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President Stevens Recuperating at Home After Stroke

Day-to-day leadership of George Fox University is being handled by the seven-member President's Cabinet as President Ed Stevens recuperates at home following a stroke he suffered June 7.

Stevens returned to his Newberg home July 17. It was there 40 days earlier that the stroke occurred, caused by a tumor, according to physicians. He underwent emergency, life-saving surgery to remove a blood clot in his brain.

His family says it has been told that the tumor is not considered life threatening at this time, is treatable and that full recovery can be expected. They report there is an 80 percent response rate for this form of tumor.

Although Stevens surprised and delighted the congregation at Newberg Friends Church by attending the Sunday morning service July 20, the University's leader will not be making frequent public appearances or be back in the office in the near future. He will continue to be in therapy and treatment for the effects of the stroke and the tumor. He is returning to Portland five days a week for continued medical attention.

Because of the need for recuperation and rest time to allow him to recover faster, no visitors or telephone calls will be allowed until further notice. His wife, Linda, said the many messages and cards that have been sent continue to be appreciated while recovery continues.

It is not known when Stevens will return to his office, but Chairman Dea Cox said the University's Board of Trustees continues to assume that Stevens will return to his work duties eventually. "I'm encouraged Ed is making such remarkable gains and I am optimistic of his early return to his office," he said.

Initial medical staff who worked with Stevens for about three weeks on the effects of the stroke were replaced in mid-July by a second level of therapists who are providing additional physical therapy three days a week, and occupational and speech therapy two days a week.

Linda Stevens says that continuing treatment for the tumor leaves her husband very fatigued for a while. She said he is "eating well" on a diet that allow him to eat nearly everything.

After the stroke, Stevens was rushed to Newberg Providence Hospital, then taken by helicopter to Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland where he underwent

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Professor of art Doug Campbell with Erika Denny in Art 301 Intermediate Painting class.

One Major Added, Another on the Way

George Fox is adding art this fall as an undergraduate major, and the University could soon become one of the first liberal arts institutions in the Pacific Northwest to add a major in "cognitive science."

Art classes have long been offered at George Fox and many students have minored in art, but the addition of the new major follows approvals given about three years ago by faculty and administrators, said Mark Weinert, dean of the School of Humanities. "It was a matter of finding the right timing for it, and having the resources to support it," he said.

Weinert and Jeff Rickey, dean of admissions, both noted that high school

students looking at George Fox have long shown strong interest in an art major. "It was the single most requested major that we had not yet been offering, until now," said Rickey.

"The art major will substantially increase our presence and offerings in the humanities," Weinert said.

The University has hired Mark Terry, who most recently taught at Sprague High School in Salem, Ore., to join Doug Campbell on the University's art faculty this fall. Terry holds a master's degree from Western Oregon University and did his undergraduate work at Willamette University in Salem.

Campbell, who has taught at George

Fox since 1990, is taking a sabbatical during the coming school year. "So we'll have a year of 'phasing in' the major," said Weinert.

Among the new offerings will be an "Introduction to Graphic Design" class that Weinert said reflects a specialization of Terry's. There will also be more offerings in the printmaking and sculpture sequences.

"I'm really pleased that the art major is coming on board," said Dirk Barram, vice president for academic affairs. "It strengthens our character as a liberal arts institution."

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Minthorn Hall Selected for Listing on National Register of Historic Places

Minthorn Hall—where U.S. President Herbert Hoover lived and played as a boy in Newberg—has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The 110-year-old building, George Fox University's oldest, was built originally for Friends Pacific Academy and is even older than the University itself.

The two-story wood structure was moved to its present site in 1892, one year after the University was founded. When constructed in 1887, the building was a boys' dormitory and gymnasium.

Although placement on the list of historic places already is official, formal public ceremonies to place a commemorative plaque are scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 4, in conjunction with the biennial Herbert Hoover Symposium.

The listing was approved by the National Park Service/United States Department of the Interior. The process was conducted and endorsed by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

In being named to the national historic list,

the building is cited as "a classic illustration of adaptive use of one of the oldest private college buildings in Oregon."

"Minthorn Hall is the sole physical link tying together (the) entire academic history from infant Friends Pacific Academy to thriving George Fox University," the documentation says. Minthorn Hall is said to meet the National Register's Criterion A as the symbolic "Old Main" of George Fox University.

The building is said to be "significant

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Major: Art Added This Fall; Cognitive Science May Soon Follow

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Cognitive science is the study of the relationship between, and the integration of, cognitive psychology, biology, anthropology, computer science, linguistics and philosophy. It became an area of increased research in the 1950s, aided by the computer and advances in brain imaging techniques.

"It's a collaborative program that's a little bit interdisciplinary in nature," said Barram. "It's for students in psychology who are more science-oriented. It's also a precursor to graduate school. We think that it helps students look at these issues from a number of perspectives and will help them increase their research skills."

Chris Koch, assistant professor of psychology, last April outlined the proposed major to the faculty, which gave it their preliminary endorsement. But a firm decision on offering it as a major will wait for another two years, said Barram.

Koch noted that cognitive science is growing in popularity, as evidenced by the number of large universities that have established institutes on the subject. There is also an increase in cognitive science organizations, references, texts and journals.

"Among the colleges nationally that are offering a cognitive science major are Amherst, Swarthmore, Williams, Bowdoin and Haverford," said Barram.

In addition to existing courses, the new program would add a new course, "Introduction to Neuroscience," by Fall 1999. This course would explore what the mind is and how the mind and mental processes can be examined using philosophical, psychological, biological and computational methods.

To fulfill the major, students would complete 39 hours of course credit, almost all in subjects already offered in other related disciplines. Addition of the major would not substantially change the faculty course load.

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Vice President for Advancement Selected

An administrator for the past seven years at an Ohio college has returned to the Pacific Northwest to become George Fox University's vice president for advancement.

Dana Miller, 37, began at George Fox in August. Selected after a nationwide search, he comes from Malone College in Canton, Ohio, where he has been vice president for marketing and institutional advancement since 1990.

At George Fox, Miller will be a member of the President's Cabinet and will be responsible for University fund raising, including the annual fund, endowment fund and capital campaigns.

Reared in Seattle, Wash., where his family attended Friends Memorial Church, Miller attended Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, graduating in May 1982 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. From 1982 to 1987 he remained in Wichita with a local bank, serving as an investment officer and administrative assistant.

In 1987 he returned to Friends University, holding several administrative positions over the next three years. They included director



Dana Miller

of a university campaign that raised \$10 million, director of estate planning, and the general managership of Friends Village, a 49-unit retirement complex owned and operated by the university. In that post he also managed a 24-page monthly tabloid publication mailed to 60,000 senior adults.

At Malone, Miller was responsible for external relationships and fund-raising activities, including alumni services, the annual fund, corporate and foundation relations, major donors, estate design and planned giving, public relations and publications. During his time there, annual gift income increased from about \$800,000 to \$1.2 million. He also directed a \$3.5 million capital campaign to construct Malone's Brehme Centennial Center.

"I'm honored to have the privilege to serve George Fox University in this capacity," Miller said. "I was drawn to the University because of its exceptional leadership, strong mission, and the service it provides to students from throughout the region and nation. It's a real treat to be at an institution of high visibility, strong reputation and a tradition of excellence."

Miller replaces Dave Adrian, a 1980 George Fox graduate who has been a member of the Development Office since his graduation and has been vice president for

development the past three years. Adrian relinquished the position to go back to his first love—full-time fund-raising. Under the new title of associate vice president for development, Adrian will devote his time to a capital campaign and meeting with the University's major donors.

"I'm pleased for the opportunity to serve along Dave Adrian, who has been a friend and colleague for some time," said Miller. "This new position allows him to focus on his strengths and to contribute to our development efforts."

In the Advancement Office reorganization, position searches also are under way for a director of alumni and parent relations, grant writer, associate director of development for Western Evangelical Seminary, and for a new position of office manager to help coordinate a planned comprehensive campaign.

Leaving positions on July 1 were Gary Brown, alumni director; Steve Wood, foundation and corporate relations director; and Rod Vermillion, WES development representative. Brown, a 1968 George Fox graduate, had served as alumni director since 1968. Wood completed two years at George Fox after 20 years in the pastorate, and Vermillion was in his position for one year before returning to the pastorate.

Minthorn: Oldest Building on Campus Named to List

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locally and regionally as the only building associated with the complete history of Quaker secondary and higher education in the Pacific Northwest."

The 31st president of the United States resided in Newberg from 1883 to 1889, after being orphaned at the age of 8 in Iowa. It is believed he lived in the dormitory for a few months in the 1887-88 school year and played in the gymnasium. He came to Newberg to live with his uncle Henry John Minthorn, the first principal of Friends Pacific Academy, and Minthorn's wife, Laura. Their home, two blocks from the George Fox campus, is now the Hoover-Minthorn House museum, and also on the National Register of Historic Places.

When moved to the new campus site, the 40-by-60-foot college building became a dormitory for women (first floor) and men (second floor), with a daylight basement added for a dining hall, kitchen, store room, and cook's bedroom. At that time it was named Canyon Hall, presumably because the campus was cut by a ravine or "canyon," although "Boarding Hall" was interchangeably used.

In 1914-15, the building was open to women only and the spelling "Kanyon" Hall was adopted—for no known reason. In 1939 the building was completely refurbished: new roof, new floors, plastering throughout (replacing wallpaper and a layer of cardboard-like material directly on boards), new closets, and a new heating system. At this time the original vernacular Italianate style outside appearance was changed to a colonial style by Portland architect Donald Edmundson. It continued to be called Kanyon Hall and to serve as a women's residence hall.

The building remained with that name until 1962, when it underwent both a change of purpose and a change of name. The top two floors were converted to faculty offices and classrooms and the Minthorn Hall name adopted—honoring Hoover's uncle and aunt.

Today the degree-completion program is headquartered on the bottom level.

Minthorn Hall originally stood near the middle of a four-acre site that was a former grain field owned by Newberg pioneer Jesse Edwards. The site is now the location of the Newberg Friends Church, at Third and College streets.

The building was moved to its new home—along with another building—by a Portland house mover, R.A. Clark. He brought his equipment up the Willamette River on the old Jefferson Street ferry boat, which he had recently purchased. The cost of moving both buildings was \$1,359.

According to Friends Pacific Academy's 1885-86 catalog, plans were made to erect a "boarding hall" for the accommodation of pupils living at a distance from the school, "the need for such a building having been felt during the past year."

The building is described as "commodious" in the College's first catalog. With the



Minthorn Hall, the oldest building on George Fox's Newberg campus, has been a familiar sight for generations.

came more dormitory space for additional women.

Three-quarters of a century after its construction, the building returned to service in use other than a residence hall. The basement and first floor were remodeled to provide a new home for education and psychology departments. The third floor remained a dormitory until 1969, when it also was converted to faculty offices.

In 1992 the University began a project to return the building's interior to a pre-1900 period design, starting on the top floor. Wood baseboards were returned, picture molding installed and office doorways refinished with bulls-eye design corners. New carpet carries a historic large plume design, and original gas lighting fixtures modified for electricity were purchased from an antique dealer and installed.



new basement for dining, the building could house 16 women on the first floor and 20 "gentlemen" on the top floor.

In 1914, Kanyon Hall became an all-women dormitory when Hoover Hall, the only other original College building, was converted to a men's dormitory. Kanyon Hall then served in that capacity for 48 years. When a new dining hall and kitchen was added to campus, the bottom floor then be-

George Fox Honors Archivist as University's Volunteer of the Year

As a strictly volunteer position, the job of archivist at George Fox University isn't necessarily easy to fill. That's why the director of the University's library was pleased when Richard "Dick" Votaw stepped forward in 1992, and by what he has accomplished since then.

"Good people who are willing to work reliably and regularly for no compensation and who also have a strong identity with our institution are hard to find," said Merrill Johnson, head of the University's Murdock Learning Resource Center.

By working an estimated 400 hours annually, Votaw since 1992 not only has donated the equivalent of one full work year, but he and his wife, Doree, also have provided the funds for the archives to purchase a computer, printer and related computer peripherals. That allowed computer inventory of the archival collection for the first time.

"A volunteer who also makes financial contributions. Wow!," says Johnson.

Because of his dedication to the University, Votaw

was recognized this summer as George Fox's 1997 Volunteer of the Year. The honor was presented at the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on the Newberg campus.

About 85 people gave of their time to the University this past academic year. The volunteers worked on a variety of tasks, including preparing University publications for mailing, assisting campus Red Cross blood drives, and helping with construction projects. The volunteers' efforts annually save the University thousands of dollars.

As archivist, Votaw is responsible for receiving materials that continually come to the campus archives from University offices and departments, from churches, and from alumni and friends of the University.

Votaw, who was an accountant for a family business most of his professional career, ensures that materials are properly recorded, organized and secured. Many materials now are housed in acid-free boxes, thanks to Votaw's efforts.

Votaw also answers questions—either on-site or through the mail—about the archived material. Inquiries come from all perspectives: from students doing course-related research to persons outside the University who have personal interests or research projects.

"I really appreciate the times I can turn a question over to Dick for research and response," said Johnson.

The Votaws retired to Newberg from California several years ago. Although not a George Fox alumnus himself—he was a member of the first graduating class in 1951 at Claremont's Men's College in California—three of the Votaws' four children are George Fox graduates who have continued to live in Newberg. The Votaws also are Quakers and attend Newberg Friends Church, and he also serves as archivist for the University's sponsoring denomination, Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church.

PHOTO BY GARY ALLEN

Doree Votaw, right, grins as her husband, Dick, reacts to news of his award.



FACULTY NEWS

Psychology Professor Named to State Board of Bar Examiners

The Oregon Supreme Court has appointed a George Fox University psychology professor as the newest member of the state Board of Bar Examiners.

W. Brad Johnson, an assistant professor in the University's Graduate School of Clinical Psychology on its Newberg campus, is one of two non-lawyer, or "public," members of the 14-member board.

The board is responsible for administering the bar exam, screening applicants for the bar, and handling complaints or conducting hearings in cases where there is concern about an attorney's performance or fitness for the practice of law. Johnson, who was selected from approximately 20 applicants, went through an extensive interview process for the position.

As a public member of the board, Johnson serves a one-year term with possibility of reappointment for up to two additional years. Such members play an im-



Brad Johnson

portant part in the evaluation of the moral character and fitness of applicants, and may serve on evidentiary hearing panels as a part of the investigation and evaluation of applicants.

Although a public member does not participate in the preparation and grading of the bar examination questions, they may assist in the review of the questions and the administration of the bar examination itself.

The board also makes periodic visits to the public and private law schools in the state.

Johnson earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from Fuller Theological Seminary in California. He previously taught at Chaminade University in Hawaii and was a Navy psychologist stationed at Pearl Harbor (Hawaii) and Bethesda (Md.) Naval Hospital. He is listed on the National Register of Health Care Providers in Psychology, and was commended for service to the U.S. Navy during the Persian Gulf War. He is a member of American Psychological Association, Christian Association of Psychological Studies, and Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity.

Marlyce Gholston, admissions director for the state board, said the panel added its first public member position in 1980, and the second one a few years later. She said those fill-

ing the positions have represented a wide range of occupational backgrounds, including insurance planner, accountant, restaurant owner, educator and contractor.

"There's a lot of things they look at" in choosing a public member, she said. "Their overall knowledge, their demeanor—are they a level-headed person, the type to have on a board."

Johnson believes his background in military psychology and his familiarity with the military legal system were seen as a plus by those who selected him.

"I think that was part of it," he said. "As a military psychologist, you do a lot of forensic work in evaluating people's fitness for duty." He said that includes analyzing their skills and character traits—similar to the process of evaluating candidates for the bar.

Johnson, who teaches a graduate-level course at the University on legal, ethical and professional issues relating to psychology, believes his work with the state panel will tie in well.

"I'm extremely interested in legal and ethical careers," he said. "It's a good fit—monitoring a profession."

Now You Can Call Us Direct

On Aug. 1 it became easier to make contact with the people of George Fox University.

On that date, a new prefix — 554 — became effective for outside telephone dialing to the University, and almost all extensions on the Newberg and Portland Center campuses are affected. That prefix replaced the previous prefix of 537 for direct dial numbers.

And, most of the University numbers that weren't reachable by direct dial now are. Contacting a specific office at either campus no longer will require dialing the main switchboard number of (503) 538-8383 and then an extension.

For example, instead of having to ask for ext. 2129, callers can now directly dial that extension at 554-2129.

On-campus dialing of office and student residence hall numbers will not change. The prefix change will affect only calls being made from off campus. However, please note that the main off-campus number for the switchboard will remain (503) 538-8383.

Here are some of the commonly used direct dial numbers that are affected: all student housing numbers; Resident directors; Voice mail (3590); Express messaging (3592); Internet dial-up (3870); Foxmail (3846); Sports Line (3587); Newsline (3868); Event services (3863); Security (3842); Greenroom (3585); Box office (3844)

Several fax numbers and the campus Job Line (3865) are remaining on the 537 prefix until publication changes can be made.

MOL Continues as MHR Phased Out

George Fox's Department of Continuing Education is now offering just one degree: management and organizational leadership.

The MOL degree has been offered since 1995. Being phased out is the management of human resources (MHR) degree, which has had fewer students each year.

"The MHR degree was perceived to be a personnel degree," said Andrea Cook, vice president for enrollment services. "The need and demand is for a broad-based management degree, which is what MOL provides."

The MOL program teaches students how to communicate effectively, to motivate people, to consider ethical issues in management, to understand organizational climate and culture, to gather information for solving problems, and to adapt to different situations by changing leadership styles.

The MHR degree replaced the original human resources management (HRM) degree, which was first offered in 1986—the first of its kind on the West Coast.

George Fox's degree program for working adults has produced more than 1,000 graduates and boasts a 96 percent retention rate. Currently, 45 percent of the nation's higher education students are over age 24. By the year 1999, 6.9 million adults are expected to be pursuing their college degrees.

George Fox's Department of Continuing Education has teaching sites in Portland, Salem, and Eugene, Ore., and Boise, Idaho.

Seven Faculty Members Receive Summer Research Grants for Writing and Research

Subjects ranging from rhetoric to the life of a social reformer will be researched this summer by George Fox University faculty members through a special grant program.

With money received through the University's faculty summer research grant program, seven faculty members will pursue various projects. The awards range from \$850 to \$1,800.

Paul Anderson, associate professor of biblical and Quaker studies, will finish three book-length projects that involve new publication of significant New Testament works by Henry J. Cadbury, longtime scholar at Harvard University.

Clark Campbell, associate professor of psychology, will continue work on four papers for publication. Two deal with developing collaborative relationships with other professionals—clergy and physicians. Another describes methods for teaching supervision skills to graduate students, and another reviews a student's research on the spiritual well-being between adolescents in a psychiatric hospital and adolescents in juvenile detention.

"The Piety of Rhetoric" will be examined by Richard Engnell, professor of communication arts. Engnell will extend his research into the rhetorical theory of University of Chicago professor Richard Weaver and will prepare a

manuscript in time for the 50th anniversary of the publication of Weaver's work "Ideas Have Consequences."

Kerry Irish, assistant professor of history, will study the life of Western political figure Clarence Dill. Irish wrote a dissertation on Dill that is being considered for publication, and is using the money to travel to the National Archives in Washington, D.C., to view documents he was unable to obtain earlier.

Chris Koch, assistant professor of psychology, will complete work on a book on the philosophy of science. The aim of the project is to help educate psychology students about the philosophical issues related to the experimen-

tal process. Areas to be examined include visual perception, object recognition, performance, motor learning and social cognition.

John Natzke, assistant professor of engineering, will take up research work that he began while earning his doctorate in electrical engineering. The research will focus on the electromagnetic behavior of complex structures and will be submitted to a scientific journal.

Sherrie Schulke, assistant professor of social work, will study the spirituality of Jane Addams, a famous social reformer. By examining Addams' writings, Schulke will study how her beliefs influenced her philosophy and methods of social work.

Stevens: Board Shows Optimism About President's Return

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the surgery early on June 8. He was moved out of the intensive care unit on June 9.

On campus, a community meeting for employees and students and others was held June 9. It was a time of sharing the news of what had happened, the progress to that time, and the plan of leadership in Stevens' absence. It ended with an extended time of prayer for the University's president, for his family, and for the George Fox community.

On Thursday, June 12, the executive committee of the board in a special meeting validated the leadership of the President's Cabinet and agreed to turn day-to-day responsibility over to them. The trustees ruled out an acting or interim president at this time.

On June 23 Stevens was moved to another location to begin rehabilitation therapy. Linda reported that, along with his own recovery, he helped other patients with theirs — talking with them about their future and fears, giving encouragement, quoting Scripture, and being a witness to the hope that is in the Lord he serves.

Stevens' family has requested no additional information be given at this time.

Stevens, 57, on July 1 finished his 14th year at George Fox, becoming the longest-serving college or university president in Oregon.

The seven who comprise the President's Cabinet are Dirk Barram, vice president for academic affairs; Don Millage, vice president for business affairs; Eileen Hulme, vice president for student affairs; Andrea Cook, vice president for enrollment services; Dana Miller, new vice president for advancement; Barry Hubbell, executive assistant to the president; and Tom Johnson, dean of Western Evangelical Seminary.

Alumna Joins Medical Team for Mission Trip to Peru

While a student at George Fox, Mari Kay Evans went to Haiti on a short-term mission trip with her church, Reedwood Friends in Portland. That trip was the inspiration for her choice of medicine as a career and for her interest in medical missions work.

This past spring, Dr. Evans-Smith, now a pediatrician in Vancouver, Wash., traveled to Peru on a 10-day medical mission, where she helped run a temporary clinic for Aymara Indians near Puno.

"It was just incredibly wonderful," the 1984 George Fox graduate said of her experience. "It was one of the highlights of my life. It's a Third World country, and there's a lot of need there."

Evans-Smith was part of a team of five physicians, a nurse, and a dentist. They spent the first half of the trip acclimating, but even then, at 13,000 feet, experienced altitude sickness. Once adjusted,

they saw 200 people, treating them with donated medicine and equipment for illnesses such as infections, parasites, skin ailments, and other problems that result from poor hygiene.

The team had to work with two interpreters, Spanish and Aymara, to communicate with their patients. "It took a lot of time," Evans-Smith said. "What would take 10 minutes here would take 40 minutes there because of the language barrier. Plus we were dealing with people who had never ever swallowed a pill before. They didn't know how to get the bottle open and take the medicine."

Working with the team were Ken

and Tonya Comfort and Dan and Tammy (Magee) Cammack, missionaries with Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends. Both of the Cammacks are graduates of George Fox. All but one member of the team are members of a Friends church. Evans-Smith attends Cherry Grove Friends Church in Battle Ground, Wash., where her husband, Eric, also a 1984 George Fox graduate, is pastor.

"At Yearly Meeting, we did really share a lot about the trip," Evans-Smith said. "We hope to spark interest in two more trips that are in the planning stage." The first is an eye team to do cataract surgery tentatively scheduled for October. Another general medical team is planned for August of 1998.

"One of the things we shared at Yearly Meeting was that we all believe Christ's example was to treat the whole person," Evans-Smith said. "He healed them and addressed their spiritual needs, too. We can follow that example in ministries like this."

Mari Kay Evans-Smith, (top, center), says working with needy people in Peru was a "wonderful" experience.



Couple's Love Outlasts Willow Tree They Planted on Campus a Half-Century Ago

It lasted a half century, but a tree on George Fox University's Newberg campus was unable to last as long as the love it has symbolized for a local married couple.

The willow tree, which had been in poor health in recent years, was removed by University crews in late June from the middle of the Pennington Residence Hall parking lot on the south side of campus.

It was 50 years earlier that same month that Divonna (Schweitzer) Crecelius, a newly married student at what was then Pacific College, placed a two-foot willow branch in the ground near the back steps of the campus apartment where she lived with her husband Ron, also a Pacific student. The thin branch, which came from her parents' farm near Gresham, Ore., took root and became a full tree.

The apartment was part of a chain of housing units moved to the campus from surplus military housing after World War II. That old "vet's village" was razed in 1962 and replaced by a modern 100-student resident hall on what had by then become George Fox College. But even though the ground was leveled and other shrubs and trees bulldozed away, the willow tree was spared at the direction of Milo Ross, then the College's president.

By then, the Creceliiuses had long since graduated from George Fox and been living away from Newberg for many years. A re-



Fred Smith of the Plant Services staff cuts away at the tree removed from the Pennington parking lot.

corded minister in the Friends Church, Ron spent the next two decades pastoring in the Northwest and California and then serving as a military academy chaplain in California. He had also traveled worldwide for the World Vision relief agency as a member of an award-winning barbershop quartet that Crecelius and three classmates had formed at Pacific College under the name "The Four Flats."

But Ross had remembered a casual conversation he had with Ron when Crecelius returned to campus for a visit and mentioned the growing tree and why it was significant to him. When Vancouver, Wash., architect Donald Lindgren was hired to draw up plans for the residence hall and the surrounding area, he was instructed by Ross to preserve the tree.

And so the tree stood for another three and a half decades. The Creceliiuses again became regular observers of the tree when Ron returned to George Fox in 1967 to begin 18 years of service as campus

chaplain and as assistant professor of Christian ministries. Upon retirement, he was given the title chaplain emeritus.

The parking lot in June received a new overlay of asphalt, and Clyde Thomas, George Fox's plant services director, secured the University's OK to remove the willow as part of the project. Thomas had determined it would be unwise to leave the willow because of the damage its roots had already caused to surrounding paving.

The Creceliiuses were on a trip to Alaska when the tree was removed, but weren't surprised to find it gone upon their return. They say they would not have opposed its removal.

"I told Ron last year, 'That tree is dying,'" recalled Divonna.

"We felt like it was getting pretty old," agreed Ron.

The Creceliiuses have more than a tree to remind them of the fruits of their five decades of married life. Retired and living several blocks from the University campus in Newberg, their home is well decorated with photos documenting a different and delightful kind of growth—their four grown children and many grandchildren.

Still, the demise of the tree can't help but prompt them to ponder the passing of the years.

How fast, the couple is asked, has the time gone?

"Like that," Ron says with a snap of his fingers. "It's just amazing how fast that's gone by."

ALUMNI NOTES

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Gary Hughes (G71) is senior pastor of Lebanon United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Ohio.

Marilyn (Lindgren) Hutchinson (G74) is a sales representative for Pro Print, Portland.

David Elkins (G87) received M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif., and has started urology residency at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Heidi (Ediger) Hess (n89) is owner of Festivities!, a Newberg firm specializing in gifts and special event planning. **Elizabeth Hunt** (G96) is employed by the firm as marketing specialist/events coordinator.

Georgia Thomatos (WES89) is a family practice physician in Sonoma, Calif.

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MARRIAGES

Bruce Wilkinson (G81) and Linda Rockwell, Feb. 9, 1997, in Portland.

Gordon McGinnis (G85) and Lisa Cogburn, July 3, 1997, in Aurora, Ore.

Dallas Arnold (G90) and Cyndi Curry, Aug. 2, 1996, in Terrebonne, Ore.

Casey Gilman (MHR94) and Michael Drummond, April 19, 1997, in Tigard, Ore.

Lillie Kunkel (G94) and Christopher Yates, Nov. 9, 1996, in Garden Grove, Calif.

Jake Jabusch (G96) and **Shana Dorn** (G97), May 24, 1997, in Portland.

BIRTHS

David (G87) and **Gina Elkins**, a girl, Gabriela Rose, May 10, 1997, in Loma Linda, Calif.

Kevin (G92) and **Kari (Ketterling)** (G92) **Goodman**, a girl, Tori Lynn, March 7, 1997, in Tualatin, Ore.

Tina (Palaske) (G92) and **Matthew Lee**, a girl, Rebekah Faith, April 26, 1997, in Portland.

CORRECTION

An item in the May 1997 LIFE regarding the naming of a gymnasium in Independence, Ore., after George Fox alumnus **Charles Newkirk** incorrectly identified him as having not graduated from the University. He did indeed graduate from George Fox — in 1961. We apologize for the error.

DEATHS

Ruth (Whitlock) Holloron (G27) passed away March 4, 1997, in Hamilton, Mont.

Della (Hanville) Osburn (G33) passed away June 14, 1997, in Newberg.