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# FAITH

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## Accrediting Associations Give Two Thumbs Up Following Merger

The associations that award accreditation to universities and seminaries say George Fox University and Western Evangelical Seminary have passed the checkups required after their July merger.

The associations also passed out compliments following their visits.

The Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges reaffirmed accreditation for the entire university, saying it "noted with pleasure the efficient and effective merger" of George Fox College and the seminary and the "positive results for both institutions, students and faculty."

The accreditation review was triggered by the merger. George Fox had a full-scale accreditation review in 1994, but the merger was considered a "major substantive change" by the commission, requiring a focused interim visit.

"We were quite positively impressed with the benefits both George Fox College and Western Evangelical Seminary have realized already through their merger," said review chairman Robert B. Smith, assistant to the president at Weber State University, Utah.

Smith said that, through interviews with trustees and faculty, the review committee "found GFU's assertion of compatible missions between GFC and WES well substantiated." He reported faculties on both campuses expressed pleasure at discovering values they hold in common.

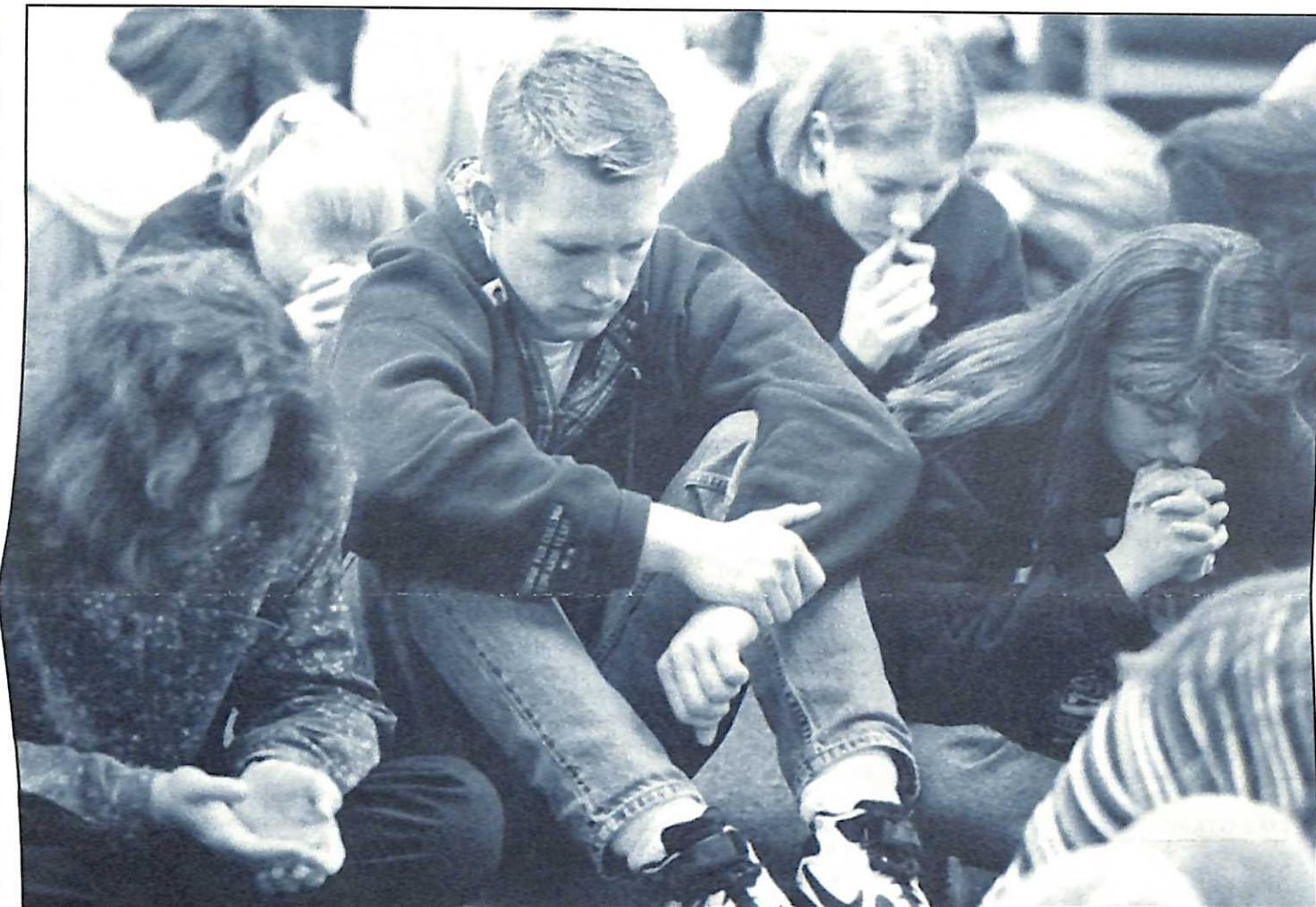
The commission now recommends that a single mission statement be developed for the University.

According to the commission, the growth at George Fox has benefited all programs—both graduate and undergraduate. "We found no evidence that expanding GFC graduate programs in recent years have drained resources from the undergraduate programs," the report stated.

"Rather, faculty in departments directly affected by the growth feel that enhancement of library holdings and operating hours, as well as the possibility for more specialized teaching by faculty, actually have improved the quality of undergraduate programs."

The committee said it was pleased to find that "despite the recent growth of graduate programs, GFU faculty remain committed to undergraduate students." Then it noted: "We detected a sense of breathlessness and feelings of a need for time to absorb recent changes."

The report says that George Fox's  
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Students spend time in prayer during Greenroom, a voluntary praise and worship chapel held every Friday morning. A spiritual movement on campus has led students to participate in worship and ministry opportunities in unprecedented numbers.

## Serious About Their Faith

*Students Initiate More Times for Worship and Prayer in Response to Growing Spiritual Hunger*

College and university students often wind up "pulling all-nighters" to study.

But students staying up all night simply to seek God? Fully voluntarily?

And on a Friday night?

Dozens of George Fox University students did just that, and hundreds more joined with them for at least part of the long night.

It's only one sign of an extraordinary spiritual sensitivity among the University's students this year. Students say it just reflects a desire to be serious about their faith.

The March 7-8 prayer gathering in Heacock Commons was just one of the student-led, voluntary activities reflecting the campus-wide spiritual intensity. Throughout the current academic year, students have initiated worship and ministry opportunities in unprecedented numbers.

Eileen Hulme, George Fox's new vice president for student life, says it's all a great delight to observe. Hulme came to the University last summer after two years as interim associate vice president and dean of students at a state school in Texas, and the opportunity to work at a Christian college is exciting to her in itself. But Hulme is also a graduate of two Christian schools—one in Texas and one in California—

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EILEEN HULME

Vice President for Student Life

and by comparison, she is even more excited by what she sees at George Fox.

"George Fox really is a different place," she said. "Students here are more willing to take responsibility and be more concerned about the George Fox community than the students are at the other places."

She emphasizes that the spiritual movement, while enthusiastically supported by administration, clearly is being initiated by the students themselves at the apparent prompting of God.

"People are not just sitting back and waiting for administrators and student leaders to meet their needs," she said. "If they hear the call, they pursue it. I see it happening all over campus."

The University still offers mandatory chapel services on Monday and Wednesday mornings. But on Friday mornings, there is again a separate program where students gather for a time

of praise and worship and to hear a speaker, yet gain no chapel credit.

The program, called "Greenroom," began more than a decade ago in the room of the same name at Bauman Auditorium. The gathering outgrew that location and moved into the basement of the Student Union Building, but the recent surge of student interest has forced it to seek a yet-larger location that can accommodate hundreds.

Started this year on Sunday nights, a program called "Over the Edge" draws students who can't make it to church in the morning or who just need a time of prayer and fellowship. Usually the speaker is a student, faculty or staff member at the University. Most of the one-hour event held in Heacock Commons is devoted to prayer and singing.

The newest opportunity offered to students is a Wednesday night praise-and-worship session. The Wednesday session was started after students sensed a need for a midweek praise time and wanted more student gatherings. The group is small, but the entire time is devoted to singing. It is a relaxed worship format organized and led by different students each week.

There is also an increase in student involvement in off-campus ministry activities. Each

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## Review: Chairman Impressed with Benefits of Merger

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expansion into graduate programs in the last several years already had begun raising expectations for faculty scholarly and professional achievement. "The merger and simultaneous name change to 'university' are reinforcing this trend, which also is being strongly encouraged by trustees," the committee said.

It also called for a university-wide effort to define new expectations for faculty performance, and to clarify the appropriate roles of faculty, administration and trustees in the governance structure.

The commission also praised the George Fox Board of Trustees for its "strong sense of mission" in making decisions on programs and ensuring that they are offered at a high level of quality.

In addressing finance, physical plant and equipment issues, the review committee said George Fox's "long tradition of outstanding fiscal management equipped it well to handle the complexities of the merger, and there is ample evidence of its expertise having paid off."

"We commend the manner in which merger financing was structured, not only to avoid unnecessary costs, but to meet pre-existing needs of both institutions," the report said.

In a separate interim review of the seminary, following a 1993 visit, the 1996 committee commended seminary administration and faculty for "outstanding dedication to students." It said faculty should continue to review programs to maintain and extend academic quality and rigor.

WES also received a stamp of approval from the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). Formal notification was received in March.

To receive ATS accreditation, WES was required to demonstrate competency in its faculty, library, finances, classrooms and curriculum.

More than 250 schools in English-speaking countries around the world are accredited by ATS, the only accrediting body for seminaries.

## University President Chosen as WES Dean

The president of the University of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has been named the new dean of George Fox University's Western Evangelical Seminary.

Thomas F. Johnson, president of Sioux Falls for nine years, is leaving that position to take over the seminary post July 1.

Johnson, 51, has a Ph.D. in biblical theology from Duke University, a master of theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a master of divinity degree in biblical studies from Fuller Theological Seminary. He has a bachelor's degree in humanities from Wayne State University.

He will replace Acting Dean William H. Vermillion, a WES professor of pastoral studies who accepted the role last summer when the seminary became a part of George Fox University as a fourth school.

Johnson was selected following a nationwide search and interview of three finalists by a search committee. He will guide the Portland-based seminary of 300

students as it celebrates its 50th year this fall.

In leaving the college presidency, Johnson will step down from his position as vice chair of the national Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities, and from his leadership of that organization's Student Academic Programs Committee that guides programs in Washington, D.C., the Mideast and Latin America.

As dean, Johnson will become the seventh member of the George Fox President's Cabinet of senior officers and will report to President Edward F. Stevens. Stevens also came to George Fox from the University of Sioux Falls, in 1983. At Sioux Falls, Stevens was chief development and institutional advancement officer from 1974 to 1979, and executive assistant to the president and associate professor of business from 1980 to 1983.

Johnson's wife, Michele, will join the George Fox University faculty as an associ-

ate professor of business. She has taught accounting at the University of Sioux Falls for the last 12 years, twice honored with its Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award.

Prior to becoming president at Sioux Falls, Johnson was at North American Baptist Seminary, also located in Sioux Falls, for five years as professor of New Testament and biblical studies. Previously, he had served at Sioux Falls as academic vice president and assistant professor of religious studies for five years.

Of the selection, Stevens said: "We had three outstanding final candidates, and we were pleased that Tom became a candidate. He originally had thought that he wanted to move completely from administration to be a full-time faculty member, but finally he became persuaded that this is something the Lord would have him to do.

"Obviously, I am delighted. He is qualified beyond any reasonable expectations."

## Faith: 'Greenroom' Outgrows Space, Students Organize Other Gatherings

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week, students go into Portland to share the gospel and talk with the homeless. More than 20 students are involved in this ministry, started last year by the student government's Urban Services Committee.

Now in its fifth year, the "Big Bruin/Little Bruin" program, which is patterned after the nationally known "Big Brother/Big Sister" program, also has more participants. About 100 George Fox students signed up to be matched with a youth in one of the local area's elementary or middle schools—and initially, there were more George Fox volunteers than there were youngsters available.

"The program has become so big, I think there should be more than one person who organizes everything," said program coordinator Anna Stone. "It is truly an awesome ministry that has outgrown itself."

Campus Pastor Gregg Lamm sees a simple reason for the increased student interest in worship and service. Lamm believes it's not due to greater enrollment or increased opportunities. He says people are simply hungry spiritually.

"The community, churches and students are hungry for the fruits of the Spirit to be grown in them and lived through them—and in their hunger, they are looking for ways to be fed," he said. "Sleeping people are waking up. They are realizing that spiritual maturity is a goal worth committing their heads and hearts to. It's a time of growth and an acknowledgment of the power of prayer."

Jeff Simons, student chaplain and a junior from Glendora, Calif., agrees with Lamm. "When my committee and I prayed for direction for the year, we decided to make unity our mission statement, and it has been amazing to

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SARAH LAWRENCE  
Freshman

see students seeking the same," he says. "Worship and prayer seem to be on the hearts of many, and hopefully by bringing together the students, faculty and administration, we can achieve unity and peace with God."

Another goal for Simons was more praise and worship opportunities. "Music is an important key element to worship," he said. To fill the students' need for more praise time, Simons and student body president Scott Wade set up the Wednesday night praise and worship session.

Simons also has been influential in putting together a chapel band, which has helped lighten the atmosphere of different activities. The band provides the worship music for chapel and Over the Edge. Students acknowledge that is one reason why they go to different functions.

"The praise band is awesome. If I hear they are going to be somewhere, I am there," said Sarah Anderson, a freshman from Clatskanie, Ore.

This semester Simons also initiated a program to gain feedback from students regarding chapel and non-required spiritual activities. Anonymous questionnaires have been given to more than 20 student leaders to evaluate each program and the overall student response. So

far, this program has been helpful in pinpointing needs, and most feedback has been positive.

Sarah Lawrence, a freshman from Boise, Idaho, was among the SIMM (Students in Missions and Ministry) club members who planned the all-night prayer gathering. She said the event grew out of a realization by students that it was time to be serious about their faith.

"Last semester, myself and a whole bunch of other people felt that we were attending a Christian college, but 'playing' Christian and not really committing ourselves to God," she recalled.

The all-night event also included worship music, student speakers, a presentation by Professor Loren Van Tassel, as well as a video about the persecution of Christians overseas and a "prayer walk" in which participants fanned out around campus to pray over specific buildings and offices.

Between 250 and 300 people took part in at least part of the events, and about 50 stayed until the conclusion at 5 a.m.

"We were so excited," said Lawrence. "You could totally tell that God was there."

That excitement about the spiritual climate on campus continues, she said. "This semester people seem to be more concerned and on fire for God. We are really praying. We don't want what's happened this semester to die out over the summer."

Hulme expects that the spiritual fires lit this year on campus won't die but will actually spread as the students eventually leave college life and take their faith into a needy world.

"They're learning to listen directly to the voice of God," she said. "If they're doing it here, then they're going to do it after they graduate."

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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

The story is true. As the old Dragnet radio show (we didn't have TV in Upton, Wyo., in the '50s) would say, "...the names have been changed to protect the innocent..." Actually, I have changed more than the names—but it still is a true story.

I was speaking at a church dinner, which is not a new experience for me. But it was a church that had been given my name as a potential speaker by the friend of a friend, so I didn't know anyone in the church.

A man sat down next to me at the meal and introduced himself. Then he said, "I have so much admiration and respect for George Fox because of what you did for a foster son of ours." And then he told me the story.

Charlie was 15 when he came to live with them. He had been in a home for "troubled youth." He had a background of physical and sexual abuse, parental ne-



Edward F. Stevens

glect, and a few other less-than-desirable things in his young life. He had been referred to the couple by a man who attended his church and who was a coach at the nearby high school. The couple's other children were out of the home, so they gave Charlie their expectations, and he agreed to come and live with them.

While he didn't have the "church look" (haircut, clean clothes, etc.), he went to church with them the first Sunday because it was one of the expectations. Charlie was pretty sure he would not fit in and certainly would never be acceptable to God with his shady past. Then another young person stood and shared how she had come out of similar "darkness into the Light." Charlie asked Christ into his life that day.

A couple of years later, the foster dad related, they decided to bring Charlie to visit George Fox College. He was a good student but never had considered college. "Your admissions and financial aid people did such a great job with Charlie. They made him feel welcome and wanted—and made him a good offer of financial aid. He decided to attend."

A couple of days before he enrolled, his birth mother called and told him how proud

she was that he was going to college. She hung up the phone and committed suicide within minutes of the call.

"But George Fox was just the right environment for Charlie," the foster father continued. "He flourished academically, socially, and spiritually. He was literally transformed in his four years at Fox. You would not believe he is the same person who enrolled. Now he is working in a job where he helps troubled young people. We will forever be grateful to the George Fox faculty and staff."

I went to speak because I thought there was an outside chance that I might be a blessing to one person at the church. Instead, I got blessed—BIG! And those of you reading this should accept your share of the credit and the blessing for the way lives are changed at George Fox. You give. You pray. You care deeply. You say good things about us. You send us your sons and daughters.

Thanks for being an important part of our educational ministry so I can hear the stories of successful lives.

*Ed*



# FACULTY NEWS

## The End of an Era

*Ralph Beebe, Longtime History Professor at George Fox, Retires After 25 Years*

Carmen Guerricagotia nominated Ralph Beebe in a student e-mail discussion about which George Fox professors have the best classes.

Ron Mock said Beebe is the one he tries to emulate as a teacher.

Matt Clemons recalled Beebe's legendary tradition of having students in his "America and the World" class stand and together sing all 12 verses of "Yankee Doodle."

Moments like those explain why the George Fox Board of Trustees awarded Beebe the title Professor Emeritus of History upon his retirement this year. President Edward F. Stevens presented him with the lifetime honor during the University's spring commencement ceremony May 4.

Yet Beebe's 25 years of service to George Fox almost never happened. Back in 1967, he was ready to give up on his dream of earning a doctorate in history and returning to his alma mater to teach. It had been 10 years since he was admitted to the University of Oregon's Ph.D. program, but tight finances, family responsibilities and a high school teaching job meant completing graduate school one class at a time.

Frustrated and ready to quit, he got some advice from his wife.

"Wanda said, 'Let's pray about this,'" Beebe recalled. "If it's the Lord's will you go to school, we'll do everything we can to get back to school. If it isn't the Lord's will, drop the idea of getting the Ph.D."

He took his wife's advice, and shortly thereafter he was granted a second master's degree, his advisor encouraged him to stay in school and get a Ph.D., the Eugene (Ore.) School District awarded him a sabbatical, and he was accepted for a new doctoral program combining education and history.

"God just opened those doors," Beebe said. "All I had to do was walk through."

Beebe completed his Ph.D. in 1972. Two years later, there was an opening for a history professor, and he's been at George Fox ever since.

Teaching history isn't the only role Beebe has played at his alma mater, however. Since 1992 he has

served as the assistant director of the Center for Peace Learning. While a student in the early 1950s, he coached football and junior varsity basketball for two years. And from 1955 to 1957 he was the Dean of Men, head resident of the men's dormitory, Director of Athletics, head (and only) coach of football, basketball and baseball, and instructor of health and physical education.

"The big decision at that time was whether to teach history or to coach," Beebe said. "That decision was made somewhere in my second year. I loved coaching and really enjoyed the relationships with students, but it just seemed my deeper interest was in history."

Despite his choice, relationships with students have characterized Beebe's teaching career.

Ron Mock, who now teaches history and political science at George Fox and directs the Center for Peace Learning, remembers

spending evenings at the Beebes' home as a student, watching election returns on TV and eating Wanda's cookies.

"Ralph embodied for me the caring scholar," Mock said. "He cared about his students but worked hard to teach well. He and (business professor) Tom Head were the first

to role play scenarios when I was an undergraduate, and that's become a hallmark of my teaching. But the main thing is he showed me how a professor can relate to students and take an interest in students' lives. Teaching is not just a matter of the classroom but a matter of relationships with students."

In a letter to Beebe, Laurie

(Stanhope) Ankeny wrote of the impact such a relationship could have. "Your warmth, understanding and acceptance was always evident—not based on performance but based on God's Love. You really let me know you cared."

Beebe is also known and loved for his teaching style.

"He's very concerned that all students get involved in discussions, that everyone partici-

pates," history major and 1993 graduate Matt Clemons said. "He's interested in hearing a lot of different viewpoints and making sure different sides of the issue are looked at."

Kevin Dougherty, a 1993 communication arts graduate, took Latin American history from Beebe his senior year. "I

was very sad I never came across Ralph Beebe earlier in my college career," he said. "I realized just what type of a gem he was as an instructor."

Dougherty and Clemons both praised Beebe's practice of allowing students to choose their own means of evaluation. "He gives students a lot of freedom to get points in different ways," Clemons explained. "If they're good writers, they can write. If they'd rather give verbal presentations, they can do that."

Another distinctive of Beebe's teaching is his reliance on guest speakers. His spring semester class on "The Vietnam Experience" brings in Vietnam veterans to address the students.

"He's a very strong pacifist," Carmen Guerricagotia said, "but he recognizes that his opinion is not

the only one available. He's very respectful of that in students. He provides other people to come in and share their opinions, their beliefs, and he tries to get them opposite of his."

Although raised in the Friends Church, Beebe became interested in peace and justice issues only upon attending George Fox, thanks in part to the influence of professors like Arthur Roberts, Paul Mills and Gervas Carey and some fellow students.

In the 1960s, Beebe was involved in the Civil Rights Movement and participated in non-violent demonstrations against the Vietnam War. "I made more spiritual growth in the 1960s than ever before or since in terms of emulating Jesus—feeling like Jesus spoke to me in terms of peace and justice." He spent parts of three summers working with John Perkins' Voice of Calvary ministry in Mississippi.

Twice Beebe was one of 12 teachers from across the country selected for National Endowment for the Humanities fellowships. The first, in the summer of 1976, was on "Racial and Ethnic History in the United States," while the second, in 1981, was on "Political and Moral Choices in Arms Control." In 1986 he was chosen to represent George Fox in a Christian College Consortium program that sent representatives of member institutions to the Middle East for part of a summer.

While in the Middle East, Beebe met a Christian Palestinian named Audeh

Rantisi and developed an empathy for those who lost their homes when Israel became a nation. Working with Rantisi, Beebe helped him write his autobiography. "Blessed Are the Peacemakers: A Palestinian Christian in the

Occupied West Bank" was published in 1990 and received the Choice Books award as Book of the Year for 1991.

Beebe also is the author of "A Heritage to Honor, A Future to Fulfill," a history of George Fox University's first 100 years, published during its centennial in 1991.

After "Blessed Are the Peacemakers" was published, Beebe found himself giving his perspective to the media. During the next couple of years, he was the guest on approximately 70 radio and four television programs. Most were live feeds conducted over the phone, but he also appeared on shows in Florida and Chicago.

Beebe's passion for peace has an impact both on his retirement plans—he's researching the church's role in the Civil War—and on his hopes and dreams for George Fox University.

"There are an awful lot of really good Christian colleges or universities," he said. "There are very, very few that focus on Jesus and also on justice issues and see Jesus as God speaking to human need as the basic ethos of the school."

"I would dread us getting away from that. That doesn't mean we should all be Quakers. But I hope the basic ethos continues that we believe we're all made in the image of God. If God made everybody, how can we dehumanize anybody?"

"Some have called that a Quaker distinctive. I would hope it's not a Quaker distinctive but a Christian distinctive."

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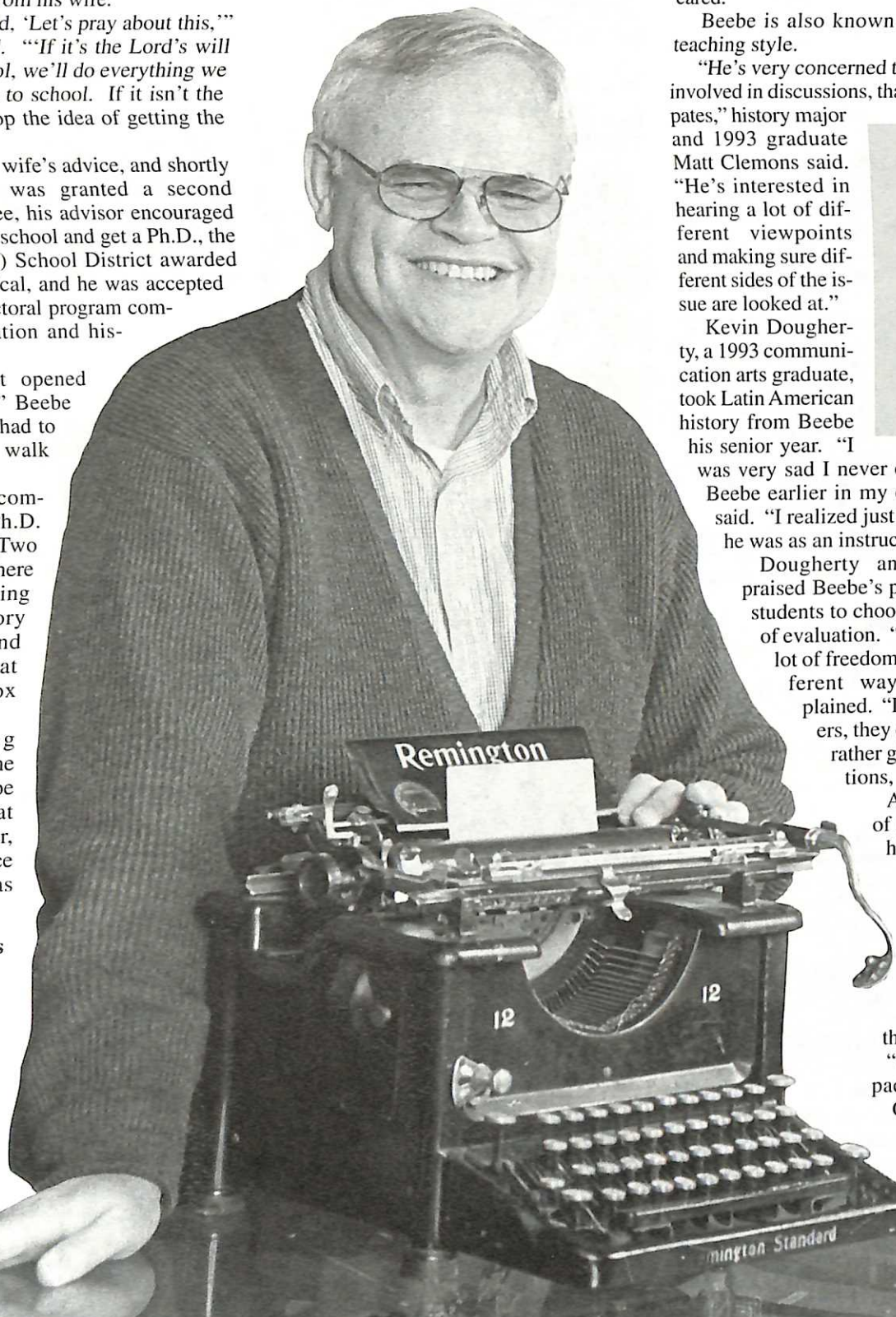
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Professor Emeritus of History



Ralph Beebe's teaching career at George Fox has been marked by his care for students and his commitment to working for peace and justice.



# ALUMNI NOTES

**Bob Taber** (WES53) and his wife, Lois, are in their 32nd year of ministry with OMS International. They currently are ministering on special overseas assignments, working with national believers in their churches and seminaries.

**Dale Campbell** (G60) is a therapist with Western Psychological and Counseling Services, Tigard and Hillsboro, Ore., offices. In October 1996, he placed third in his age division at the Oregon Road Runners Blue Lake Championships in Troutdale, Ore. In June 1996, he completed the Clackamas River Canyon Marathon in Estacada, Ore. Dale, his wife Sharon, and three children live in Dundee, Ore.

**Maurice Chandler** (G60) and **Jeff Newville** (G82), owners of Chandler & Newville, Inc., recently were honored by the Newberg Area Chamber of Commerce with the Commercial Beautification Award.

**Charles Newkirk** (n61) has been honored by Central School District, Independence, Ore., by the naming of their new gym facility "The Charles Newkirk Court." He has served the district for 28 years as teacher, assistant basketball and football coach, track coach and athletic director.

**Marshall Sperling** (G70) teaches kindergarten at Lorane (Ore.) Grade School. His wife **Louise (Strait)** (G72) is a substitute teacher and academic coordinator.

**Ernest Martin's** (G70) mother, Luisa Mendoza Martin, was awarded the British Lordship of Burwash, an honorary Manorial title from the provost and fellows of King's College, Cambridge University, England. The title, created by the Earl of Winchester in 1159, will remain in the Martin family and eventually will be inherited by Ernest Martin.

**Rob Hicks** (G71) is the owner of two God-fathers Pizza Restaurants in the Portland area. His wife, **Rebecca Robb-Hicks** (G71), recently completed her doctorate in clinical psychology from Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.

**Gale Field** (G72) is an Epcot Entertainment Manager, Character Department, for Walt Disney World Co., in Orlando, Fla. In addition, Gale and his wife Rusti are independent distributors for Premier Designs, a high-fashion jewelry business.

**Peggy (Stands) Fowler** (G73) has been promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer of Portland General Electric. She now fills PGE's No. 2 position behind the company's chief executive. Her November promotion also made her one of the top-ranking female executives in Portland's corporate suites, and among the top three in the industry nationally.

**Marilu Prehn** (G75) teaches computer classes for approximately 700 first- through eighth-graders at Whittier (Calif.) Christian Schools.

**David Hampton** (G76) is director of finance and development for the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, Newberg.

**Louis Anderson** (WES76) is pastor of Longs Peak Street Church of God, Brighton, Colo.

**Donna (Stull) Duncan** (n76) is a medical assistant in Anchorage, Alaska. She also serves as a volunteer emergency medical technician and is a medical advisory board member for Starting Point, a drug/alcohol treatment center.

**Tom Hewitt** (G77) was featured in a December 1996 editorial by Dwight Jaynes in The Oregonian newspaper. The article chronicled Tom's dream to become a sports play-by-play broadcaster. He currently broadcasts Oregon State University women's basketball and men's baseball games.

**Teresa (Mills) Fletcher** (n77) is secretary to the senior pastor at Ahtanun Pioneer Bible Church, Yakima, Wash.

**Erik Anglin** (G78) is interim pastor at Scotts Mills (Ore.) Friends Church.

**Deborah (Thorson) Fletcher** (G78) is an office administrator for the Boeing Company in Seattle, Wash. She also is the Christian education director for her church and artistic director of a Seattle-based community theater: Seattle Performing Arts Fellowship.

**Cheryle Lawrence** (G78) of Gates, Ore., has started her own business after 18 years of teaching. "NW Wonders: Photography by Cheryle" features landscape, wildlife and floral photographs of the Pacific Northwest.

**Paul Koch** (G79) received the annual Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence at the 1996

commencement exercises of Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill., where he is an associate professor of economics.

**Kerry (Barnett) Martin** (G79) is a career counselor for the Schools of Engineering and Environmental Design, Cal Poly Pomona, Pomona, Calif. Previously she worked for five and one half years as a career counselor at the University of Southern California.

**Susan (Gallahan) Rice** (n79) is working on a Master of Education degree in guidance and counseling at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

**Gordon Isaac** (WES80), who received a M.Div. in history from Western Evangelical Seminary, has earned a Ph.D. from Marquette University. He graduated with a doctorate in religious studies with a specialization in historical theology. His dissertation is "In Public Defense of the Ministry of Moses: Luther's Enarratio on Psalm 90 1534/35."

**Sandy Lawrence** (G82) has been named worship leader at Fellowship West in Birmingham, Ala. She also is director of the church's home page, Fellowship Net. Fellowship Net was selected to represent the United States on First Fruits, a British Broadcast Company program to be aired in Europe to more than five million viewers. Sandy also continues to own Abundant Life Sports Medical in Birmingham.

**Virnin McKellar** (G84) is currently a hair stylist/colorist in Portland and attended on scholarship the L'oreal Advanced Institute this spring in New York City.

**Steve Knudsen** (G85) is the director of state and local affairs for the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C.

**Thomas Magee** (G85) is communications/business analyst for Mentor Graphics in Wilsonville, Ore. His wife, **Doreen Dodgen-Magee** (G87), is a licensed clinical psychologist, working in group practice and with individual clients with Sundstrom & Associates, Portland.

**Terry Dawson** (G85) is the senior pastor of Countryside Christian Fellowship in Coburg, Ore.

**Linda (Christenson) Price** (G85) practices obstetrics and gynecology for Tuality Hospital in Hillsboro, Ore.

**Robert Legg II** (G85, WES88) of Everett, Wash., has started a new church in the Lake Stevens community. Lakeside Community Fellowship has an average attendance of 235, has seen 48 conversion commitments to Jesus since January 1997, and has just moved into a new multipurpose worship center. Bob also is a Reserve Air Force Chaplain (captain). He and his wife, **Loralei Ann (Shaw)** (n85), have three children: Sonia, 9, Suzanne, 9, and Ryan, 6.

**Mark Tuning** (G86) is director of music ministries at Christ United Methodist Church in East Moline, Ill.

**Amy (Cobb) Burkey** (G87) is employed as a secretary for Network Behavioral Health Care, Portland.

**Sandra (Gidding) Maurer** (G87) is part-time ministry coordinator for West Chehalam Friends Church, Newberg. She also is secretary for the George Fox University Department of Religion.

**Vern Emra** (HRM89) is a member of the Freddy Four, a Portland-area barbershop quartet featured recently in an article in The Oregonian newspaper.

**Mary (Phemister) Renfro** (n89) is the office administrator at Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church in San Francisco, Calif. Her husband, Doug, is a radiology technician in the Cardiac Cath Lab at St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco.

**Kevin Stanton** (n89) in July 1996 received a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Portland State University.

**Jennifer Brownlee** (G91) is employed as the athletic department secretary for Jesuit High School in Beaverton, Ore.

**Erik Edmundson** (G91) is associate pastor at Silverton (Ore.) Friends Church.

**John Hurty** (G91) is pastor of the Stanfield (Ore.) Baptist Church.

**Rebecca Parris** (G92) teaches first grade at Farmington View Grade School in Hillsboro, Ore.

**Matt Zoller** (G92) is communications and church constituency relationship coordinator for World Concern Latin America, Santa

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# Nationally Known Homecoming Awards

Two of George Fox University's selections for this year's homecoming alumni awards also were recognized in the same month by Sports Illustrated.

The Feb. 3 edition of the magazine featured a story about Brad Smith's Oregon City, Ore., girls' basketball team, ranked No. 1 by USA Today. Fred Gregory was identified in a Feb. 17 article about big-league baseball catcher Dave Valle.

Wanting to start an international ministry to the poor, Valle and his wife sought guidance from Gregory, identified as president of the development agency World Concern and described as "an aid worker based in Bellevue, Wash., who has 30 years of experience in Third World development programs." Gregory introduced the Valles to the work of Muhammad Yunus, a Bangladeshi economics professor and author of "Give Them Credit" who championed the idea of microloans to the world's poor. The loans, some as small as \$50, enable women to set up their own microbusinesses to provide for themselves and their families.

Convinced of the value of such an approach, the Valles founded the Esperanza International Foundation. The foundation has funded 19 "banks of hope" in the Dominican Republic so far and has attracted the support of other major leaguers.

Gregory now serves as executive director of Esperanza International. A 1966 George Fox graduate, he was the University's choice for its



Gregory



Smith

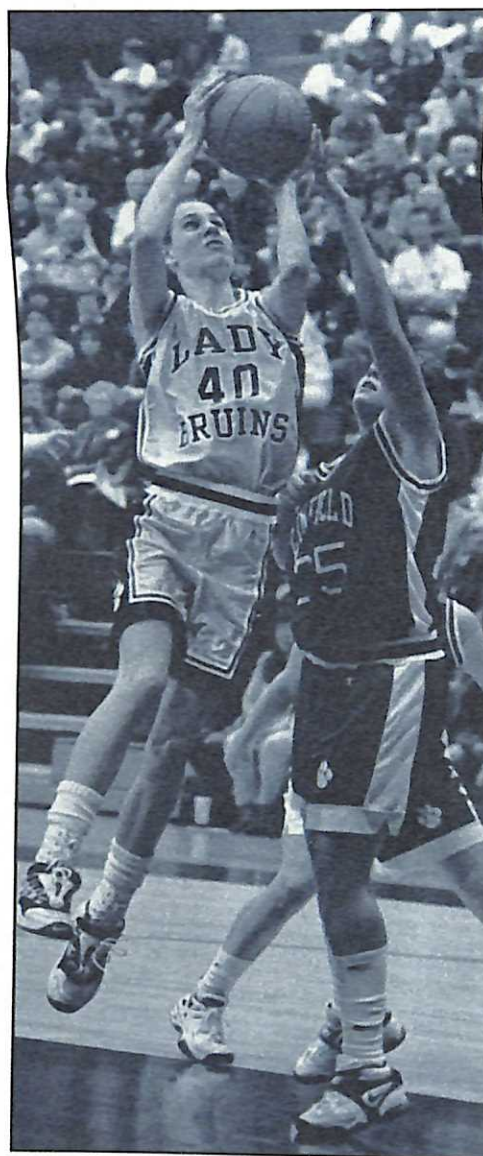
Alumnus of the Year award. (See feature story in the February issue of LIFE.) Smith was one of three honored as Distinguished Alumni.

Homecoming this year was held Feb. 14-15. With the theme "Essence of the Eras," it offered more class reunions, the return of the "Alumni Performance" variety show, and a new event, an Alumni Breakfast held Saturday morning.

Alumni Director Gary Brown said the Saturday afternoon performance by alumni was very well received. "I just got all kinds of positive comments about that," he said. "We had a number of alumni representing different eras, particularly those eras with classes having reunions."

In addition to the usual reunions for those who graduated 10, 20, 25, and 50 years ago, gatherings were held for those observing their 30- and 40-year reunions. Alumni from as far away as Long Beach, Calif., Phoenix, Ariz., and Bethel, Alaska, made the trip to their alma mater to spend time with former classmates.

Also well received was a breakfast with



Clockwise from above: Nancy Rissmiller helps lead the Lady Bruins to two victories during Homecoming weekend. Dan White, Dean Morse and Kelley (Grant) Marchant (from left) perform in a drama vignette as part of the "Alumni Performance" variety show. Marianne (Wengel) Hyatt, Dan Hyatt, Amy (Cobb) Burkey, Dan White and Kevin Nordyke (clockwise from left) share memories during their 10-year reunion. With the help of an old yearbook, Amanda Powell gets a glimpse of what her dad, Brian, was like as a college student. President Edward F. Stevens congratulates Dave Wilson during a ceremony retiring Wilson's jersey that was held at halftime of the Homecoming basketball game. Homecoming King Mike Smolko and Queen Casey Waits are introduced to the basketball game crowd.





# Alumni Among Award Recipients



Kimbrough

Sturdevant

members of the Alumni Association's board of directors and the student recipients of the scholarships for descendants of alumni.

The annual Homecoming Awards Luncheon Saturday noon introduced those attending to Gregory, Smith, Curtis Kimbrough and Nancy (Schwab) Sturdevant.

The latter three—the University's Distinguished Alumni Award recipients—all graduated during the last two decades and were chosen for their professional success, Christian service, and support of their alma mater.

Kimbrough, a 1987 sociology graduate from Portland, Ore., has been executive director of Portland-based Emmanuel Community General Services since 1991. In that role he administers the daily activities of seven different social service programs dealing with youth and their parents. He also has been a youth activities director at Portland's Woodland Park, and a program development specialist and case manager assistant for Multnomah County Social Services.

Kimbrough has served on the George Fox alumni board, the Northwest Rescue Plan Action Committee in Portland, the Youth Employment and Empowerment Coalition, and the Youth Employment and Empowerment Program Operations Committee. He has held several positions with Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church in Portland, including youth leader, member of the usher board, and minister. He and his wife, Debora, have two children.

As a teacher and coach at his alma mater,

Oregon City High School, Smith has drawn acclaim for almost two decades. A 1975 psychology and sociology graduate, he has been recognized nationally as an outstanding coach and citizen. Currently coaching girls' basketball, he's guided the Pioneers to four state titles and two national titles. They haven't had a losing season under his leadership.

In 1995 and 1996, Smith was named Coach of the Year by USA Today, and in 1996 he was named Converse National Coach of the Year. He has received the honor of Oregonian Coach of the Year four times and District 7 National Coach of the Year two times. The Women's Basketball News Service also named him National Coach of the Year three times, and twice he was named Teacher of the Year at Oregon City High School.

Smith has been an active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has served as youth pastor and Sunday school teacher at Oregon City Evangelical Church. He and his wife, Lisa, have two teenage daughters.

Sturdevant and her husband, Dennis, own Newberg-based Precision Helicopters Inc. She serves as the company's director of finance but also travels to trade shows, helps with customer relations, handles personnel matters, and manages daily office operations.

A 1983 graduate in business and economics, Sturdevant worked for two years in the personnel and human resource department of North Pacific Insurance Co. in Portland before becoming involved in the helicopter business more than 12 years ago. Since then, Precision Helicopters has grown from two to 20 employees and from one aircraft to nine. It has a \$3 million annual budget.

The Sturdevants have two young sons. At the Newberg Free Methodist Church, she has served as bridal and baby shower coordinator and on the missions and finance boards. She also has been extensively involved in children's ministries.



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Cruz, Bolivia.

**Amy Dahl** (G93) received an M.B.A. from Gonzaga University in 1994. She is employed by the state of Washington as an auditor for the Department of Revenue, Excise Tax Division.

**Michael Harmon** (WES93) is pastor of Lifetouch Christian Fellowship in Cottage Grove, Ore.

**Angela (Murrell) Lindbo** (G93) is a running promotions coordinator for Adidas America, Beaverton, Ore.

**Duncan McClish** (WES93) is a mental health specialist at Oregon State Hospital, Salem.

**Peggy Parsons** (WES93) is associate pastor at Scotts Mills (Ore.) Friends Church. She also leads counseling sessions on the recognition and prevention of family violence.

**Rolf Potts** (G93) is teaching English at Dae Myung Foreign Language Institute in Pusan, South Korea.

**Paul Horton** (G94) and **Brian VanKleef** (G96) are reporters for NBC-affiliate television station KNDU, serving eastern Washington and eastern Oregon.

**Sean Kiffe** (G94) is a process engineer for Weyerhaeuser in Federal Way, Wash.

**Stephanie (Celley)** (G88) and **John Tornblad**, a boy, Luke Xavier, March 6, 1997, in Los Gatos, Calif.

**Kristen (Diefenbaugh)** (G89) and **David DeAndrea**, a girl, Haley Anne, May 29, 1996, in Coos Bay, Ore.

**Tim** (G90) and **Melissa** (G90) **Conley**, a girl, Makenna Lee, Nov. 9, 1996, in Salem, Ore.

**Charlene** (G90) and **Paul** (G91) **Diefenbaugh**, a boy, Alec Scott, Nov. 11, 1996, in Hillsboro, Ore.

**Loree (Hawken)** (G90) and **Brian Durham**, a boy, Andrew William, Jan. 1, 1997, in Gig Harbor, Wash.

**Dawn (Bourasa)** (G90) and **Michael Itnyre**, a boy, Brandon Michael, Oct. 26, 1996, in Hagerstown, Md.

**Erin (Heasley)** (G90) and **Edward Knoch**, a boy, Peter William, Jan. 29, 1997, in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Jeff** (G90) and **Tricia (Branderhorst)** (G92) **Spurgeon**, a boy, Jacob Alt, Nov. 27, 1996, in Tualatin, Ore.

**Chris** (G90) and **Michelle (Lang)** (n90) **Townley**, a boy, Brent William, Nov. 24, 1996, in Portland.

**Rob** (G91) and **Marlise Flanagan**, a boy, Troy Robert, Aug. 6, 1996, in Vancouver, Wash.

**Michelle (Sewell)** (G91) and **Loren Hall**, a boy, Josiah David, Nov. 16, 1996, in Silverton, Ore.

**Nate** (G91) and **Laura (Gillette)** (G93) **Scharer**, a girl, Malia Nicole, Nov. 22, 1996, in Salem, Ore.

**Vance** (G92) and **Monique (Davis)** (n95) **Godfrey**, a boy, Jeremiah Davis, Dec. 26, 1996, in McMinnville, Ore.

**Lisa (Beasley)** (G92) and **Martin Huber**, a girl, Summer India, Jan. 23, 1997, in Medford, Ore.

**Rebecca** (G92) and **Jim Parris**, a boy, Jacob Alan, Dec. 9, 1996, in Hillsboro, Ore.

**Dan** (G92) and **Tara Pringle**, a girl, Jeannine Noel, Dec. 12, 1996, in Port Angeles, Wash.

**Paul** (G92) and **Nissa Seideman**, a boy, Joshua Michael, April 7, 1996, in Salem, Ore.

**Pam (Friesen)** (G92) and **Jeffrey Wilson**, a girl, Grace Elizabeth, May 24, 1996, in Urbana, Ill.

**Sean** (G94) and **Mary Ellen (Boyd)** (G95) **Kiffe**, a boy, Andrew Tyler, Sept. 29, 1996, in Tacoma, Wash.

**Darin** (G95) and **Jessica (Martin)** (n96) **Mitchem**, a girl, Rachel Elena Louise, Dec. 2, 1996, in Clackamas, Ore.

**Sam** (G95) and **Stephanie (Rosen)** (G95) **Morrow**, a girl, Miranda Lee, Aug. 8, 1996, in Newberg.

**Todd** (G96) and **Rebecca (Martin)** (n97) **Payne**, a girl, Vitoria Kathryn Nancy, Nov. 5, 1996, in Portland.

### MARRIAGES

**Dale Campbell** (G60) and **Sharon Tata**, Nov. 22, 1996, in Tigard, Ore.

**Sheila Hohensee** (G87) and **Gary Englert**, June 15, 1996, in Portland.

**Matt Zoller** (G92) and **Chiqui Campos Chavarria**, May 4, 1996, in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

**Yvonna Bones** (G94) and **Elliot Groeneveld** (current student), June 22, 1996, in Vancouver, Wash.

**Heather Wilt** (G94) and **Eric Antonissen**, Dec. 21, 1996, in Corvallis, Ore.

**Myrna Bonar** (G95) and **Scott Jensen** (G96), Nov. 23, 1996, in Portland.

**Elizabeth Fowler** (n95) and **Mark Weisensee**, Sept. 14, 1996, in Dallas, Ore.

**Sheila Person** (n95) and **James Homolka** (current student), June 1, 1996, in Salem, Ore.

**Jacquelyn Walker** (n95) and **Michael Bratland**, July 27, 1996, in Roseburg, Ore.

**Dawn Hartwig** (G96) and **John Smith** (n96), Aug. 3, 1996, in Newberg.

**Gary Murphy** (G96) and **Shana Schmidt** (G96), Aug. 17, 1996, in Sutherlin, Ore.

### BIRTHS

**Margaret (Hatch)** (G70) and **Jim Hughes**, a double adoption: a boy, Philip Tung, born Dec. 15, 1983, and a girl, Sally Hau, born July 2, 1988. Both children were born in Vietnam and were adopted June 19, 1996, in New Holland, Pa.

**David** (G83) and **Sandra Breikreuz**, a girl, Tatyana Marie, born Feb. 19, 1996, adopted Jan. 10, 1997, in Sheridan, Ore.

**Gary** (G83) and **Laurel (Nordyke)** (G84) **Friesen**, a boy, Charles Daniel, Feb. 27, 1997, in Billings, Mont.

**Paul** (G84) and **Nancy (Smelley)** (G93) **Almquist**, a boy, Andrew Carl, Oct. 15, 1996, in Salem, Ore.

**Roger** (n84) and **Jenna (Kassebaum)** (n85) **Johnson**, a boy, Bradford James, Feb. 16, 1997, in Newberg.

**Marel (Holden)** (n85) and **Grant** (G86) **Gerke**, a boy, Jay Cole, Dec. 10, 1996, in Portland.

**Steve** (G85) and **Shelley (Goshorn)** (G88) **Knudsen**, a boy, Kyler David, Dec. 11, 1996, in Reston, Va.

**Dan** (G85) and **Cynthia (Miller)** (G86) **Swanson**, a girl, Rachel Ann, Feb. 12, 1997, in Eagle Point, Ore.

**Mark** (G86) and **Darla (Accatino)** (n88) **Tuning**, a girl, Sarah Elisabeth, April 11, 1996, in Burns, Ore.

**Marion** (G87) and **Tom Reynolds**, a girl, Emily Susan, Aug. 26, 1996, in Corvallis, Ore.

**Greg** (G88) and **Lori Lloyd**, a girl, Emily Noel, Dec. 18, 1996, in Salem, Ore.

### DEATHS

**Harold Aebischer** (G20), Jan. 17, 1997, in Newberg.

**Carl Sandoz** (G34), 1978 George Fox Alumnus of the Year, Jan. 18, 1997, in Newberg.

**Dorothy (Martin)** Roberts (G38), Dec. 12, 1996, in Boise, Idaho.

**Kathleen (Smith)** Repp (G44), Oct. 26, 1996, in Boise, Idaho.

**Helen (Randle)** Gulley (G48), Dec. 11, 1996, while travelling in Montana.

**Donald O'Neil** (G76), Jan. 7, 1997, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.



## Five Groups Sent Out for Spring Serve

While many students spent their spring break on vacation with family and friends or just relaxing at home, approximately 80 George Fox University students spread God's love by helping others. March 22-30, groups of students worked in Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, Washington and Colorado through the University's Spring Serve program.

Twenty-eight students accompanied Bill Essig, an assistant professor of business and economics, to Tijuana, Mexico. There the group worked with Amour Ministries and helped build a house for a needy family. In addition, the group led a vacation Bible school and spent time with children.

Tim Commins, a resident director at the University, accompanied 10 students to Phoenix, Ariz., where they worked at "Church on the Street," ministering to the inner-city homeless, working at soup kitchens, and helping with the children's ministry.

Marta Sears, director of outreach and discipleship and multicultural student advisor, led nine students to Toppenish, Wash., to assist the McKinley Missions there. They conducted a vacation Bible school, did work projects, and observed how Christianity is present in the Native American culture.

Fourteen students headed to Eagle, Idaho, where they worked with disadvantaged boys and girls at the Christian Children's Ranch. The group completed a work project and stayed in the residents' homes with the youths and their house parents. Accompanying the group was Dillon Sanders, an adjunct professor of economics at the University.

A fifth group, led by Carl Anderson, an employee of the University's Tilikum Retreat Center, traveled to Colorado to work with Habitat for Humanity. The 25 students on the trip helped finish building a house and assisted the ministry in other ways.

All details for Spring Serve are planned by a five-member student committee. Participating students are chosen through an application process. Each pays between \$80 and \$150 for transportation, room, and board, depending on the location of the service project. The University's student government subsidizes the trips.

# STUDENT NEWS

## Dayspring to Represent George Fox at Conference for Music Ministers

An appearance at Music Northwest, a gathering of 450 ministers of music, will highlight the annual May tour of Dayspring, George Fox University's premier vocal stylists.

The eight-member student ensemble will be featured in a workshop and will premier a youth musical, while the group's director, Derric Johnson, will lead a devotional session and a seminar entitled "Twenty Things I Learned from the Mouse that You Can Use for the Master."

Johnson has worked as a creative consultant at Walt Disney World for the past 24 years. A former minister of music, he has published more than 2,000 musical arrangements and now serves on the George Fox faculty as a visiting professor of music and director of music ministries.

Music Northwest, an annual event in Bellevue, Wash., is scheduled for May 14-16. This is the first year George Fox has been represented at the conference.

Dayspring's tour begins May 5 with performances around the Seattle area. The group will travel across Washington the first week of May, singing in high schools during the day and at alumni functions in the evening. After appear-

ances in Boise, Idaho, May 10-11 and at Music Northwest, they will swing down through California the next two weeks, singing in such cities as Sacramento, San Francisco, Fresno, and Los Angeles.

The select group is known for its close harmony and blending voices. Its repertoire includes traditional sacred music, spirituals and contemporary selections, all uniquely arranged by Johnson.

Dayspring has sung in churches, conferences and camps throughout the nine western states as well as Florida, where the group appeared in 80 performances at Walt Disney World last Christmas.

Dayspring has performed the national anthem for basketball's Portland Trail Blazers and Seattle Supersonics, and for major league baseball's Seattle Mariners, California Angels and Colorado Rockies. The group has sung twice at the U.S. Air Force Academy and three times for Focus on the Family in Colorado. With six albums to their credit, Dayspring members are as comfortable in a recording studio as they are on a church platform. Their latest recording will be available during the tour.

Along with the annual May

tour, Dayspring is on the road two weekends out of every month during the academic year.

Members of this year's ensemble are soprano Tanya Bingenheimer, a senior communications major from Salem, Ore.; alto Christy Dillon, a junior music education major from Portland, Ore.; bass John Galvin, a junior computer science and business information management major from Salem, Ore.; tenor Jeremy Kramer, a junior music education major from Willamina, Ore.; baritone Matthew Magee, a freshman liberal arts major from Nampa, Idaho; alto Jill Meyers, a sophomore music and business major from Lemoore, Calif.; tenor Thomas Payne, a freshman liberal arts major from Homedale, Idaho; and soprano Bethany Sonerholm, a sophomore music major from Klamath Falls, Ore.

As part of Dayspring's May tour, Tanya Bingenheimer, Thomas Payne, Bethany Sonerholm, Jeremy Kramer, Matthew Magee, Jill Meyers, John Galvin and Christy Dillon (from left) will present an ensemble workshop at a music ministers conference.



## Alumna Directs Musical Fairy Tale

Three years ago, Steve Cadd, a 1977 George Fox graduate, returned to his alma mater to direct "Fiddler on the Roof." This year's musical again featured one of the University's alumni as guest director.

Deborah (Goins) Johansen guided a cast of 23 in "Once Upon a Mattress," a musical retelling of "The Princess and the Pea" fairy tale. The show was staged during two weekends in February, including the weekend of homecoming.

"I think it's really valuable for students to have that experience of another director," said Jo Lewis, associate professor of drama and the show's producer and costumer.

Johansen, who teaches middle school speech and drama in McMinnville, Ore., has been involved in theater—directing, acting or teaching—since graduating from George Fox in 1975. For 11 years she was on the teaching staff of Children's Educational Theatre, a summer drama program operated by the Salem (Ore.) Public Schools. She also directed numerous productions for the Gallery Theatre in McMinnville, the Pentacle Theatre in Salem, churches, and the middle school where she teaches.

Johansen had a young cast with which to work: only five students were juniors or seniors; the rest were underclassmen.

"It was the most inexperienced cast I think we've had," Lewis said. "I think, out of the whole cast, 17 had been

*"I think it's really valuable for students to have that experience of another director."*

JO LEWIS  
Associate Professor of Drama

in no main-stage shows or just one—and that was as chorus people, not as principals."

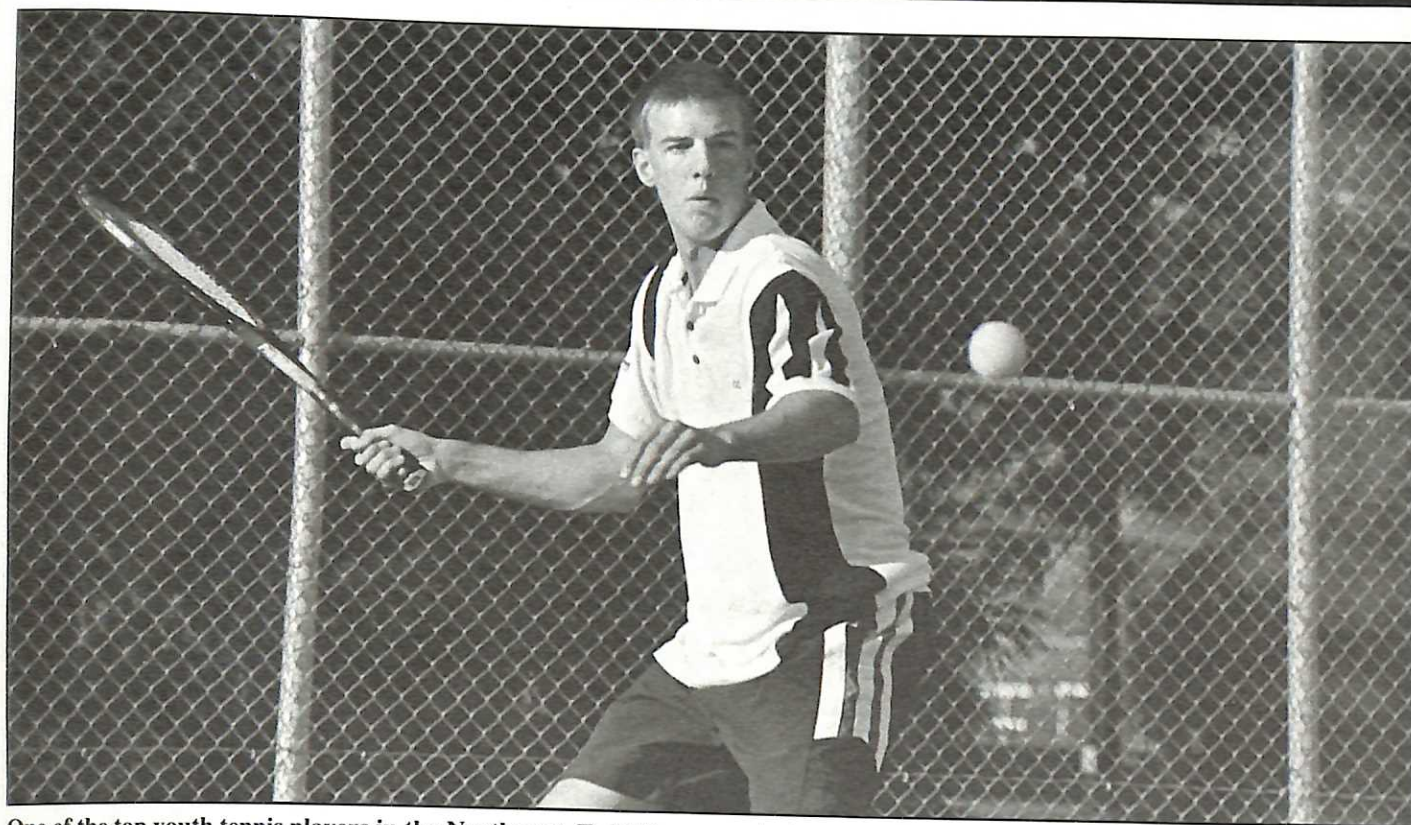
Sophomore Heather Dunkin of Cave Junction, Ore., played the role of Princess Winifred made famous by comedienne Carol Burnett on Broadway.

Other lead roles went to Joe Thouvenel, a sophomore from Newberg, as Prince Dauntless; Bethany Sonerholm, a sophomore from Klamath Falls, Ore., as Queen Aggravain; Marshall Pickens, a sophomore from Caldwell, Idaho, as the King; Rebekah Crover, a sophomore from Halsey, Ore., as Lady Larken; Mike Hampton, a freshman from Newberg, Ore., as Sir Harry; Jeremy Kramer, a junior from Willamina, Ore., as the Minstrel; and Brandon Thornburg, a senior from Portland, Ore., as the Jester.



Prince Dauntless and Winifred meet for the first time. Sophomores Joe Thouvenel and Heather Dunkin led a young cast in the George Fox musical production, "Once Upon a Mattress."





One of the top youth tennis players in the Northwest, Todd Hammans is the ace of the George Fox men's tennis team.

## Profiles: Athletes Choose George Fox for Academics, Christian Atmosphere

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Few freshmen have had better starts on the Bruin basketball team. He jumped into the starting lineup, leading the team in scoring six times and finishing as one of the top-10 rebounders in the Northwest Conference. His 11.8 points and 6.6 rebounds a game are both among the top-10 freshman averages since George Fox obtained national affiliation in 1965.

**Age:** 19

**Major:** Undeclared

**Career Plans:** High school teacher/coach

**Most Surprising Thing About College:** Closeness of community.

**Why He Picked George Fox:** To learn and obtain a degree at a good Christian school, and play ball in a good Christian environment.

**Athletic Goals:** National tournament.

**What's Special About The Class of 2000:** Our excellent support of each other and our school spirit. Not only athletically, but also spiritually.

**What Drives Ben More Than Anything Else:** My desire to be the best I can at everything, especially in the areas where God has blessed me.

**Best Part of College:** The great friendships I have been able to develop.

**Least Favorite Part of College:** Being away from home so much, and the rain.

### BETH DAVIS

Volleyball/Softball  
Salem Academy  
Salem, Ore.

A dominant pitcher on the state runner-up team, Beth Davis was honored as the best softball player among Oregon's Class 2A and 1A high schools. Her pitching record was a sparkling 23-3.

She also was one of the state's finest volleyball players. She earned first-team all-state and all-tournament honors as she and Sharon Barnett teamed up to help Salem Academy win two state volleyball titles in three years.

At George Fox, she stepped into a starting role as a middle hitter on the volleyball squad, leading the team in blocks and finishing third in kills. In softball, she is one of two freshmen to make the varsity squad and will start as a shortstop and pitcher.

**Age:** 18

**Major:** Undeclared (maybe history)

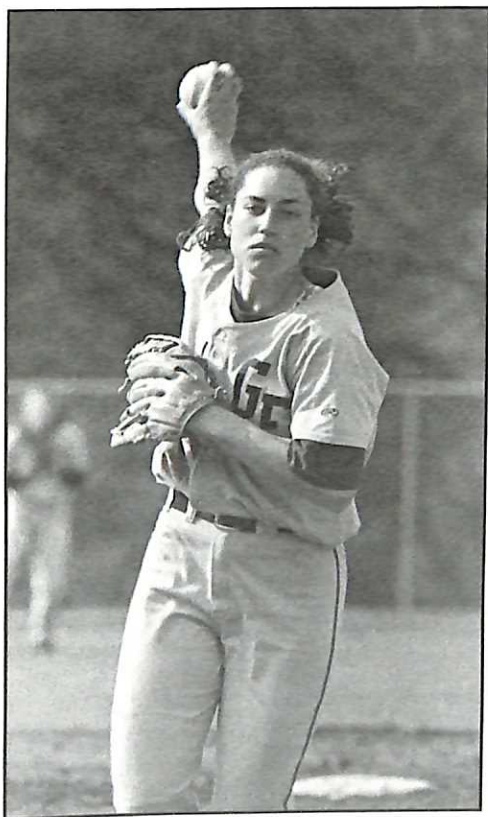
**Career Plans:** As of right now I am planning on majoring in history, then doing the 5th-year master's degree program and getting my teaching license. I would like to teach overseas as a ministry and then maybe come back and teach at the elementary level.

**Most Surprising Thing About College:** How much it opens your eyes to the possibilities of what you can do with your life. If you wanted to, you could do or be anything.

**Why She Picked George Fox:** Because of the atmosphere and the people. More than any other school I visited, I could see God working at GFU. At any of my choices, I could have played volleyball and softball, but I came here because God led me here.

**Athletic Goals:** To show Christ every time I step on the floor or field.

**What's Special About The Class of 2000:** We are the class of 2000! No, actually it's very exciting to be the first class of the 21st century, but it also gives us an enormous responsibility to lead our generation into the new century. Hopefully our class will be able to make changes that will be positively remembered.



Hitting the books paid off with a big academic scholarship for Beth Davis, an all-state volleyball and softball athlete.

**What Drives Beth More Than Anything Else:** My desire to have Christ's blinding light of hope shine through my eyes at all times. Matthew 5:16 and 6:22.

**Best Part of College:** I like being able to see a face every day that I have never seen before. I also like being with my friends and living somewhat on my own. Also, the fact that I never have to take another math class unless I want to!

**Least Favorite Part of College:** Studying! I love the classes, but the studying is a killer. I could also do without the food.

### TODD HAMMANS

Tennis  
Churchill High School  
Eugene, Ore.

When Todd Hammans was 17 years old, he was ranked as one of the top-20 tennis players in his age group in the Northwest. His doubles team ranked among the Northwest's top 10. As a high school senior, he was the No. 1 singles tennis player at Churchill High School and advanced to the state class 4A tournament after finishing second in the Midwestern League. His junior year, his doubles team made it to the state consolation finals.

After joining the George Fox second-year men's tennis team, Hammans rose to the top of the singles ladder. He also makes up half of the squad's No. 1 doubles team.

**Age:** 19

**Major:** Business

**Career Plans:** Own/manage a business.

**Most Surprising Thing About College:** How late you stay up.

**Why He Picked George Fox:** Academics, tennis, atmosphere.

**Athletic Goals:** Improve, go to nationals.

**What's Special About The Class of 2000:** We will be running the 21st century.

**What Drives Todd More Than Anything Else:** Improvement.

**Best Part of College:** College shows you what you are capable of doing and how to do it. Independence.

**Least Favorite Part of College:** The food.

### Barnett Named Oregon's Prep Athlete of the Year

George Fox freshman Sharon Barnett was the top female prep athlete in Oregon last year. In front of 1,100 at the Feb. 16 Oregon Banquet of Champions, she received the Johnny Carpenter female prep athlete of the year award.

Barnett, a three-sport athlete at Salem Academy, helped her teams to three class 2A state championships: two in volleyball and one in track. A 5-foot-10 outside hitter, she earned volleyball all-state honors twice and made the state basketball tournament all-star team. She also won state titles in nine individual track events and anchored two state champion relay teams. Her basketball teams finished second and third in the state.

### Sprinter Wins NAIA Indoor Track Championship

Ryan Chaney became George Fox's first-ever indoor national champion, winning the 400-meter dash in 48.45 seconds at the NAIA Indoor National Meet March 1 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Last year's outdoor national runner-up, Chaney, a senior from Salem, Ore., goes for his sixth All-American designation at the national meet this May in Georgia.

### Wilson's Jersey Retired

Five years after playing his final college game, Dave Wilson, George Fox's 7-foot All-American center, had his jersey retired before the Feb. 15 Homecoming game.

Wilson is the most honored George Fox player in history. He was NAIA District 2's Player of the Year as a sophomore and finished his senior year (1991-92) as an NAIA Division II first team All-American. He set the NAIA Division II season record for blocked shots and holds George Fox records for career points (2,296), career field goal accuracy (.621/881-1418), and blocks in a game (13), season (170), and career (598).

A former professional basketball player in Germany, Wilson currently lives in Spokane, Wash., and works with Northwest Basketball Camps.

### State Titles for Former Bruins Smith, Valentine

Lions and Pioneers led by former Bruins won Oregon Class 4A basketball titles this year.

1975 graduate Brad Smith's Oregon City High School girls' basketball team earned its fourth straight state title and third consecutive USA Today No. 1 national ranking. His Pioneers haven't lost in three seasons—a streak of 68 games.

Down the Willamette River at West Linn High, Bart Valentine—former Bruin basketball assistant and father of George Fox's sophomore point guard Kyle Valentine—was named coach of the year after guiding his squad to the state championship.

### Bruin Senior Finishes Strong

You have to feel good about the way James Homolka finished his George Fox basketball career. The 6-foot, 155-pound package of persistence had tried out and been cut from the team in 1991, 1992 and 1993 before coming back to earn a roster spot in each of the last three seasons. Playing time was limited, and his career scoring average hovers around a point a game.

But Homolka, the only senior on this year's squad, made the most of his last moments in a Bruin uniform. In the final game of the season, a home contest with Concordia University, Homolka showed the poise of a veteran. With two starters fouled out and the Bruins clinging to a two-point lead in the final minute, he secured the victory, coolly knocking down four consecutive free throws.

A communication/video production major from Hayden Lake, Idaho, he couldn't have directed a better finish.



## Repeat Showing for Women's Basketball

In a season that mirrored the year before, George Fox advanced to its ninth NAIA postseason appearance in the last 11 years.

With eight returning letterwinners, including four starters, the Lady Bruins recorded their second straight 15-10 season. Just as it had the year before, George Fox peaked at No. 22 in the regular-season national poll. Despite the addition of Northwest Conference newcomer University of Puget Sound, the Lady Bruins repeated their third-place league finish, again handing the eventual conference champion its only league loss. The end of the season also came at the same time as last year, with an NCIC semifinal road loss.

But not everything was identical. Interim head coach Scott Rueck was at the helm after spending two years as an assistant. Angela Pettit, a 6-foot-1 senior from Salem, Ore., completed her transformation from a timid freshman averaging 3.5 points a game to a dominant post who led the team with 16.4 points a game. She averaged 18.1 points in conference games, and her 35-point performance against Lewis & Clark College was the second highest in George Fox NAIA history.

She and senior wing Becci Harper each earned first-team all-Northwest Conference honors, and wing Nancy Rissmiller received honorable mention. All three earned NCIC player of the week honors during the season.

## Men's Basketball Grooms Young Talent

Six freshmen, six sophomores and one senior made up 15th-year head coach Mark Vernon's youngest team ever. After the team's top scorer and rebounder, 6-foot-7 junior Jared Gallop, decided to redshirt the entire season because of an injured back, Vernon's goals were simple: develop his young players and pick up a few upsets along the way.

The Bruins did both during their 8-16 season. Mike Faber, a 6-8 sophomore post from Salem, Ore., earned second-team all-Northwest Conference honors—the only freshman or sophomore on the first two honor squads. He led the league in blocked shots and was in the conference top six in scoring and rebounding.

Winning all-conference honorable mention was team MVP Kyle Valentine of West Linn, Ore., a slippery 5-10 point guard who led the Northwest Conference in steals.

Sophomore wing Aaron Newkirk of Central Point, Ore., was an all-tournament selection at the Albertson College of Idaho Golden Rule Shoot Out, but was lost to a season-ending knee injury in the 15th game of the season.

# BRUIN SPORTS



PHOTO BY GARY ALLEN OF THE GRAPHIC

Sharon Barnett is among the outstanding student-athletes choosing George Fox University for its Christ-centered education and academic excellence—despite the fact that it no longer offers athletic scholarships.

## The NCAA Division III Athlete

**Athletic Scholarships Are No Longer Allowed, But These Four Talented Student-Athletes Say George Fox's Atmosphere and Academic Reputation Are the Attraction**

Meet four student-athletes from the class of 2000—the first freshmen to come to George Fox under the non-scholarship rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III.

George Fox no longer awards athletic scholarships because it has provisional membership in the NCAA Division III—a 350-school non-scholarship athletic grouping that includes Johns Hopkins University, Wheaton College and Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.

In the fall of 1994, George Fox joined the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (NCIC), a league of 10 strong academic schools in Oregon and Washington. That winter the NCIC decided to leave the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and apply for NCAA Division III membership. All NCIC schools were required to come into full compliance with NCAA Division III regulations this year.

Among the best high school athletes around, Sharon Barnett, Beth Davis, Todd Hammans and Ben Kroon each said they chose George Fox because of its atmosphere and academic reputation. They, like the rest of their classmates, are paying for their schooling with academic scholarships, loans, and cash out of their own and their parents' pockets.

Without athletic scholarships, academic scholarships take on additional importance. Beth Davis, one of Oregon's best at hurling softballs and blocking volleyballs, found hitting the books also paid off. A 3.87 accumulative grade point average and a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of 1,340 (out of 1,600 points) translated into George Fox's \$5,000 Benson Scholarship. As do all the student-athletes, she must juggle the priorities of working on a term paper and working on her fastball and jump reach. Specific grade point averages must be maintained to keep some academic awards.

George Fox's coaches are responding to the challenge of no longer being able to guarantee a key recruit that part of his or her tuition will be paid for by athletic scholarships. Most can tell about losing a talented recruit because another school used an athletic scholarship to offer a better financial aid package, but they also report successes as well. The softball team enjoyed a memorable recruiting class: seven freshmen brought in all-state credentials.

Some freshmen, like Sharon Barnett, turned down scholarship offers to come to George Fox.

**What Drives Sharon More Than Anything Else:** Good competition and pressure.

**Best Part of College:** The thrill of meeting new people, the challenge of making decisions, and the level of competition in the athletics.

**Least Favorite Part of College:** The percentage of people who are only surface in their friendship. In other words, those that won't let anyone get to know them.

### SHARON BARNETT

Volleyball/Track and Field  
Salem Academy  
Salem, Ore.

A three-sport athlete, Sharon Barnett was named Oregon's 1995-96 female prep athlete of the year (see story on page 7).

Barnett was offered a nearly full-tuition volleyball scholarship to an Oregon NCAA Division I school, but she chose to follow in the footsteps of her father, mother, brother and sister, all George Fox graduates. A 3.9 grade point average helped her cover part of her tuition costs with an academic scholarship.

Barnett's impact at George Fox has been immediate. She was the volleyball team's Most Valuable Player and the only freshman named first team all-Northwest Conference. Despite injuries, she set three track records in her first two meets.

**Age:** 18

**Major:** Undeclared

**Career Plans:** I hope to go into some branch of medicine.

**Most Surprising Thing About College:** The fun and balanced combination of studies, social activities and sports.

**Why She Picked George Fox:** Because of the comforting and welcome atmosphere. Also because of the high level of academic success.

**Athletic Goals:** No. 1: Glorify God always; No. 2: National finals in 100-meter high hurdles; No. 3: All-American in volleyball.

**What's Special About The Class of 2000:** I can probably answer that one a lot better in about three years.



Ben Kroon was the second-leading scorer in Alaska, but his grades and test scores were what earned him a George Fox scholarship.

### BEN KROON

Basketball  
Wasilla High School  
Wasilla, Alaska

As a senior, Ben Kroon was the second-leading scorer among Alaska prep basketball players (22.8 points per game) and earned Class 4A all-state honorable mention. A great leaper, he also finished sixth in the state triple jump competition. But the numbers that paid off with a George Fox scholarship were his 3.7 grade point average and 1,320 SAT score.

(See **PROFILES**, page 7)



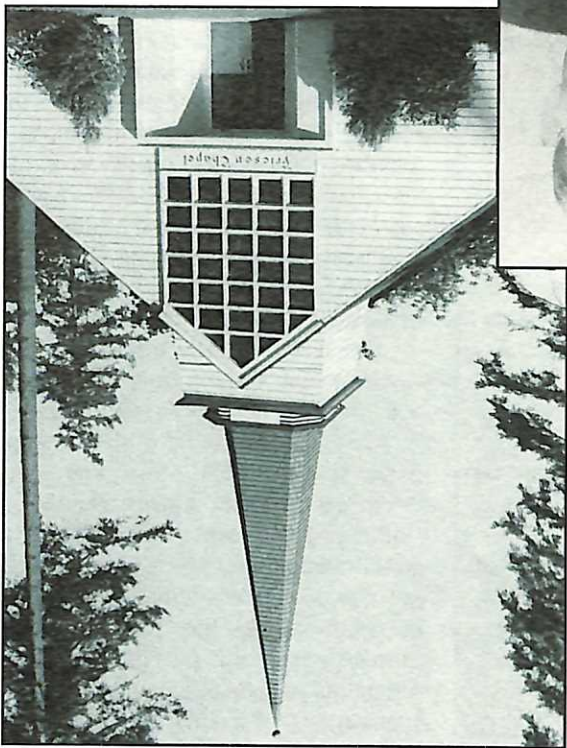
# A Closer Look

# WES

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## Golden Jubilee

### Area Gatherings Kick Off 50-Year Celebration



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: The Friesen Chapel, where WES chapels were held in the late 1940s and 1950s, still stands on the conference grounds at Jennings Lodge. Vice President Leo Thornton, founding President Paul Pettit, and Dean Campbell and Dean Vermillion (from left) at a general conference of the Evangelical Church in the 1950s. WES Dean Wayne McCowan (left) and Allen Odell present George Miller, longtime WES board member and conference superintendent, with an honorary doctorate. Participants in the banquet celebrating the 50-year anniversary of Western Evangelical Seminary. Pastor Chuck Ritter, the WES grad who led George Fox President Edward F. Stevens to the Lord.

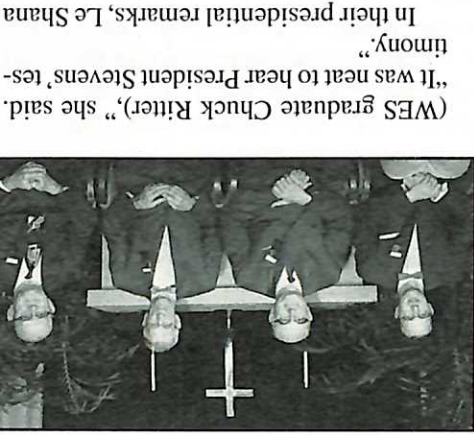


ality the outreach and ministry of WES over these 50 years," Le Shana said. Also present at the Golden Jubilee kickoff event, in addition to the two presidents, were Rod Vermillion, WES director of development, and Gene Hockett, interim president of the WES alumni board. Both stayed for the entire three-day conference.

Vermillion prepared a historical display that featured photos from throughout the years at WES. Included were pictures of founding president Paul Pettit and his successors, various photos of people and campus scenes, and a picture of Chuck Ritter, the pastor who introduced Stevens to Christ.

Work continues on a video and book that will tell the story of Western Evangelical Seminary's first 50 years. Planning also is under way on the culminating celebration of the Golden Jubilee: a daylong event to be held at WES on Tuesday, Sept. 16. The date was changed from an earlier plan to hold it on Wednesday, Sept. 17 (the actual day classes were first held at the seminary), due to church functions that often are held on Wednesday evenings.

According to Vermillion, the schedule will include reunions by decades, a late-afternoon reception and campus tours, and an evening banquet honoring those—such as former faculty and staff and past presidents—who have played a role in the life of WES over the years.



(WES graduate Chuck Ritter), she said. "It was neat to hear President Stevens' testimony." In their presidential remarks, Le Shana spoke about the history of WES, while Stevens talked about plans for the future. "I spoke on the 50 years of ministry that WES has had," Le Shana said. "We can learn so much from the past, particularly...about God's blessings." Le Shana paid tribute to the early presidents of the seminary, as well as to those who gave themselves to WES over the years, such as the late George Miller, a longtime member of the board. "There are many others from the Evangelical Church who have done so much in bringing the seminary to existence and supporting it with their prayer and gifts," he said. "I used the time to thank them for it and to ask them to continue to pray and support this new merger."

Stevens gave an update on accreditation approval, the development of new programs, and the potential of technology in training people for ministry. He opened, however, with his personal tribute to the pastor and WES graduate who won him to the Lord. "It very movingly brought down to reality my husband's roommate in college by my husband's roommate was led to the Lord," President Stevens was led to the Lord. "President Stevens' life."

The evening program, featuring Billings, Mont., in February. held at Hope Evangelical Church in the annual gathering of the Western Conference of the Evangelical Church, WES, began with a formal dinner event of the 50-year anniversary of the Golden Jubilee, celebrating the 50-year anniversary of the Western Conference of the Evangelical Church in Billings, Mont., in February.

## UPCOMING AREA GATHERINGS

- NOON LUNCHEON  
Monday, May 5  
Warm Beach Camp  
Stanwood, Wash.
- EVENING DESSERT at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 6  
First Free Methodist Church  
Seattle, Wash.
- EVENING DESSERT at 7 p.m.  
Thursday, May 8  
Evangelical Church  
Yakima, Wash.
- EVENING DESSERT at 7 p.m.  
Friday, May 9  
Opportunity Free Methodist Church  
Spokane, Wash., area
- OFFICIAL GOLDEN JUBILEE  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF  
WESTERN EVANGELICAL SEMINARY  
Tuesday, Sept. 16  
Portland Center campus



# Doing the Work OF THE Lord

**B**ev Cook Rupp is like the traveler who mounted that last mountain, only to find other vistas beyond.

For nearly a decade she has studied to be a certified chaplain, and soon she will be. It is the end of a long, long journey, but she considers it also a kind of beginning because it will bring her to where she can "officially" do what she feels called to do.

"My calling, my very clear calling," she said, "is to be there for others who are institutionalized for whatever the reason."

A tiny, extremely soft-spoken woman in her mid-fifties, who attentively watches you through lavender-tinted glasses, Bev Cook Rupp has already "been there for others."

"I've dealt with the criminally insane, in medical intensive-care units, worked with teenagers at the Oregon State Hospital who were there because they were either a danger to themselves or to others. I've dealt with patients at Portland Veterans Administration Medical Center, as chaplain to the staff, patients and their families."

She has sat with grieving families while some loved one lay dying, conducted funerals, comforted people in the painful throes of dismay and disillusionment.

## Destiny Through Hardship

One reason why Bev Rupp is committed to so intense a calling is that she has lived through much agony in her own life.

She didn't want to dwell too much on unhappy times of her life, but they began in infancy.

She was born in Falls City, Ore., and when her real parents were unable for a while to care for her, she was placed with foster parents, the Rev. and Mrs. E. Kay Fenton, pastor of a church in Valsetz.

"I wasn't long with the Fentons, but long enough to bond with them. We were so close." They remained friends for a lifetime.

"I was raised basically by my biological parents," Rupp related, "but because of many severe hardships, there were numerous occasions that I lived briefly with foster parents." She looked off into the distance, caught in memory. "Oh, I had so many foster parents."

She also had a genetic hearing impairment that worked its special emotional pain throughout her life. Today, though, with a hearing aid, she communicates well. Better than most folks, in fact, because she has learned lip reading and sign language, and through signing she can communicate with other hearing-impaired people.

Her parents were not only poor; her father was a man of conflicting passions. He thought himself a minister but lived a wayward life.

"He was a church tramp," said Bev. "He kept visiting all sorts of churches. I loved him and went with him to so many churches. But that has worked out for the good, because I met so many people in those churches who had what I wanted to have, and were what I wanted to be when I grew up."

So she early committed her life to Christ. The Fentons were instrumental in guiding her to a more stable Christian environment. In 1957, when Bev was 15, they placed her in Salem Academy, because they said, there were too many boys in Valsetz "paying attention to her."

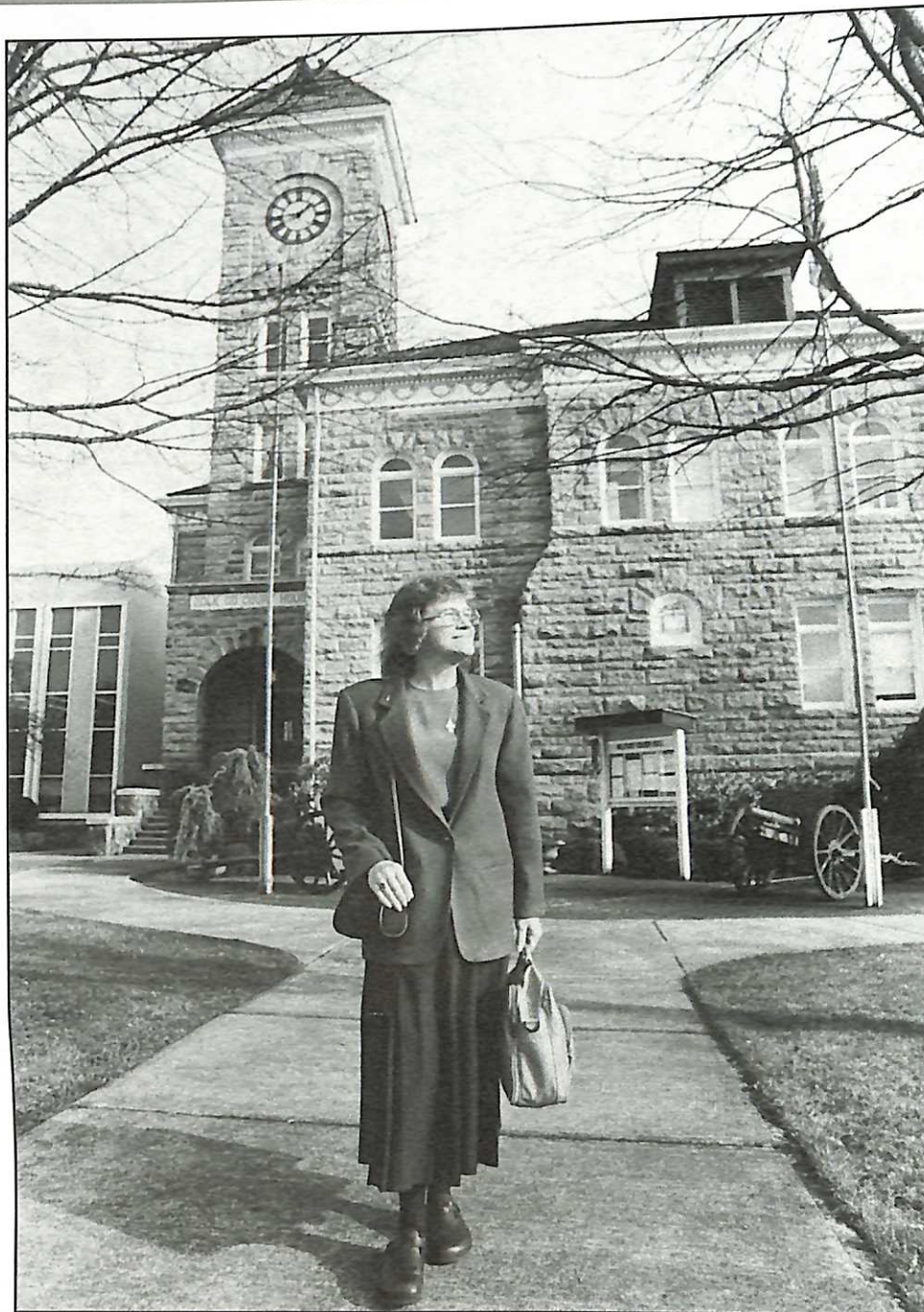


PHOTO BY PAT FARRELL  
Bev Cook Rupp can look back on her life and smile at what she's been able to accomplish through adversity.

## Her Own Family

"That was funny," Bev said, "because within just a few weeks I met the boy I would marry three years later."

She and John Rupp were married in 1960, and she couldn't suppress a chuckle when she rattled off a long list of their similarities.

"I was born Feb. 4, 1942. John was born Dec. 4, 1941. We both weighed 10 pounds at birth, each the biggest baby in our families. We were both the third of four children. We both picked beans and hops in the same fields in Independence. We were both in the same spelling bee at Dallas Junior High. I represented Valsetz; he represented Dallas."

"But we never met until in Bible class at Salem Academy three weeks after I started there. Now, he's into computers. I'm into people."

John would not let Bev work outside the home, so motherhood became her major occupation. "I loved being a mother. Our two children, a son and a daughter, were my life. For years. And so, when they were grown and suddenly gone...talk about the empty nest syndrome."

## Finding the Light

She was devastated. There was no longer anyone to mother, and she grieved, to a dangerous degree.

"In 1986 I was a near suicide," she said. "Then one day I read about grief recovery and drove to Salem to the First Church of Nazarene. I met Milton and Robena Poole. They were just starting their grief recovery class."

"That was the first step to my recovery. All during that first six-week session, though, I did nothing but weep."

"My children were gone from the home. I'd been surrounded by family deaths. I once had a baby die in my womb. I had that lifelong loss of hearing. I'd had a double mastectomy."

"I was rudderless. I felt my life was over. My children had been my whole identity."

Consequently, she had to go through the grief recovery class twice. It was better the second time.

"I pay tribute to Milton Poole," she said. "He was a chaplain, a senior pastor, therapist, and on the pastoral staff at First Church. He was my godfather. He and Robena were my godparents."

"Then I kept going back to those grief recovery classes, to help others." And that, in turn, helped her even more.

Then came 1988. "That was the pivotal year in my life," she said.

She was in her room one night, alone, when suddenly the room shone with a bright light. "And I knew, I knew it was the Lord."

She was given, indelibly, she said, the words of a poem:

*"...Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

— APOSTLE PAUL, TO THE PHILIPPIANS

*"I was regretting the past and fearing the future. Suddenly my Lord was speaking: 'My Name is I Am.' He paused."*

*"I waited. He continued, 'When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I Was."*

*"When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I Will Be. When you live in this moment it is not hard. I am here. My name is I Am."*

That cleared up many things for Bev. "It taught me to live in the present. I have lived that way ever since."

## An Angel on Earth

People have remarked about her patience and calmness in stress situations. "They've wondered how I can remain so calm. I tell them: It is God in my life."

At the Veterans Administration Hospital in Portland one time, a family with four generations present accepted Bev into their group as one family member lay dying. Bev comforted them as best as she could.

Later the deceased man's brother and wife wrote Max Metcalf, the chief of chaplains at the hospital, that a great healing had taken place among four generations of that family. Bev, they wrote, "is an angel on earth doing God's work."

Bev quickly admits she does what she does in strength and wisdom provided by God, "not in my own strength."

That pivotal year of 1988 saw her go finally to college after 28 years of marriage. She graduated from Western Oregon State College with a bachelor of science degree in psychology in 1992, earned a chaplaincy certificate from Western (Baptist) Seminary, and two master's degrees from Western Evangelical Seminary, one in Christian psychology, the other in marriage and family counseling.

In addition, she has taken numerous courses in chaplaincy training at Oregon State Hospital in Salem and the VA Medical Center in Portland. She has found that one does not go into the chaplaincy without rigorous training, but she has persisted.

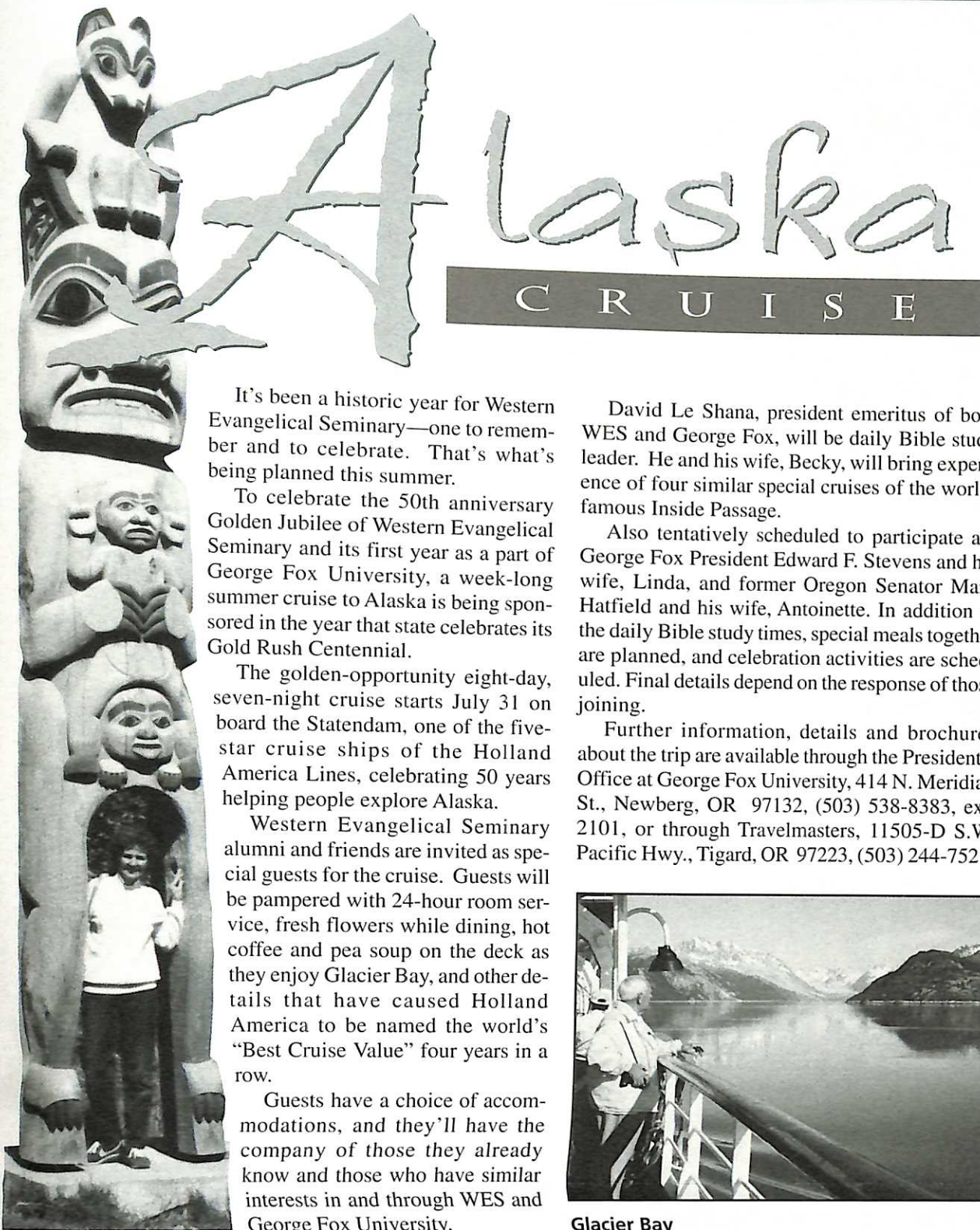
The formality of certification by the College of Chaplains is not far off, but Bev Cook Rupp is already serving. Remember her calling? She said, "My very clear calling is to be there for others who are institutionalized for whatever reason."

One day she will be a chaplain, officially, somewhere, in some hospital or prison or corporation.

In following her calling, Bev is living as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians that he was following his call: "...forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

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It's been a historic year for Western Evangelical Seminary—one to remember and to celebrate. That's what's being planned this summer.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary Golden Jubilee of Western Evangelical Seminary and its first year as a part of George Fox University, a week-long summer cruise to Alaska is being sponsored in the year that state celebrates its Gold Rush Centennial.

The golden-opportunity eight-day, seven-night cruise starts July 31 on board the Statendam, one of the five-star cruise ships of the Holland America Lines, celebrating 50 years helping people explore Alaska.

Western Evangelical Seminary alumni and friends are invited as special guests for the cruise. Guests will be pampered with 24-hour room service, fresh flowers while dining, hot coffee and pea soup on the deck as they enjoy Glacier Bay, and other details that have caused Holland America to be named the world's "Best Cruise Value" four years in a row.

Guests have a choice of accommodations, and they'll have the company of those they already know and those who have similar interests in and through WES and George Fox University.

David Le Shana, president emeritus of both WES and George Fox, will be daily Bible study leader. He and his wife, Becky, will bring experience of four similar special cruises of the world-famous Inside Passage.

Also tentatively scheduled to participate are George Fox President Edward F. Stevens and his wife, Linda, and former Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield and his wife, Antoinette. In addition to the daily Bible study times, special meals together are planned, and celebration activities are scheduled. Final details depend on the response of those joining.

Further information, details and brochures about the trip are available through the President's Office at George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St., Newberg, OR 97132, (503) 538-8383, ext. 2101, or through Travelmasters, 11505-D S.W. Pacific Hwy., Tigard, OR 97223, (503) 244-7521.



Glacier Bay

## A Window of Opportunity

BY DAVID C. LE SHANA,  
President Emeritus

I believe Western Evangelical Seminary, like Queen Esther of old, was "born for such a time as this"! After 50 years of service in preparing men and women for leadership, WES is facing a need for its kind of ministry that has never been greater!

We are living in critical times. Oz Guinness calls it a "crisis of cultural authority" and speaks with deep conviction about "coming world conflicts between civilizations and cultures." In many regions of our world, the church is perceived to be empty and on the run, while paganism is growing.

Within our own nation there is evidence of confusion and deep uneasiness. Our secularized, post-Christian society is filled with a generation of young leaders who were reared without spiritual focus. Chuck Colson calls it the "new Dark Ages." There are no moral absolutes. Truth has become relative. Andrew Greeley suggests that in our country this is the "first generation without Scripture in their heads, a hymn in their hearts, or memory of prayer in their homes." In fact, the perception of many is that, in its attempt to be tolerant, our society is actually becoming anti-Christian!

These are critical times, and yet, the opportunity for making a difference in our society has never been greater! There is a high interest in religion and spirituality. George Barna spoke in March to the National Association of Evangelicals and reported that, throughout the world, 75 million non-Christians are visiting Christian churches on any given Sunday!



What an opportunity for evangelism!

The generation of "baby busters" within our own country is seeking a sense of purpose for living, is searching for means of belonging. What an opportunity for ministry and service!

This is the task that confronts us. A spiritual renewal, fostered by more widespread prayer than has ever occurred historically, may be immanent! Yet George Barna warned the NAE gathering that we may have only five to seven years to take advantage of this window of opportunity to become involved in "strategic harvesting." Like Guinness and Colson, he also thinks that moral anarchy is immanent.

This is the challenge and remarkable opportunity that faces the Christian church. We must adequately and authentically prepare men and women for strategic leadership in this generation. The times call for strong visionary leadership by individuals who are equipped with a strategic mind and heart and are fully committed to God's strategic mission.

This is the purpose of Western Evangelical Seminary: to prepare leaders who can change the world—individuals taught and equipped by a godly and capable faculty, individuals empowered by the Holy Spirit, individuals with a deepening commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ—these are some of the characteristics of graduates who will make a difference in our society!

Half a century has passed since WES first came into existence, yet I am convinced that the days ahead will underscore the fact that WES was born of God for "such a time as this"! With our prayer and support, the seminary will make a significant impact on our world during this window of opportunity.

David C. Le Shana

## Two Ceremonies Set for WES Graduates

This year's Western Evangelical Seminary graduates will receive both the personal touch of the seminary's hooding ceremony and the pomp and circumstance of full commencement exercises with the rest of George Fox University.

Saturday, May 3, at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Beaverton, members of WES's 49th class of graduates one at a time will kneel while two faculty members place hoods over their heads signifying the completion of their degrees.

"It's a time before family, friends and God where they commit themselves to service," said Bill Vermillion, acting dean of WES. "Students have said it was the most meaningful part of commencement."

A biographical statement including a student's background and future goals is read about each graduate.

The WES ceremony also will include a brief devotional, singing by graduates DeAnna Adams and Michael Knapp, and the honoring of award winners.

Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m., about 60 WES graduates will be among more than 400 receiving diplomas at the George Fox University commencement ceremony on the Newberg campus. Don North, former president of the Burlington Northern Foundation and the Burlington Resources Foundation and former chairman of the WES board, will deliver the commencement address. A baccalaureate service is scheduled for earlier that day, at 10:30 a.m. in Bauman Auditorium.

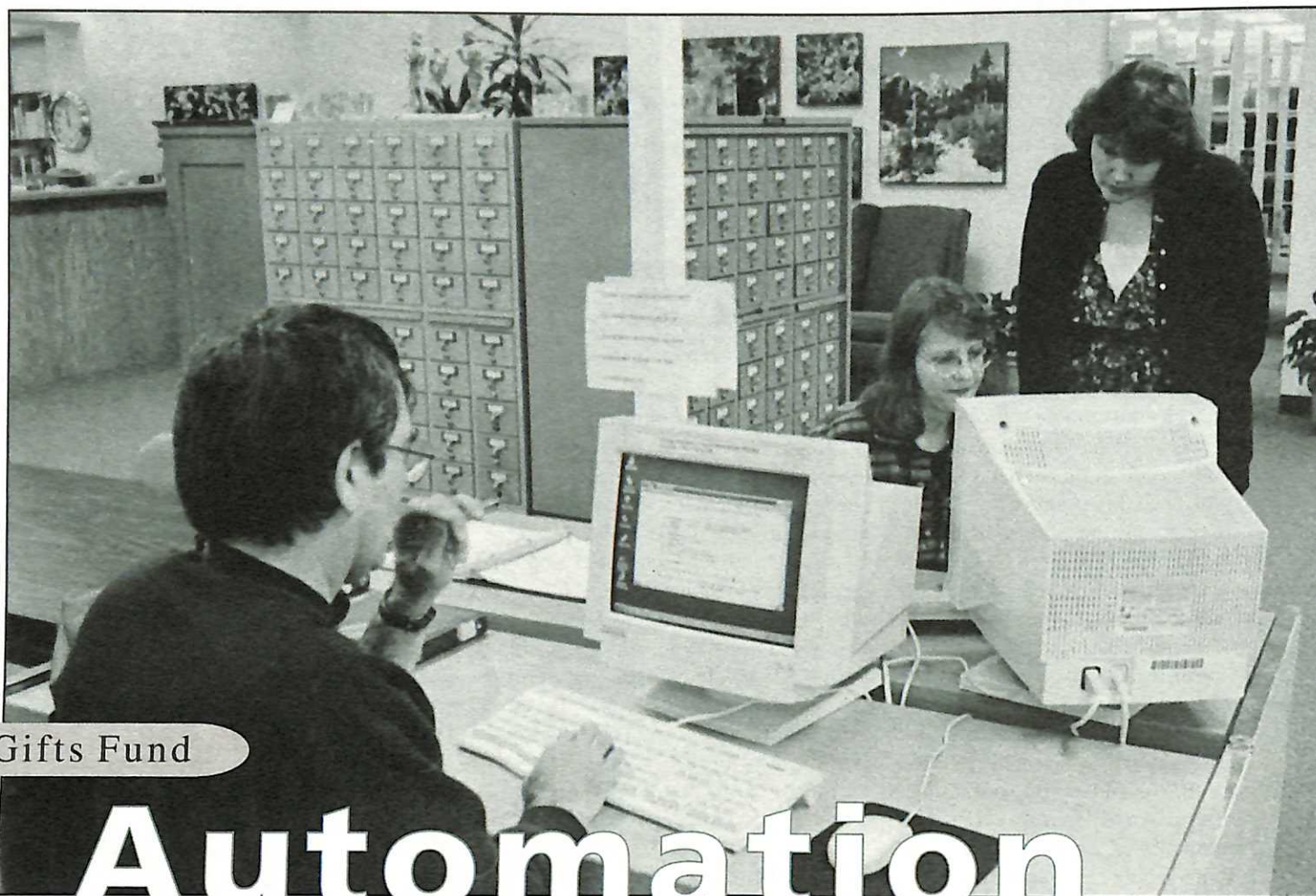
WES graduates also will join with the University's degree-completion students for a graduation dinner Friday, May 2, on the George Fox campus.

## Missing Alumni

Western Evangelical Seminary 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, George Fox University's director of alumni and parent relations, at 414 N. Meridian St., Newberg, OR 97132, (503) 538-8383, ext. 2114.

Muriel Ablard '81, Melootu Abraham '76, Ottahegil Abraham '75, Sosamma Abraham '75, Ernest Albin '82, Merrily Anderson '81, Christopher Arney '80, Edward Bagwell '81, Jon Baker '80, Michele Baker '94, Peter Banks '88, Gloria Bartley '89, Lyle Bauer '90, Roy Bearden '84, Miram Berning '79, LaDonna Bettenbrock-Abuyan '90, Audrey Binsfeld '87, Alan Boaz '86, Herbert Bock '83, Alvin Book '79, Paula Briedis '87, Gary Bright '89, Lawson Brown '80, Sarah Brown '89, Raymond Bryant '83, Raymond Bryant '66, Morrison Budden '70, John Bunting '89, Terry Callis '91, Arthur Carl '61, Kathy Carnine '93, Herstel Carter '81, Shin Suk Choi '91, John Chun '84, Charles Clarkson '95, Jerry Clarkson '94, Nelson Clinch '77, Terrance Clyne '86, John Connor '77, Rodney Cook '90, Ralph Cooper '76, Robert Cowing '81, Richard Craig '78, Neil Cromwell '77, Robert Cruthirds '80, Jean Dean '74, Milton Dearborn '74, Lynn Dietz '85, Kevin Dunbar '91.





WES students John Johnson and Jeanie Warner conduct on-line library searches with the help of Patsy Kuehne (right), public services manager of the Portland Center Library.

Two Gifts Fund

# Automation

## of Western Evangelical Seminary Library

At a time when people are searching through library holdings using a computer, students at Western Evangelical Seminary were still checking out books the old-fashioned way using a card catalog. All that is changing, however, thanks to two grants totalling \$175,000 that are funding the automation of George Fox University's Portland Center campus.

Approximately \$100,000 will come from a \$1 million federal grant to the Portland Area Library System (PORTALS), a consortium of 14 research libraries of which George Fox is a founding member. The Meyer Memorial Trust will provide \$75,000. The Meyer grant came as a result of a George Fox proposal to the trust for help with the costs of merging Western Evangelical Seminary with George Fox.

The automation will allow the seminary to have on-line access to George Fox's main library in Newberg, known as the Murdock Learning Resource Center (MLRC), as well as PORTALS and the Orbis system, which links 12 Oregon and Washington college and university libraries. In addition, WES's 70,000-volume collection will be put on-line with George Fox's Newberg campus holdings. The unified catalog will be searchable over the Internet.

"Searching automated records allows people to more easily identify needed materials," said Merrill Johnson, the University's director of learn-

ing resources. "They also can access it from multiple locations—not just the library, but offices, homes, really anywhere they can get on the Internet—24 hours a day, seven days a week."

An on-line catalog, Johnson said, allows students to determine the status of a book—whether it's on the shelf or checked out—as well as to scan for other books on the same subject shelved next to the originally requested book.

"If they determine that WES or the MLRC doesn't have what they want," Johnson said, "they will then be able to go to the next logical step and, with one keystroke, initiate that search in Orbis and borrow it from another library."

The WES library currently contains two public work stations and will be getting two more. As of now, only a limited number of books are in the on-line catalog. After the merger, Johnson and his staff started doing on-line cataloging for all new acquisitions. Bibliographic records for previous holdings are in the process of being converted to an electronic, or digital, format.

"Probably by early fall, all of the records will be in the on-line catalog," he said. "Several months after that we hope to have the bar-coding done on all the books."

## 'Spiritual Direction' Focus of WES Certificate Program

Responding to a need in the church, Western Evangelical Seminary is offering special training to help people give intentional one-on-one spiritual guidance and support to another.

The 30-hour program leads to a Certificate in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship. This is the second year WES has offered it as part of its curriculum.

"In churches we talk a lot about the spiritual life, but we don't really understand how to nurture it, how to encourage growth, how to help people explore their spirituality," said Mary Kate Morse, associate professor of biblical languages and director of spiritual life.

Morse led in the establishment of the certificate program because of her concern about the burnout and morality issues pastors and lay leaders face in ministry. She believes they don't get very good spiritual care, and the best way for them to do so is to be in spiritual direction. Most evangelical churches, however, don't know what spiritual directors are.

"Spiritual direction is a very ancient tradi-

tion that was used in the church—for all people—but we've lost it," Morse said. "I think that's why pastors struggle. They're kind of isolated. No one's caring for them."

WES Master of Divinity students are required to be in spiritual direction while in school. Wanting graduates to continue to have that experience after they leave, Morse helped develop a program to identify and train people gifted to be spiritual directors.

Because the program is built on the spiritual formation curriculum that's part of the core for the M.Div. and counseling programs, WES students working toward those degrees need take only an additional 15 to 17 hours of course work to earn the certificate as spiritual directors. Non-degree and post-seminary students interested in the certificate would need to have their transcripts evaluated to determine necessary course work.

The program consists of 18 hours in the foundations core: two Bible courses, two counseling courses, a theology course, and a course on the history of spirituality and renewal. Another eight classes and four electives make up the spiritual formation curriculum. Four of those (Spiritual Direc-

tion Experience, The Art of Spiritual Direction, Spiritual Direction Practicum, and Group Spiritual Formation) specifically are reserved for certificate students.

Morse and Daniel Brunner, assistant professor of church history and pastoral studies, teach the majority of the courses. They do try, however, to have every WES faculty member teach a spiritual formation course that comes out of his or her specialty—for example, Randy Michael from the counseling program teaching on spirituality and marriage, or Carole Spencer, whose area is church history, exploring spirituality and the mystics.

Currently, all those in the program are students completing the Certificate in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship as a concentration or as an additional program. M.Div. students are taking it as a concentration; several counseling students have added it to their education as clinical therapists; and a couple of Christian education students are using it to expand their vision of Christian education to include spiritual formation.