received letters from two students on the same day. One wrote, "I am concerned that we are moving away from Quaker distinctives and becoming a generic, non-denominational, Christian college." The second wrote, "Why does the college have to put so much emphasis on being 'Quaker?' Why don't we just emphasize that we are a strong evangelical Christian college?"

I believe we are doing a good job, not only of maintaining our historic mission but also of extending it to new populations. We are unashamedly Christ-centered.

We believe in the authority and authenticity of God's written word (the Bible) and in the ability of God's living word (the Holy Spirit) to empower and direct our lives. We continue to act out our faith in Christ, to worship, and to conduct meetings for business in the manner of Friends.

What makes a college Christian? (I'll leave the topic, "What makes a college Quaker?" for another time.) It is first and foremost having a Board of Trustees that is composed of men and women who are committed to the person of Jesus Christ. All develop an understanding of the mission of a Christ-centered liberal arts college and know how that mission is fulfilled in the lives and education of students.

Secondly, trustees must hire administrators who have a similar commitment to Christ and an "even better" understanding of implementation of the mission. Administrators are then charged with hiring faculty and staff members who are "competent, committed, caring, and called." At George Fox College, every person who is hired/called must agree with the Statement of Faith and the Community Responsibilities statement. These responsibilities involve living a life of holiness that Northwest Friends consider important to maintaining Christian community.

The above elements are the essentials. Yes, some colleges recruit only Christian students. We allow non-Christian students to attend if they are honestly interested in our type of educational and living experience. Yes, some colleges have a dress code, require men to have short hair, etc. We tend to believe that God is more concerned about the condition of the "heart."

George Fox does have compulsory chapel (30 chapels per semester with students required to attend 21). Taylor University in Indiana has made voluntary chapel work very well.

So, what makes a college Christian? It is the ongoing commitment of individuals to a "shared vision" of men and women developing the "mind of Christ." It is preparing every student for service to others in the name of Jesus and preparing each to live and make godly decisions in an always complex and sometimes hostile world. The rules, regulations and structure are of little help if the Spirit of God is "quenched" and students are not taught to be thinking Christians.

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FACULTY NEWS

New Faculty Begin First Year at George Fox

Ten professors began teaching this fall as new full-time faculty at George Fox.

Patrick Bailey joins GFC full time as an assistant professor of health and human performance. He will be the College's baseball coach, replacing Pat Casey, who coached part time. Bailey comes to George Fox from West Linn High School, where he taught and coached for the last 11 years. He is a graduate of the University of Idaho and holds a master of education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Oregon.

Keith Drahn joined the College July 1 in a new position as director of the Boise, Idaho, branch campus and associate professor of management of human resources. A graduate of GFC, he holds a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Oregon. For the past 13 years, he has been part of the teacher education department at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho.

Bill Essig comes to George Fox from Mercy Corps International, where he was vice president of international programs since 1988. He also spent seven years working for World Concern. Essig is an assistant professor of business and economics. He graduated from Miami University, earned a diploma in Christian studies from Regent College in Vancouver, Canada, and holds a master in public administration degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

After teaching at GFC last year in a temporary faculty position, Kerry Irish has been hired to fill the tenure-track position of assistant professor of history. Irish started teaching at GFC in spring 1993 on an adjunct basis, gained regular faculty status for 1993-94, and went full time last year. A 1985 George Fox graduate, he just earned a doctorate in history from the University of Washington.

Dale Isaak joins the Health and Human Performance Department as an assistant professor and trainer. He previously was the head athletic trainer for Hopkins High School in Minnetonka, Minn., and athletic trainer for the Institute of Athletic Medicine in Minneapolis,



Bailey



Drahn



Essig



Irish



Isaak



Drahn



Essig



Irish



Isaak



Drahn

positions he held since 1991. Isaak is a 1990 graduate of Willamette University in Salem, Ore. He holds a master of science degree in physical education/athletic training from Indiana State University and a master of education degree in physical education from the University of Minnesota.

Clella Jaffe is GFC's new assistant professor of communication arts and forensics coach. A graduate of Seattle Pacific University, she earned a doctorate in educational foundations from Oregon State University. She has been involved in education her entire career, coming to George Fox College from St. John's University in Jamaica (Queens), New York, where she taught speech, communication sciences and theater since 1991.

John Natzke fills a new position as assistant professor of electrical engineering. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Milwaukee School of Engineering, a master of science degree from Marquette University, and a doctorate from the University of Michigan. Most recently, he was a postdoctoral research fellow with the University of Michigan's radiation laboratory.

Asbjorn Osland comes to George Fox from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, where he was a visiting assistant professor for the past two years. He joins the Business and Economics Department as an assistant professor. A graduate of the University of Minnesota with a master of social work degree from the University of Washington, Osland worked in the Peace Corps and spent

10 years as a field director for Foster Parents Plan International before returning to school. He earned a master of business administration degree and a doctorate from Case Western Reserve University.

Sherrie Schulke returns to her alma mater as an assistant professor of sociology/social work. The 1982 GFC graduate previously was a medical social worker at Newberg Community Hospital. Schulke's degrees include both a master of law and social policy and a master of social service from Bryn Mawr College, and a master of divinity from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has been an associate pastor, a program coordinator for an adult day care, and the social services coordinator and supervisor for several long-term care facilities. She recently was recorded as a minister by the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church.

Diane Wood of Portland was hired as an instructor of family and consumer sciences. Wood previously taught at Scappoose (Ore.) High School, where she coordinated annual student educational tours in fashion merchandising to New York City. In addition to her two years at Scappoose, she has three years of marketing experience in corporate business and eight years of teaching experience with other school districts in Oregon. She holds a bachelor of science degree in vocational home economics education from Oregon State University.

Board Awards Faculty Tenure, Promotions

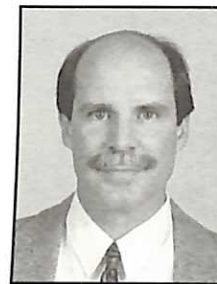
Three faculty members were awarded tenure and one received a promotion in action taken by the College's Board of Trustees.

The board approved granting tenure to Paul Anderson, associate professor of biblical and Quaker studies; Don Powers, associate professor of biology; and Mark Weinert, associate professor of history and chairperson of the Department of History and Political Science.

Richard Engnell was awarded a promotion, beginning with the 1995-96 contract year, from associate professor to full professor of communication arts.

Anderson holds a Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Glasgow University and joined GFC's faculty in 1988. Powers, who began teaching at GFC in 1989, earned a Ph.D. in physiological ecology from the University of California-Davis. Weinert received a Ph.D. in religion from Vanderbilt University and has been on GFC's faculty since 1982.

Engnell, a member of the George Fox faculty since 1978, holds a Ph.D. in speech communication from the University of California-Los Angeles.



Anderson



Powers



Weinert



Engnell

Prayer Chapel Completed, Dedicated with Start of School

Affirming that the new Prayer Chapel will serve a special role in the lives of many people, members of the George Fox community dedicated the new facility under sunny skies Friday, Sept. 1.

"Lord, we ask that you would make this a very special place to many people through the years," prayed Roy Hiebert, a retired GFC Plant Services worker who helped with the Prayer Chapel's construction as a volunteer and is known to students as "Grandpa Roy." Hiebert was one of several people representing various groups in the campus community who offered prayers during the brief noon-hour ceremony.

The six-sided, 660-square-foot Prayer Chapel borders Hess Creek Canyon on campus, with a large window area overlooking the wooded ravine. The site, east of Edwards Residence Hall, was chosen because of its aesthetic setting, relative quietness, and security for late-night use.

Construction began last spring after a room devoted to prayer was removed during the remodeling of Heacock Commons. The \$40,000 project was funded by a \$25,000 gift by an anonymous Newberg couple, \$5,000 from GFC's student government, and the remainder by the College, which provided materials and labor. Architect Russ Leach donated his services.

In opening remarks, Campus Pastor Gregg Lamm said the Prayer Chapel was the result of "many dreams and prayers. It's great to see how the Lord took the gifts of His people and blended them together with willing hearts and hands," he said.

Newberg business owner Gloria Attrell, a member of GFC's Board of Trustees,



The Prayer Chapel's location on the edge of Hess Creek Canyon gives visitors a serene setting for personal reflection and prayer.

termed the new facility "a special place for reflection and prayer."

"We ask that everyone who enters this building will be challenged to find a new vitality in their prayer life," she said in her prayer.

Others taking part in the ceremony were Jeff VandenHoek, GFC's director of residence life; Noah Stella, the student chaplain and a junior from Battle Ground, Wash.; Beth La Force, associate professor of education; Trey Doty, last year's student body president; and Denise Brooks, director of outreach and discipleship.

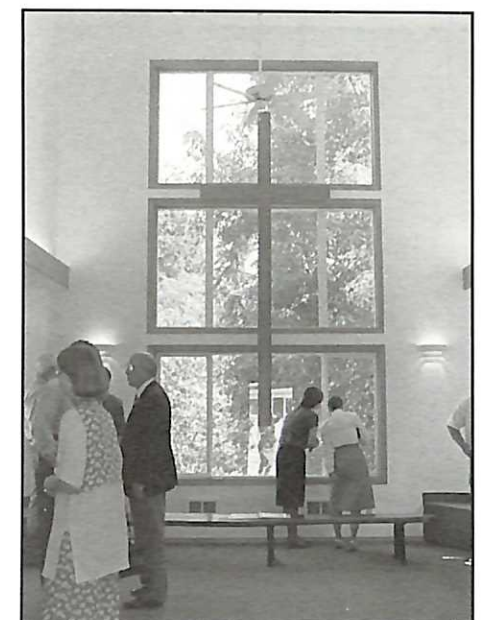
Cutting the ribbon to officially open the

Prayer Chapel were President Edward F. Stevens, Attrell and Doty.

Also unveiled was a new plaque depicting the late Paul Oppenlander, who was a GFC student when he died in a 1954 boating accident in Oregon. In 1958 a prayer room in Heacock Commons was named in his memory.

The new Prayer Chapel replaces that room, which was removed last year during remodeling of the commons.

The plaque will be placed in the new building in recognition of Oppenlander's life. Representatives of Oppenlander's family were present at the ceremony.



Guests view the inside of the Prayer Chapel following the building's dedication.



The entrance to the Prayer Chapel as it appears from between Edwards Residence Hall and Weesner Village.

Photographs by Walt Dyke Find Permanent Home on George Fox College Campus

The atrium of the new Edwards-Holman Science Center is filled with images of the Northwest landscape, thanks to a gift of large-scale color photographs worth more than \$26,000.

They come from the collection of Walt Dyke, a scientist, educator and entrepreneur who died in February. More than 160 photographs from his private McMinnville, Ore., gallery were given, including some as large as six feet across. The family gave them to George Fox as a public tribute to

Dyke's productive life and interest in the College.

Photography was a substantial freelance pastime of Dyke, the founder of Field Emissions Corporation. The state of Washington hired him for three summers to take photos for its tourist campaign, and he worked for the Great Northern Railroad capturing Glacier National Park. He taught photography at the University of Washington. After his retirement, Dyke turned his hobby into a profession, selling pictures to magazines,

calendars and businesses. His work has been used to decorate the senatorial office suites of Mark Hatfield and Slade Gorton.

Besides the atrium, the photos will be displayed in various offices and the Cap and Gown Room of Heacock Commons.

With the photographs already on public display, a ceremony thanking the family was scheduled for Oct. 14 in conjunction with the dedication of Wood-Mar Auditorium.

For the last 12 years, Dyke worked on a treatise of scientific evidence for the creation of the world as interpreted through physical evidence in the Bible. The George Fox library has received a gift of 270 books from his religion and science research library.

Dyke has been a friend to George Fox for years. Two of his children attended the College. As a trustee of the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, he was involved in the funding of three major George Fox projects: the Video Communication Center, the Murdock Learning Resource Center, and the Edwards-Holman Science Center.

Dyke earned a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Washington in 1946 and a master's degree in Christian leadership from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in 1978. His occupations included college teaching, scientific research and electronic manufacturing. During World War II he worked at the MIT radiation laboratory on developing radar. He was Oregon Governor Mark Hatfield's science adviser and helped establish what is now the Oregon Graduate Institute. He also headed the physics department at Linfield College.



Large-scale color photographs taken in the Northwest have an appropriate home in the three-story atrium connecting the Edwards-Holman Science Center to Wood-Mar Hall.

Campus Visit Days Set for Students

Prospective George Fox College students are invited to get a taste of campus life during two sets of "Bruin Preview Days" this coming school year.

High school juniors and seniors are invited to visit George Fox Nov. 9-10 and Feb. 9.

The annual campus visitation days — once known as "Friday at Fox" — also are open to college students interested in transferring to GFC.

Hosted by the admissions office, Bruin Preview Days give students an opportunity to spend a day on the George Fox campus, meet professors, and spend a night in college housing with current GFC students.

The students also can attend classes, meet with an admissions counselor, explore financial aid, and audition for drama or music scholarships.

Evening entertainment at the Nov. 9-10 Bruin Preview will be the fall drama production on Thursday and the music department's annual pops concert on Friday. Feb. 9, students can choose between the spring musical, "The Mikado," and a men's and women's basketball doubleheader.

Participation will be limited to the first 200 students to register, and a fee will cover meals, admission to the events, and a T-shirt. Housing in the College's residence halls is available.

For more information, call GFC's admissions office at 503/538-8383.

Missing Alumni

George Fox College has lost contact with the following alumni. If you could put us back in touch with them by supplying their current address, please write or call Gary Brown, Director of Alumni, George Fox College, 414 N. Meridian St., Newberg, OR, 97132, 503/538-8383, ext. 2114. Alumni are listed by classes, with their last known address.

Class of 1946

Gerald Dunagan, La Grande, Ore.
John Herrick, Tillamook, Ore.
J Wesley Murphy, League City, Texas

Class of 1956

Arnold Lee, Bainbridge Island, Wash.
Patricia Major, Tualatin, Ore.

Class of 1966

Lawrence Britton, Salem, Ore.
George Burnett, Aurora, Ore.
Lowell Bushwell, Willamina, Ore.
Esther Castle, Escondido, Calif.
Robert Craven, Lyons, Ore.
Norman Grovom, McMinnville, Ore.
Jonathan Newkirk, Cheney, Wash.
Mike Pac, Los Angeles, Calif.
Emily Richmond, Pendleton, Ore.
Gary Sweatt, Port Townsend, Wash.
Lorna Waggoner, Portland, Ore.
Donald Williams, Vancouver, Wash.

Class of 1971

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Robin Barry, Kent, Wash.
Adele Beck, Sherwood, Ore.
Kenneth Beck, Portland, Ore.
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Paul Beutler, Salem, Ore.
Ronald Burns, Portland, Ore.
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Beverly Tharp, Fort Dix, N.J.
Betty Tillotson, Philomath, Ore.
Susan Tornblade, Hillsboro, Ore.
Lois Tusant, Carleton, Texas
Don Williams, Canby, Ore.
Terry Williams, Portland, Ore.
Pamela Wittrock, Homedale, Idaho

Findley, Suttin Honored as 'Staff of the Year'

Described as "cheerful sunshine" and "consistently gracious," Patty Findley and Ron Suttin were named the College's 1995 Staff Members of the Year.

Both were presented with a plaque and \$250 by President Edward F. Stevens at a faculty/staff meeting in August.

Findley, the administrative secretary for the writing/literature and undergraduate teacher education departments, was named Support Staff Member of the Year.

She was described as a mother to the students.

"Many of them go to her for advice, consolation and friendship," said one nominator. "She is an avid supporter of students."

Beginning her 11th year at George Fox, Findley maintains relationships with students that extend beyond her office. She's a regular at George Fox athletic events and keeps the official stats for the softball team at home games.

A Newberg native, she has raised four children and now enjoys five grandchildren.

She and Jack, her husband of 35 years, support the College financially as members of the President's Council.

She has been a leader among her peers, serving on the staff development committee.

"Patty is so much more than a secretary," said another. "She is a gift to the GFC campus."

She works with 14 faculty members, answering phones, making appointments and



Findley



Suttin

handling student teacher field placements.

"We would be lost in the education department without her," says one professor. "She stays current on what is going on in education, is an encouragement to all of us in the department, and infuses the office with her wonderful sense of humor."

Says another professor: "Patty is cheerful sunshine to all who come in contact with her."

Suttin, superintendent of building systems, won the Administrative Staff Member of the Year award. He is responsible for all telephone, electric, plumbing, heating and air conditioning services on GFC's rapidly growing campus.

He joined the College in 1991 and supervises eight employees, carrying out his duties with patience in sometimes high-pressure situations.

"Ron is consistently gracious," said a nominator.

In 1993, when the telephone lines were cut during the preparations for building the College's new science building, he worked extra hours to restore service.

"That's just one example of who he is," says a co-worker. "He's always willing to go the second mile on things needing to be done."

"He is a joy to work with," an administrator wrote, "even though the problems he is called upon to solve and the work he is expected to initiate often create cranky, impatient clients. I believe Ron has one of the finest living testimonies on campus. You sense his friendship and warmth, even though he is constantly under high stress."

His service extends outside his job descriptions. He has served on the staff development committee at George Fox. Off campus, he and his wife, Michelle, are involved in children's ministries at Newberg Friends Church and perform as clowns at local churches and events.

The President's Cabinet made selections based upon job performance, unique contributions above and beyond assigned duties, personal impact on the GFC community, Christian commitment, loyalty, and leadership skills. George Fox employs 93 support staff members and an administration of 72.

Since 1986, George Fox has recognized faculty excellence with a Professor of the Year award. The GFC Employee of the Year award program is in its second year.

STUDENT NEWS

Biology Students Do Research as Murdock Scholars

Two George Fox College senior biology students have been selected as Murdock Science Scholars.

Matt Wilber of Eugene, Ore., and Nathan Sundgren of Hesperia, Calif., received \$3,000 stipends to begin research projects this past summer at the Oregon Health Sciences University's Congenital Heart Research Center. The grant pays for full-time summer work and part-time work during the school year.

Funded by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Wash., the Murdock Undergraduate Collaborative

Research Program sponsors 10 students from six Northwest independent colleges: George Fox, Lewis & Clark, Linfield, Pacific, the University of Portland, and Warner Pacific. The program encourages top college students to consider a career in research by linking them with mentors in OHSU research laboratories.

Murdock pays a \$1,000 stipend to the research mentors. Another \$1,000 is given to the student's institution.

Wilber, who works with Dr. Lori Woods, is studying how high- and low-sodium diets affect the kidney's ability to remove nitrog-

enous waste products (byproducts of protein digestion) from the blood.

Sundgren is studying, with Dr. Mike Andreson, the role of blood pressure receptors in regulating the cardiovascular system. He may use GFC's electron microscope as a tool in his research.

Last year, 1995 GFC graduate Brent Kimberly of Milwaukie, Ore., was one of six selected. He worked with Dr. Bill Holdena and Dr. George Giraud from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, studying nitric oxide in nasal passages and its relationship to blood pressure.

Keith Williams Receives Volunteer Award

There are volunteers. And there are volunteer volunteers.

D. Keith Williams is in the latter category, and it has earned him recognition as the College's 1995 Volunteer of the Year.

Williams is the "dream" of anyone trying to accomplish a task and needing additional support — the type of person who walks in and asks how he can help, said the citation honoring the Newberg resident.

Williams was given the award in a June luncheon on campus that recognized nearly 60 persons who have contributed time in campus projects ranging from construction to College mailings.

The citation notes that volunteers usually are people who are asked to serve, and then they gladly give their time and assistance. It noted that Williams has even helped without request.

Specifically mentioned is Williams' late-afternoon visit to the College's Development Office last fall. An evening phonathon was in progress. Williams visited those on duty, checked to see if he could help, and ended up going to town, purchasing pizza, and coming back to the office to distribute it to the appreciative phone volunteers.

Williams also helps in processing College mailings. This last year he was in the Development Office "back rooms" 11 times. Also helping was his wife, Alyce, whom he married in 1945.

Together they also support the College as members of the President's Council, an organization of regular donors to George Fox. That interest in strengthening the financial base of GFC is shared not just in personal



Keith Williams (left) is introduced by Don Millage, vice president for business affairs, as the College's Volunteer of the Year for 1995.

support but through volunteer leadership. A 1948 graduate of the College, Williams served as a class agent in 1974, then again in 1983, encouraging his classmates to give to George Fox. In 1991 the pair assisted in the launching of GFC's Centennial Campaign that eventually raised \$14.4 million for the College.

Williams' interest in George Fox has been long-standing. For example, in a 1978 letter he wrote, "I have a real love for the College and (its) training of young

people...." Since moving to Newberg in 1987, he has an opportunity to share that appreciation directly with his alma mater.

The volunteer spirit carries over to other organizations as well. He's found time to assist at the Tilikum Retreat Center and to serve as a member of the board for the Chehalem House.

As a college student, Williams participated in dramatics, deputation teams and in three sports and was named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Alumni Directory

Get your copy of this complete listing of George Fox College alumni in alphabetical, class, geographical and occupational listings.

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Newberg, OR 97132-2697

Nominations Sought for Alumni Awards

Each year the Alumni Association honors one person as the Alumnus/Alumna of the Year and several other alumni as Distinguished Young Alumni. Award winners are recognized during Homecoming.

This honors program currently is being studied and revised, and both your ideas and your nominees for special recognition by the association are being solicited. If you submit a nomination, it must be accompanied by your name and supporting information of the nominee's worthiness of recognition.

The College's most reliable source of information is you. Please help us identify those alumni who are deserving of special recognition by their alma mater.

ALUMNI NOTES

Roy (G66) and Karen (Thornburg) (n65) McConaughy have resigned as pastors at Park Center Friends Church, Boise, Idaho. Roy is planning to go back into teaching in the public schools.

Ernest Martin (G70) participated this summer in a C.S. Lewis case study at University College, Oxford University, and then in a British cultural history course at Queen's College, Cambridge University. Upon the completion of his Oxford studies, he will travel to London to stay at the Carlton Club for a briefing on U.S. and British business relations by Tory party representatives.

Linda Nixon (G72) is practicing family medicine at 14th Avenue Medical Center, Othello, Wash., with special interests in women's health and pediatrics.

Carol (Seibert) Kelley (G77) received fourth place in the Gospel Song category in a nationwide songwriting contest sponsored by the Fort Bend (Texas) Songwriter's Association.

Bob Davenport (G80) is a partner in Worldwide Solutions, Inc., a business providing global technology solutions for business problems. He and his wife, LaNel, and their four children live in Boulder, Colo.

Wes Friesen (G80) was recently selected as City University's Teacher of the Year and honored at the June 24 commencement exercises. City University is headquartered in Seattle and has class sites in three states and seven countries. Wes is a senior business analyst for Portland General Electric.

Doug Linscott (G80) is now with Covenant Players, a Christian theater company based in Oxnard, Calif., which tours the U.S. and Canada.

Eileen (McDougal) Truitt (n82) is attending the University of Alaska to obtain her teaching credentials in elementary education. She also is working on her master's degree in educational technology and should have both her credentials and master's complete in the winter of 1996.

Steve Vernon (G82) is a local area network (LAN) administrator for Aetna Health Plans, Leawood, Kan. His wife, **Ilene (Boersma) (n85)**, is a paraprofessional (early childhood special education) for Somerset Elementary School, Prairie Village, Kan.

Terri (Weber) Sturgill (G83) has been promoted to manager of employment and equal employment opportunities (EEO) for the human resources department at Peoples Gas Company, Tampa, Fla.

Sheri (Dejmal) Hagen (G84) lives in Susanville, Calif., where she teaches private flute and piano lessons and sells Tupperware.

Jeffrey Peyton (G84) has been named artistic director of the Third Angle New Music Ensemble, Portland. He also is principal percussionist of the Eugene (Ore.) Symphony Orchestra and a frequent performer with the Oregon Symphony.

Paul Davis (G85) is a national account manager for the Frito-Lay Company, Dallas, Texas, overseeing the food service and vending division.

Matt (G86) and Janet (Jordan) (G88) Carlsen are serving at the Numonohi School in Papua, New Guinea, with New Tribes Mission.

Deb Horn (G86) is working on her master of divinity degree at Multnomah Biblical Seminary, Portland, and hopes to become a medical chaplain.

Ted Smith (G86) is senior pastor at Minneapolis (Minn.) Free Methodist Church. He previously was assistant pastor at Barstow (Calif.) Free Methodist Church for four years.

Dave (G87) and Chrystal (Schmeltzer) (G88) Frazier are both third-grade teachers for the Oregon City (Ore.) School District. They both earned their master of science in education degrees from Western Oregon State College.

David Nevue (G87) lives in Eugene, Ore., and provides technical support on CompuServe, America Online and the Internet for Symantec Corporation. He also plays piano at local coffee shops and restaurants and just released his second recording of original piano music. His wife, **Julie (Isaac) (G90)**, is a quality management analyst for Select Care Health Plans in Eugene. She also volunteers as a communications liaison in the Intensive Care Unit at Sacred Heart Medical Center, Eugene.

Tim Graham (G90) received the 1A-2A Girl's Coach of the Year Award for all sports at the Oregon Coaches Association Banquet held in Eugene, Ore., in May. Tim coaches high school athletics and teaches fifth grade in St. Paul, Ore.

Tiffany (Thompson) Tweedy (G90) is a product analyst for Sabre Travel Information Network, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Rich Swingle (G91) recently supplied more than 20 voices, including Jesus, Adam, the Serpent and Pharaoh, to characters of Sony and Jumbo Picture's video series, "The Beginner's Bible."

Pamela (Inman) Robinson (G93) is currently teaching eighth-grade math at Evergreen Junior High School, Hillsboro, Ore.

MARRIAGES

Bruce Baldwin (G86) and Michiko Kamatsu, July 15, 1995, in Japan.

Jeff Coleman (G93) and **Jennifer Mandeville (G95)**, Aug. 13, 1994, in Lincoln, Calif.

Charles Harrell (G93) and **Crystal Clark (G94)**, Aug. 20, 1995, in Vancouver, Wash.

Christy Matsumura (G93) and **Jeff Nelson (G95)**, Aug. 19, 1995, in Kapaa, Hawaii.

Steven Prewitt (G93) and **Jennifer Ashbaugh (G95)**, May 6, 1995, in Battle Ground, Wash.

Dani Rose (n93) and **Jill Condit**, June 24, 1995, in Portland.

Teresa Sivley (G93) and **Jason Derting (n89)**, July 7, 1995, in Portland.

Cindy Good (G94) and **Brent Kimberly (G95)**, May 6, 1995, in Portland.

Jason Strait (G94) and **Anna Helsabeck**, June 30, 1995, in Newberg.

Trey Doty (G95) and **Stephanie Sabin (student)**, July 21, 1995, in Vancouver, Wash.

Beth Esser (G95) and **Mark Badura**, Aug. 5, 1995, in Medford, Ore.

Betsy Monlezun (G95) and **Trevor Smith (G95)**, Aug. 26, 1995, in McMinnville, Ore.

Sarah Morse (G95) and **Matthew Plies**, July 22, 1995, in Portland.

Greg Pfleger (G95) and **Jennifer Taylor (n96)**, May 13, 1995, in Beaverton, Ore.

Cynthia Pochelec (G95) and **Travis Dick**, Aug. 12, 1995, in Grants Pass, Ore.

Carrie Yntema (G95) and **Ian Reschke (student)**, May 6, 1995, in Vancouver, Wash.

Angela Hale (n96) and **Larry Bailey (n96)**, May 6, 1995, in Gresham, Ore.

BIRTHS

Lynn (G82) and **Gwen Ford**, a girl, Geneva May, March 24, 1995, in Vancouver, Wash.

Robert (G83) and **Rosalie (Gooding) (n83) Baugh**, a boy, Steven Paul, May 31, 1995, in Portland.

Shaun (G83) and **Diane (Hansen) (G86) McNay**, a girl, Libby Christina, Jan. 12, 1995, in Salem.

Lorna (Martin) (G83) and **Price Northcutt**, a boy, Josiah Martin, June 7, 1995, in Portland.

Lanna (Rod) (n84) and **Mark Friedrich**, a boy, Derek Matthew, Feb. 3, 1995, in Lake Stevens, Wash.

Todd (G84) and **Kiersten (Young) (n86) Miller**, a boy, Christian Alexander, July 10, 1995, in San Diego, Calif.

Paul (G85) and **Karen Davis**, an adopted girl, Kimberly DeLynn, Nov. 30, 1994, in Dallas, Texas.

Dixie (Schoonover) (G85) and **Scott Downey**, a boy, Maxwell Case, Aug. 2, 1995, Tualatin, Ore.

Nolan (G85) and **Lori Hostetler**, a boy, Jesse Daniel, May 3, 1995, in Vancouver, Wash.

Cynthia (Duke) (n85) and **Mark Wickman**, a girl, Rachel Ruth, June 20, 1995, in Medford, Ore.

Jane (Harris) (n86) and **Blaine Ray**, a girl, Breanna Christine, June 21, 1995, in Portland.

Dave (G87) and **Gina Elkins**, a boy, Daniel Alexander, Feb. 24, 1995, in Colton, Calif.

Tim (G87) and **Laura (Pedersen) (G88) Dillon**, a girl, Zoey Jean, June 1, 1995, in Salem, Ore.

Dave (G87) and **Chrystal (Schmeltzer) (G88) Frazier**, a boy, Nathan Charles, June 29, 1995, in Clackamas, Ore.

Erin (Heasley) (G90) and **Edward Knoch**, a girl, Melissa Anne, May 26, 1995, in Anchorage, Alaska.

Colleen (Thomas) (G90) and **Jeffrey (MHR91) McCombs**, a girl, Chelsea Lynn, May 9, 1995, in Portland.

Lori (Davis) (G90) and **Eugene Russell**, a boy, Preston Willie, Jan. 22, 1995, in Fayetteville, N.C.

Kelley (G90) and **Nancy (Edmison) (G90) Swarat**, a girl, Kayla Elizabeth, Oct. 30, 1994, in Pendleton, Ore.

Steve (n91) and **Marci (G92) Harrel**, a girl, Emily Renae, Aug. 6, 1995, in Portland.

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

Linda (Funderhide) (G91) and **Kurt Rasor**, a girl, Taylor Jane, July 20, 1995, in Tualatin, Ore.

Tim (G92) and **Caroline Harris**, a boy, Tyler Timothy, June 11, 1995, in Forest Grove, Ore.

Heather (G95) and **Dale Kentner**, a boy, Tyler Allen, June 11, 1995, in Newberg.

DEATHS

Sanford Brown (G29) passed away July 15, 1995, in McMinnville, Ore.

Julia (Fuchs) Twigg (n35) passed away July 3, 1995, in Gaston, Ore.

D. Ernest Stephens (n50) passed away July 1, 1995, in Bellevue, Wash.

Peggy (Crisman) Cadd (n52) passed away Aug. 5, 1995, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Bob Hadlock (G70) passed away July 27, 1995, in Nepal.

Greg Wilson (G87) passed away July 9, 1995, while traveling home from Promise Keepers in Seattle, Wash.

Andres Peacock (n97) passed away July 17, 1995, in Portland, Ore.

Heart Attack Claims Bob Hadlock, GFC's First Pro Draft Pick

Bob Hadlock, the College's first athlete selected in a professional draft, died July 27 in the Himalayan mountain country of Nepal.

Hadlock, a 1970 George Fox graduate and former football player, and his wife, Camille, were leading 35 teenagers on a trip sponsored by Teen Missions International, a Christian outreach group. He died at the age of 48 of a heart attack during a noon staff meeting. The group was doing a construction project for a church near the capital city of Katmandu.

Hadlock was inducted into the NAIA District 2 Player Hall of Fame in 1981. After being named an All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, he was drafted by the Detroit Lions in the 12th round of the National Football League draft in 1970. From Franklin High School in Seattle, he was a 6-foot-6, 265-pound defensive tackle and center for GFC.

Hadlock was a three-sport athlete at George Fox. He won three track NAIA All-American awards in shot put and also played basketball.

After a short stint of semi-professional football, Hadlock went into Christian youth work full time and was employed during his career in Yakima, Wash.; Grants Pass, Ore.; Walla Walla, Wash.; and Merritt Island, Fla. He served as an assistant football coach at Grants Pass High School from 1978 to 1988.

He has led overseas teen mission trips since 1985 and worked full time for Teen Missions International since 1988.

Hadlock is survived by his wife and four daughters: Tracy, Carrie, Jodi and Heather.

BRUIN SPORTS

Varsity Tennis Programs to Begin This Spring

Everything is set for men's and women's tennis to become varsity sports this spring at George Fox.

Two coaches have been hired, teams are being selected, and new courts are in place.

Mark Sendelback, varsity girls' tennis coach at Glencoe High School last season, will head up the men's team, and Scott Rueck will trade his GFC women's basketball assistant coaching duties for the head women's tennis job.

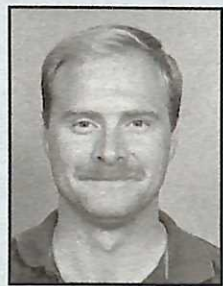
Sendelback, a former University of Oregon varsity tennis player, coached the Glencoe girls' team to a 7-5 record last year. In 1993, he served as an assistant for the same program. His coaching experience also includes a stint as assistant coach of the varsity boys' tennis team at Churchill High School in 1988.

He currently is a tennis instructor at the Hillsboro Park and Recreation Department and a physical education specialist at Peter Boscaw Elementary School, Hillsboro.

This summer he directed an 80-player tennis camp in Hillsboro.

He has served as an assistant tennis professional at Sunset Athletic Club and ran a recreational program for Hillsboro youth from 1991 to 1993.

Sendelback is a 1983 graduate of Glencoe High School, where he lettered



Sendelback



Rueck

three years in tennis and advanced to the state tournament in doubles. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

Rueck also is a Glencoe High School product, graduating in 1987. He attended Oregon State University, earning a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science in 1991 and a master of arts degree in physical education teaching in 1992.

Rueck joined the George Fox women's basketball coaching staff as an assistant in 1993 after serving as an assistant boys' basketball coach at Santiam Christian High School. He currently teaches physical education at Renne Middle School in Newberg.

Practice already has begun on campus, and both squads have about 20 athletes trying out for 12 spots. Although preseason matches are played in late September and October, the official season does not begin

until spring.

In a \$180,000 project during the summer of 1994, GFC built five new courts to replace two courts constructed in the early '60s. The courts are surfaced with a polyacrylic composite, "Plexipave," and are located at the south end of Colcord Field.

In addition to varsity competition and class use, the new courts will be available to the public as part of a cooperative agreement with the Chehalem Park and Recreational District, which gave \$30,000 towards construction.

George Fox joined the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (NCIC) this fall and needed to add one men's sport to meet membership guidelines. The Northwest Conference is made up of Lewis & Clark College, Linfield College, Pacific University, Pacific Lutheran University, Whitworth College, Whitman College and Willamette University. Currently, NCIC schools hold dual membership in NCAA Division III and the NAIA.

The addition of men's and women's tennis gives GFC 13 sports — seven for women and six for men. George Fox offers baseball for men, volleyball and softball for women, and soccer, basketball, cross country, and track and field for both men and women.

Softball Dugouts Built with Davis Memorial Gifts

Despite their recent tragic deaths, former GFC softball coaches Chris and Diane Davis will be remembered on their home field.

The Chris and Diane Davis Memorial Dugouts were built this spring with donations from their family and friends. The Volunteers on Wheels donated their time to put up the covered cinder-block structures. A total of \$2,355 was given for the dugouts.

Following their deaths, a memorial scholarship fund was set up. It sparked 115 donations, one of the largest groups of givers for a memorial fund in George Fox history. The current balance is \$23,311.

Both Davises were George Fox athletes. A 1983 graduate, Chris spent two years as a shortstop on the Bruin baseball team and four years as an assistant softball coach. He held the head softball coaching position during the 1989, 1991 and 1992 seasons. He died Aug. 4, 1994, after a five-year fight with chronic pro-



In addition to these dugouts, a scholarship fund was set up in memory of the Davises.

gressive multiple sclerosis. His death came eight days short of his 34th birthday.

Chris met his wife — also a shortstop — at George Fox. They were married in 1987. A 1986 graduate, Diane was a three-sport standout. She earned all-district honors in volleyball and softball and started on the

basketball squad. On Sept. 18, 1991, she died after being struck by a truck two miles northwest of Newberg while training for a triathlon competition. In addition to teaching at Open Bible Christian School, she was an assistant softball and volleyball coach at George Fox.

Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations Wanted

Nominees are being sought for the inaugural George Fox College Athletic Hall of Fame.

The first class of inductees will be selected on the basis of having brought distinction, honor and excellence to the George Fox athletic program. Nominees must have graduated from or left the George Fox athletic department a minimum of 10 years ago to be eligible.

A selection committee of 14 will accept nominations in five categories: athlete, coach, athletic staff, team and meritorious service. The charter inductees will be honored during Homecoming weekend, Feb. 15-17, 1996. Nominations are due by Nov. 15.

To request a nomination form, contact Associate Director of Athletics Hal Adrian at 503/538-8383 ext. 2922 or by mail at George Fox College Athletic Department, 414 N. Meridian St., Newberg, OR, 97132.



The view of the remodeled Wood-Mar Auditorium from the stage.

Wood-Mar: Auditorium Completed

(Continued from page 1) tration building is completed.

The College master plan had called for demolition of Wood-Mar Hall because of its age and condition and the concern that it might not withstand a significant earthquake. Plans to raze the building brought an outcry from alumni and community members.

Now Wood-Mar Hall is buttressed by the

new science building and has reinforcing supports placed throughout the building itself. The original cornice, removed in 1975 because it was disintegrating, has been restored. Remodeling the top floor of the building reduced by nearly \$2 million the amount the College expected to spend on a new theater.

Ranking: GFC Moves Up in Overall Listing

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George Fox is the only Oregon college listed in its category. It is one of four members of the 13-member national Christian College Consortium selected for national ranking.

In moving up in its overall rating, the College held its own in the academic reputation category and in the category of student retention (11th). It moved up from 16th to seventh in the student selectivity category and from 26th to 16th in faculty resources. In alumni satisfaction, the shift was from seventh to eighth, and in financial aid resources, the change was from eighth to 17th.

The rankings combine statistical data with the results of an exclusive U.S. News survey of some 1,400 four-year colleges and universities. This year the magazine asked presidents, deans and admissions directors of those institutions to rate all institutions in the same category as their own. A record 2,700 responded, a rate of 67 percent.

To determine a college's overall rank, the reputational rankings are combined with data provided by the colleges themselves. The regional liberal arts colleges category consists of 423 institutions that award 60 percent of baccalaureate degrees in occupational, technical and professional fields and tend to be less selective than national liberal arts colleges.

Stevens said he expects George Fox will change categories in the near future and may lose the continuing U.S. News recognition. "Our academic reputation will continue to be strong, but we will be in another reference group with those who have a much stronger financial base," he said.

The magazine bases its groups on that of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which sets higher education's official standard of academic categories. George Fox's rapid enrollment growth, addition of graduate programs and larger budgets are pushing it to a different level, Stevens said.

GFC this fall has a record enrollment that tops 1,700 for the first time, up 212 percent from 549 students in 1986. The College now offers five graduate degrees and has started a branch campus in Boise to augment its degree-completion programs already offered in Portland, Salem and Eugene.