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GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY BRUINS

George Fox Aligns Itself for the Future

The landscape of small-college athletics in the Pacific Northwest is undergoing sweeping changes, and George Fox University is in the midst of the transformation.

In the fall of 1994, the University joined the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (NCIC), a league of 10 strong academic institutions in Oregon and Washington.

That winter, the NCIC applied for membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III. The move meant leaving the lower-profile National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), an association in which George Fox has held membership since 1965. Over the last decade, membership in the NAIA had dropped by about 100 institutions, for reasons ranging from championship opportunities to increased accreditation standards to athletic philosophy.

The financial benefits of the NCAA were attractive. Unlike the NAIA, the NCAA pays expenses for teams to compete in all of its championship events and covers the cost of catastrophic insurance. The NCAA's dues are also lower.

Division III has 350 members—roughly the same number as the NAIA—but the Northwest Conference will be just the second NCAA Division III conference on the West Coast, joining a handful of schools in Southern California. Most of the small colleges in the region have been affiliated with the NAIA.

During the NCAA's three-year provisional membership period, Northwest Conference members will continue to compete in NAIA national championships. In 1998-99, NCIC

Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges

George Fox University
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Pacific University
Pacific Lutheran University
University of Puget Sound
Seattle University*
Whitman College
Whitworth College
Willamette University

Newberg, Ore.
Portland, Ore.
McMinnville, Ore.
Forest Grove, Ore.
Tacoma, Wash.
Tacoma, Wash.
Seattle, Wash.
Walla Walla, Wash.
Spokane, Wash.
Salem, Ore.

* Member in 1997-98

NAIA

George Fox is leaving the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics after three decades with the 350-member association.

NCAA

George Fox is joining the National Collegiate Athletic Association, a group of 1,201 schools, including the Division I institutions playing football or basketball on television nearly every fall or winter Saturday.

NCAA Division III

George Fox and the NCIC are heading into NCAA Division III, a non-scholarship division of about 350 schools, including Johns Hopkins University, Wheaton College, and Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.

members expect to be eligible for NCAA Division III national championships.

While the media and most presidents saw the NCIC's move to the better-known NCAA as a step up, not everyone in the Northwest Conference was enthusiastic. Linfield College and Pacific Lutheran University both opposed the switch but went along with the majority rather than leave the conference.

Some George Fox coaches felt Division III regulations would make their jobs harder—especially the rule forbidding the award of any financial aid based upon athletic ability. Athletic scholarships had been a useful tool in recruiting student-athletes. Although the switch does not affect the financial aid

packages of current student-athletes, some coaches believe they will lose top recruits to other schools that offer more aid.

On the other hand, many involved in Division III call it the "purest" level of college athletics, since participants compete for the school not because of the scholarships, but solely for the enjoyment of the sport. Financially, they are treated no differently than any other student.

George Fox coaches probably will take more comfort in knowing they won't be alone recruiting without the incentive of athletic aid. All of their NCIC colleagues must work under the same rules.

In addition, soon after the Northwest Conference began the jump, some other Northwest NAIA institutions also began to break formation. Three Oregon state schools—the closest, Western Oregon State College—applied for Division III membership but may end up in Division II.

The Philosophy of the NCAA Division III (from the 1996-97 NCAA Manual)

Colleges and universities in Division III place highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs. They seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete's educational experience. They also seek to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among their student-athletes and athletics staff.

To achieve this end, Division III institutions:

- Place special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants rather than on the spectators and place greater emphasis on the internal constituency (students, alumni, institutional personnel) than on the general public and its entertainment needs;
- Award no athletically related financial aid to any student;
- Encourage the development of sportsmanship and positive societal attitudes in all constituents, including student-athletes, coaches, administrative personnel and spectators;
- Encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of athletics opportunities for their students;
- Assure that the actions of coaches and administrators exhibit fairness, openness and honesty in their relationships with student-athletes;
- Assure that athletics participants are not treated differently from other members of the student body;
- Assure that athletics programs support the institution's educational mission by financing, staffing and controlling the programs through the same general procedures as other departments of the institution;
- Provide equitable athletics opportunities for males and females and give equal emphasis to men's and women's sports;
- Give primary emphasis to regional in-season competition and conference championships;
- Support student-athletes in their efforts to reach high levels of athletics performance, which may include opportunities for participation in national championships, by providing all teams with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities.

GEORGE FOX ATHLETICS by the numbers

In compliance with NCAA Division III rules, George Fox can offer \$0 to student-athletes on the basis of their athletic ability. Instead, scholarships are awarded based upon need, academics and leadership.

1 George Fox teams have finished No. 1 in their district or conference 20 times during the '90s.

2 The women's cross country team finished No. 2 in the 1992 NAIA national meet, the highest NAIA national finish ever by a George Fox team.

3 George Fox is a provisional member of NCAA Division III and will be eligible for full membership in 1998-99.

In 1995-96, the combined grade point average of all George Fox student-athletes was 3.03 on a 4.0 scale.

4 Student-athletes are eligible to play 4 seasons of an intercollegiate varsity sport.

5 George Fox athletic teams won 5 national titles in the National Christian Colleges Athletic Association—women's cross country, volleyball (2), men's soccer (2)—before leaving the organization in 1990.

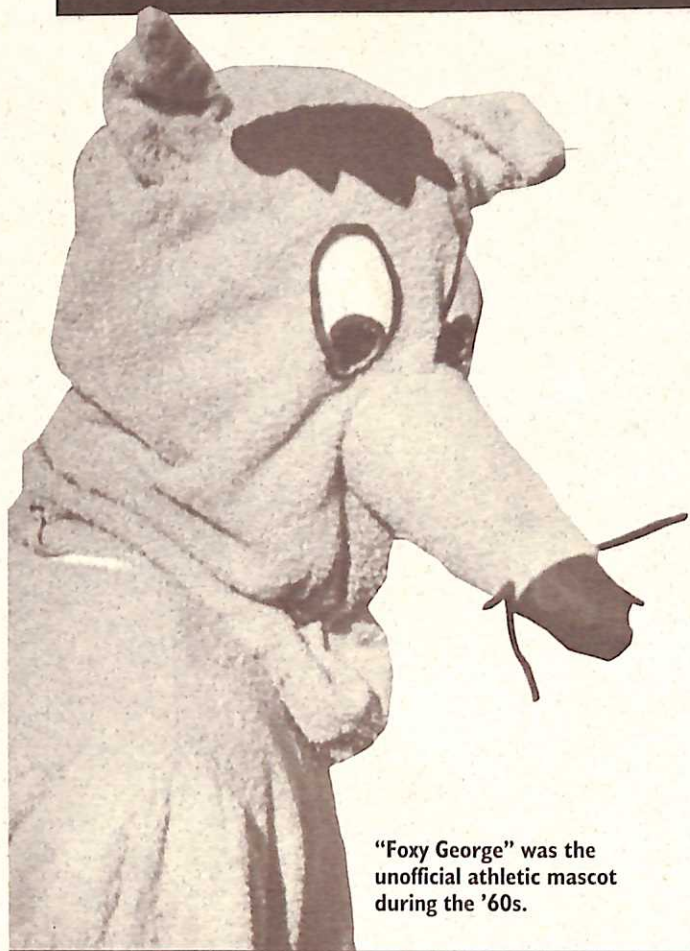
6 George Fox offers 6 varsity sports for men: soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball, track and tennis.

7 George Fox offers 7 varsity sports for women: volleyball, soccer, cross country, basketball, softball, track and tennis.

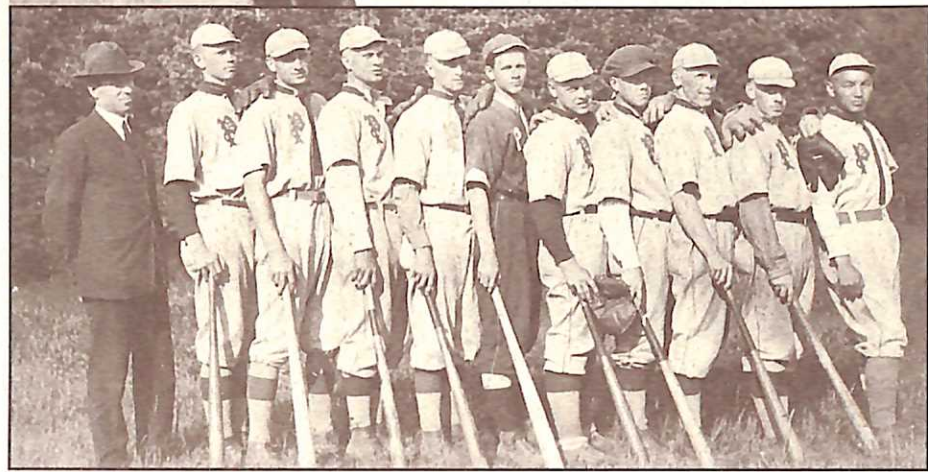
8 of George Fox's head coaches and athletic trainers hold advanced degrees and also teach academic courses at the University.

9 Individual national championships or national player of the year awards have been earned by 9 George Fox student-athletes: Janet (Johnson) McClurg – 1964 U.S. Track and Field Federation 100 and 220 yards; Steve Blikstad – 1979 NAIA steeplechase; Mike Watts – 1987 NCCAA discus; Jill (Jamison) Beals – 1988 NCCAA cross country/1989, '91, '92 NAIA 10,000 meters; Dan LaVeine – 1990 NCCAA men's soccer player of the year; Jeff Nelson – Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America NAIA goalkeeper of the year; Aaron Young – 1996 NAIA triple jump; Nancy Rissmiller – 1996 NAIA high jump/College Sports Magazine NAIA female athlete of the year; Becci Harper – 1996 NAIA javelin.

The Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges will become a 10-member league in 1997-98.



"Foxy George" was the unofficial athletic mascot during the '60s.



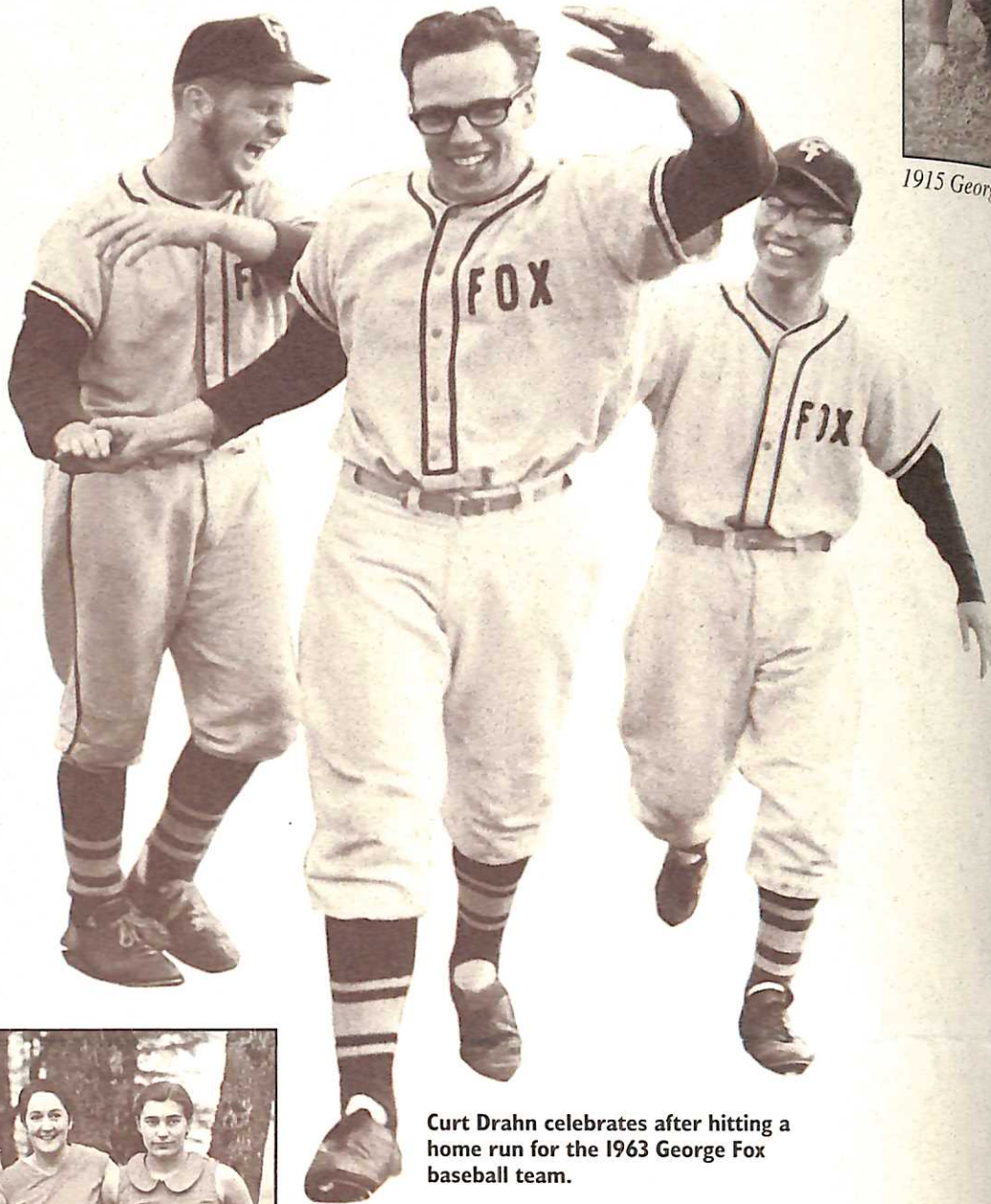
1921 George Fox (Pacific) baseball team.



The 1916-17 George Fox (Pacific) basketball team won the Willamette Valley League Championship and defeated Oregon State 39-25.

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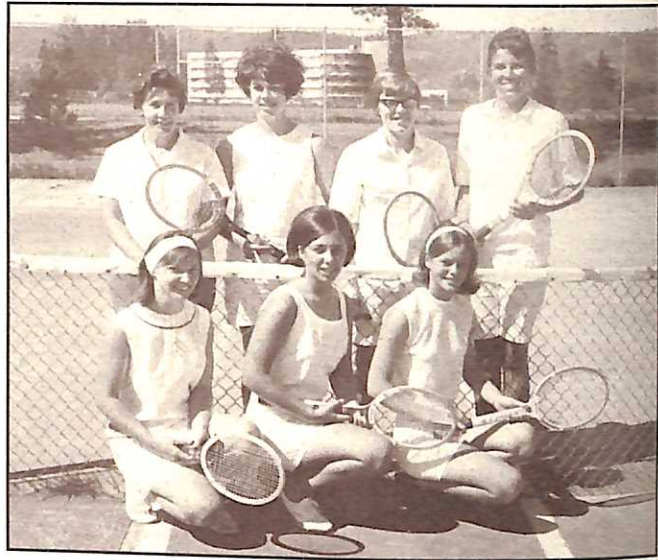
Pride & Perspective



Curt Drahn celebrates after hitting a home run for the 1963 George Fox baseball team.



1935 George Fox (Pacific) volleyball squad.



1969 George Fox women's tennis team.

TIMELINE: BUILDING THE GEORGE FOX ATHLETIC PROGRAM

(George Fox was known as Pacific College until 1949)

1894 – Pacific College's first football game was a 16-0 loss to visiting Willamette University. "Lunch was served for the visitors at the hall where all went merry as a marriage occasion," said the student newspaper.

1896 – About 100 Newberg residents board the steamer Grey Eagle for a seven-hour upstream trip to Salem for Pacific's first track meet, hosted by Willamette University.

1910 – Science teacher William Johnson appointed first athletics director. A tennis association is organized and two new tennis courts are built.

1922 – The Pacific Women's Athletic Association decides to award letter sweaters for success in tennis and hiking—"the latter requiring 300 miles of activity."

1930s – Pacific joins Willamette Valley Conference with Pacific, Oregon Tech, Concordia and Albany Branch (Lewis & Clark).

1946 – Thomas Hester Memorial Gymnasium—nicknamed "Hester Dome"—built using physical labor by President Emmett Gulley and students.

1959 – George Fox joins Willamette Christian College League with Columbia Christian, Bible Standard, Concordia and Northwest Christian.

1965 – Men's athletic teams join National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

1966 – George Fox joins Oregon Collegiate Conference with Oregon Tech, Oregon College of Education (Western Oregon), Southern Oregon College and Eastern Oregon College.

1969 – George Fox trustees discontinue football and commit to strengthening other sports, choosing men's basketball as the showcase sport.

1970 – George Fox becomes an independent member of NIAA District 2 with College of Idaho (Albertson), Eastern Oregon, Lewis & Clark, Linfield, Northwest Nazarene, Oregon Tech, Pacific, Southern Oregon, Warner Pacific, Western Oregon and Willamette.

1894 – Faculty minutes record that students without passing grades and satisfactory deportment could not play baseball.

1904 – Students raise nearly \$150 to add a lean-to addition to the 36-by-48-foot gymnasium made up of two barns pushed together.

1918 – Pacific plays first intercollegiate women's tennis match, defeating McMinnville (Linfield) College.

1927 – Pacific temporarily discontinues football and initiates soccer. Pacific President Levi Pennington refereed at least one game, a 3-0 defeat of Reed College. Reed's president kept time.

1937 – Basketball added to tennis and volleyball as Pacific women's sports.

1946 – Pacific joins Metropolitan Conference with Oregon Dental, Reed, Oregon Medical, Multnomah and Concordia.

1964 – George Fox becomes one of founding members of Women's Conference of Independent Colleges with Lewis & Clark, Pacific, Linfield, Marylhurst and Willamette.

1966 – Crushed brick and clay track installed on Colcord Field. Men's cross country and women's field hockey added as varsity sports.

1970s – George Fox joins Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW).

1970 – A vote of faculty, students and administration gives the nickname "Bruins" to George Fox teams, replacing "Quakers."



(Pacific) football team.

The President's Viewpoint



George Fox President Edward F. Stevens has experienced college athletics from many standpoints. A former college athlete and coach, he also

spent six years as a member of the NAIA Council of Presidents and was chair of the council in 1991-92.

Q: What is the importance of athletics at George Fox?

A: It has two basic purposes to the institution. One, it's valuable in publicity or visibility. It has helped to make George Fox better-known in the area, and that relates to student recruitment, not only of student-athletes but also other students. Second, a good athletics program is an integral part of a student life program. Athletics directly or indirectly touches 60 to 70 percent of the undergraduate student body.

Q: How important was joining the Northwest Conference to George Fox?

A: It was important. It goes back to why we joined the NCIC and therefore why we joined NCAA Division III. In 1993-94, the NAIA made a dramatic change from the district structure to affiliated conference structure. At the time, I was on the NAIA Council of Presidents, and I was the only president to vote against the affiliated conference legislation. I knew it would change the landscape of intercollegiate athletics in the Northwest. We had two strong districts—District 1 and 2—which operated very well.

We had to get into a conference. The Northwest Conference was made up of what are considered by most people the

better independent colleges in terms of academic quality in the Northwest. Since the University of Puget Sound and Seattle University have joined, it's become even stronger.

Q: What is "positioning" and how does it relate to why George Fox joined the NCIC?

A: In marketing, it is how you are perceived with or against the competition. I think a good way to look at this in terms of athletic competition is the position of Oregon State University. Some have suggested they drop from the Pacific-10 Conference, but that would be foolish. They want to be positioned with Stanford University and the University of Washington.

We wanted to position ourselves with the better academic schools in the Northwest and still remain clearly Christ-centered. That is the way people perceive George Fox.

Q: Talk about the future of the NAIA.

A: I think the NAIA has an almost overwhelming challenge because of the enormous wealth of the NCAA. The NCAA has a television contract, while the NAIA—a small-school association—has none of those TV revenues to sustain it. It doesn't look very optimistic for the NAIA. That's unfortunate, because it's been a wonderful association over the years, not only for George Fox, but for those of us who played in the NAIA, as I did.

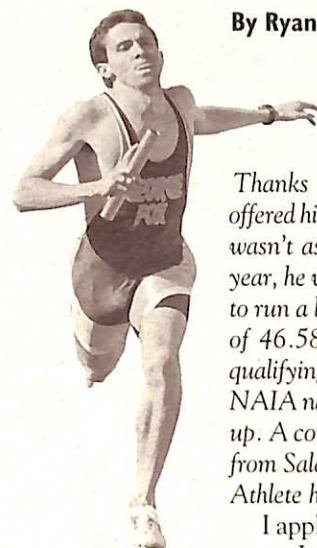
Q: Why did the NCIC choose NCAA Division III?

A: The NCIC presidents felt Division III has academia and athletics in proper balance. Athletes are students first. They're not semi-pro athletes with full

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Why I Chose George Fox

By Ryan Chaney, George Fox senior



Prior to his high school graduation in 1993, George Fox senior Ryan Chaney won 10 Oregon state track titles and was recruited heavily by NCAA Division I, Division III and NAIA colleges.

Thanks to his academic and athletic talents, some schools offered him full-tuition scholarships. The financial aid package wasn't as good, but he chose to come to George Fox. Last year, he was the fastest college athlete in Oregon (at all levels) to run a lap around a 400-meter track, and his personal best of 46.58 was less than half a second off the provisional qualifying time for the U.S. Olympic Trials. At the 1996 NAIA national meet, he was the 400-meter national runner-up. A communication arts/Christian ministries double major from Salem, Ore., he earned NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete honors with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

I applied to seven or eight colleges. I don't know how many I was looked at by. My search went everywhere: some high-powered track schools and some high-powered academic schools. University of Rochester in New York flew me out to see their campus.

In the end it was University of Oregon versus George Fox versus Azusa Pacific University.

It was always my dream to run at UO. Not only was it a Division I school, but it is the Division I track program, and they were recruiting me. But I decided I wanted to go to a Christian college.

I had a tough time choosing between Azusa and George Fox. In March, I was planning on going to Azusa. I got to know the coach really well, and he had an incredible NAIA program. He said the right things. He showed me a stack of 30 cards, each with information about recruits, and said I was his No. 1 recruit.

My decision changed after my dad talked to George Fox track coach Wes Cook. I was getting about five calls a week from coaches, but Cook doesn't call his recruits. He sends postcards. My dad liked George Fox, but he hadn't talked to Cook. That spring I said we ought to go look at George Fox. I showed him the campus, and we went and talked to Cook. I really liked his philosophy. It was not "win at all cost" but "win and develop character." He was more up me and my dad's alley.

All along, George Fox was my standard of comparison. George Fox had the mix I wanted: solid academics, a solid track team, and a very good Christian emphasis.

I had friends who went here, and I came to visit my friends. That's how I got familiar with the place. I came to Friday at Fox (George Fox's prospective student day) and had an awesome time. I saw the school when it was all shiny and glossy, but I also came on a real day with friends and still liked it.

Sometimes when I go to University of Oregon and see the crowd and the stadium, I think "maybe I should have gone here"—but I don't think so. I've liked working with Cook. He's got a good philosophy and his teams are successful. I'm happy with my choice. I thought that I'd go to George Fox for a year and see what happened. Obviously, I didn't leave. I've loved the school, the Christian atmosphere and the academics. It's cost me a lot of dollars to come here, but I think it's worth it.

A Life-Changing Experience

By Craig Taylor, Director of Athletics



Craig Taylor came to George Fox in 1971 to play basketball and baseball. His experience as a George Fox student helped change his life. Since then, the roles reversed, and he now is a mentor as a former coach and current athletics director.

My initial reason for attending George Fox was money! After two years of junior college, I was looking for a place to finish my playing career and my education.

I had several offers from four-year schools, but the financial aid package was the best at George Fox. One of the other factors that influenced my decision was the basketball coach here at the time. He was very persuasive and convinced me that the basketball program was on the way up and that I could have a part in that. He also told me that Friendsview Manor was a dorm for seniors and that I could live there when I was a senior and have a room with a view!

At the time, the spiritual aspect of George Fox was a negative in the whole equation. I was not a Christian and wanted nothing to do with the spiritual side of the George Fox experience. That attitude was changed during the spring of 1972 when I committed my life to the Lord during an altar call in chapel.

I'm still here for at least two reasons: God's grace and leading in my life to this point and the fact that my life was changed here. Over the years I have seen dozens of students come to George Fox with the same attitude that I had, and I have seen their lives changed forever through Jesus Christ. The process takes longer for some than others, but God is faithful, loving, and persistent in his pursuit of clueless, lost people like me.

My job as professor and administrator is new every day. I come in contact with students who are growing and learning and struggling with a lot of the same stuff I did as a student. My prayer is that my perspective and experience will help them as I have opportunity to share with them either in the classroom or in the athletic setting. That's another plus.

The people I work with are a major reason that I love my job so much. They are people that feel called to be here and to invest themselves in students. It's very motivational to be a part of a team like that.

- 1977 — Coleman H. Wheeler Sports Center, with the James and Lila Miller Gymnasium, is built using donations from two prominent Northwest lumbermen.
- 1980 — George Fox's men's and women's national athletic affiliation united as NAIA adds women's championships.
- 1989 — Curtis and Margaret Morse Athletic Fields for soccer, baseball and softball dedicated.
- 1991 — Women's soccer begun as varsity sport.
- 1993 — Colcord Field track resurfaced with polyurethane surface.
- 1994 — George Fox joins Cascade Collegiate Conference with Albertson, Concordia, Eastern Oregon, Northwest Nazarene, Oregon Tech, Southern Oregon, Western Baptist and Western Oregon.
- 1995 — George Fox joins the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges with Lewis & Clark, Linfield, Pacific, Pacific Lutheran, Puget Sound, Seattle, Willamette, Whitman and Whitworth, and applies for NCAA Division III membership.
- 1995 — Men's and women's tennis renewed as varsity sport, one year after five new tennis courts are installed on campus.
- 1977 — Men's soccer renewed as varsity sport.
- 1980 — Colcord Field track resurfaced with rubberized asphalt.
- 1995 — George Fox wins first District 2 men's basketball, selected by the NAIA to be the "champion" of the Northwest Conference.
- 1995 — George Fox wins one of the colleges in the Northwest Conference to offer athletic scholarships to women.

The President's Viewpoint

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scholarships. Division II is heavily scholarship and almost as expensive as Division I, but with none of the financial benefits.

Q: What kind of student-athletes do we need to recruit?

A: I don't think that's changed. We've always looked for student-athletes who wanted to come to George Fox for the Christ-centered experience we offer. Athletics were always secondary. Maybe when we gave scholarships occasionally an athlete came for the money, but that was the wrong motivation then and it's the wrong motivation now, no matter what the scholarship might be—even academic. The George Fox mission is to train Christian leadership for the next 50 years, so we'll look for young people coming for that reason.

Q: Talk about the advantages and challenges of not offering athletic scholarships.

A: To me, the advantage is athletes are treated in the same way as every other student. That's an equity issue. I'm always quick to point out the school I attended (Nebraska Wesleyan University) was Division III and had no athletic scholarships. It's not unfamiliar to me, and it was a system I enjoyed immensely. I think coaches will have to work harder than they've had to before in recruiting. They'll have to recruit more with enthusiasm and less with offers of grants. Obviously, from a coach's standpoint, it takes away one important element that most of our coaches have used in previous recruiting. I can understand why coaches are not exactly in favor of this system. That's why it's going to be a significant adjustment.

Q: What do you see as the future of George Fox athletics?

A: I think eventually we'll surface as one of the strongest Division III programs in the nation. That doesn't mean we'll be playing for national championships all the time, but I'm confident in our ability to attract high-quality student-athletes. I've coached at all three levels in the NCAA and been affiliated with the NAIA for 22 years. I know all the costs and benefits at each level. I'm convinced Division III is where George Fox belongs for the long term.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY NATIONAL FINISHES

George Fox is a dual member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III until full NCAA membership in 1998-99. George Fox discontinued membership in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) in 1990. Prior to 1965, George Fox athletics were not affiliated with any national organizations.

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Built Upon Past Successes, GEORGE FOX'S ATHLETIC PROGRAM FLOURISHES

In recent years, George Fox has enjoyed one of the Northwest's most successful small-college athletic programs. During the '90s, all 13 of George Fox's teams qualified for postseason play, eight winning district or conference titles. All head coaches with more than one year of experience have been named district or conference coach of the year at least once. Individual athletes have won more than 100 All-American awards and 49 NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete awards.

Perhaps one key to success has been the longevity of the coaches. In the last decade, only four head coaches have left George Fox. One was an interim coach, two were hired away by NCAA Division I schools, and a terminal illness struck the fourth.

Student-athletes make up a significant part of the George Fox community. About 15 percent of the traditional undergraduates participate in varsity athletics.

Following are some of the achievements accomplished by George Fox's 13 athletic teams in the last quarter century.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Eight consecutive top 15 NAIA national finishes, including a second-place finish in 1992. First in conference/district seven of last eight years. Head coach Wes Cook named women's cross country NAIA National Coach of Year in 1992. Eight NAIA All-American finishers and nine All-American Scholar-Athletes since 1988.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Five top-10 NAIA national-meet team finishes in last seven years. Along with women's team, named NAIA's best cross country program by Cross Country Express magazine in 1992. Finished first or second in conference/district since 1989. Six NAIA All-Americans and 11 All-American Scholar-Athlete awards since 1976.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

1995 Northwest Conference runners-up. NAIA playoff participants 12 consecutive seasons. 12 years without a losing record. 1984 and 1987 National Christian College Athletic Association national champions. Three NAIA All-Americans and two All-American Scholar-Athletes since 1990.

Head coach Steve Grant has a 332-218 record (.604) in his 14 seasons.

MEN'S SOCCER

1995 Northwest Conference champions. Finished first or second in conference/district for eight straight years. NAIA national tournament participants in 1993. Seven former Bruins have gone on to play professional soccer since 1990. Seven NAIA All-Americans since 1990. Head coach Manfred Tschan has a winning record of 103-35-5 (.746).

WOMEN'S SOCCER

NAIA playoff qualifiers three times in team's five-year history, including two district championship game appearances. From 1993 to start of 1996 season, team was 17-3-5 in home games. Head coach Byron Sherk was 1992 NAIA Far West Region Co-Coach of the Year. One NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete and one GTE Academic All-American since 1993.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Qualified for NAIA playoffs 11 of last 13 seasons. Two trips to NAIA national tournament during the '90s. 1991-92 team ranked No. 2 in nation. 15th-year head coach Mark Vernon has winning record of 274-164 (.626). Six NAIA All-Americans and one All-American Scholar-Athlete since 1977. Three NBA draft picks since 1978.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Three consecutive trips to NAIA playoffs. Ranked in national top 25 in 1995-96. Record of 52-33 (.612)

over last three seasons. One NAIA All-American and one NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete in last two seasons.

MEN'S TRACK

Finished 10th at the 1996 NAIA national meet—sixth straight finish in top 30. 24 NAIA All-Americans since 1967, including two national champions. Six NAIA All-American Scholar-Athletes.

WOMEN'S TRACK

Finished eighth at 1996 NAIA national meet. Five top-15 national finishes in last six years. 14 NAIA All-Americans since 1981, including five individual national titles. Five NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete awards since 1991.

BASEBALL

1996 Northwest Conference runners-up. Seven conference/district titles in last nine seasons. Earned wins during the '90s against NCAA Division I teams including University of Washington, Oregon State University and Portland State University. Three NAIA All-Americans since 1989. 14 former George Fox players have signed professional baseball contracts since 1980.

SOFTBALL

Conference champions twice in last four seasons. Made NAIA postseason appearances in four of the last six seasons. Head coach Chris Gross named 1994 NAIA District 2 Coach of the Year.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

George Fox renewed women's tennis in 1996 and took advantage of the addition of five new tennis courts installed on campus.

MEN'S TENNIS

Former University of Oregon letterman Mark Sendelback—previously tennis coach at Hillsboro's Glencoe High School—guided George Fox men's tennis program through its first season.

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