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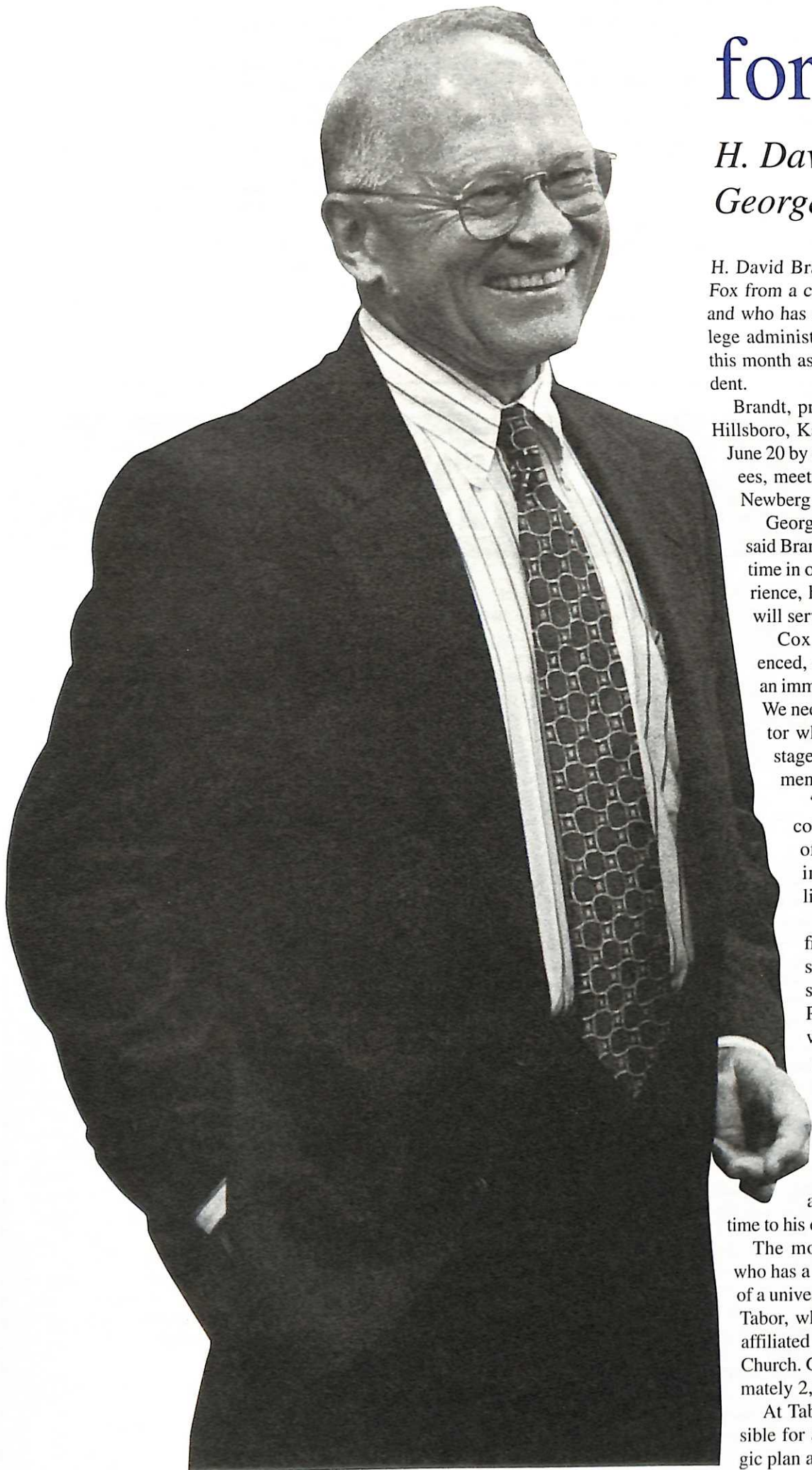
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'The Right Person for This Time'

H. David Brandt Named 11th President of George Fox After National Search



H. David Brandt, who comes to George Fox from a college presidency in Kansas and who has experience in teaching, college administration and business, begins this month as the University's 11th president.

Brandt, president of Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan., since 1995, was chosen June 20 by George Fox's Board of Trustees, meeting in special session on the Newberg campus.

George Fox board Chair Dea Cox said Brandt "is the right person for this time in our University's life. His experience, his wisdom, and his maturity will serve us well."

Cox called Brandt "an experienced, creative leader who will have an immediate impact on George Fox. We need an experienced administrator who can lead us into the next stage of our growth and development."

"David has seen the way a college operates from a variety of levels, and he is experienced in providing excellence in a liberal arts education."

Brandt, 59, was selected from more than 50 persons considered in a six-month national search to replace longtime President Edward F. Stevens, who died May 21 after nearly a yearlong battle with cancer.

Thomas F. Johnson, dean of the University's Western Evangelical Seminary, served as interim president for 10 months. With Brandt's arrival, Johnson returns full time to his duties at the seminary.

The move to Oregon puts Brandt, who has a Ph.D. in physics, at the helm of a university several times larger than Tabor, which has 480 students and is affiliated with the Mennonite Brethren Church. George Fox will have approximately 2,300 students this fall.

At Tabor, Brandt has been responsible for a new comprehensive strategic plan aimed at enhancing the finan-

cial viability of the college. Under his leadership, the college has completed a capital campaign for a new science center and a chapel renovation.

Brandt has international experience, traveling annually to Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya, an institution he helped organize and for which he continues to serve on the United States board.

Brandt has experience at four other Christian colleges (Wheaton, Gordon, Messiah, and Bethel) and describes himself as "a 'lifer' in Christian higher education."

Of his selection, Brandt said, "I am honored and delighted to be chosen. The University already has established itself as a prominent institution of Christian higher education, and I look forward to working with faculty and staff to bring George Fox to its next level of excellence as we move into a new century.

"Higher education today longs for direction and meaning that can best come when scholarship is done in a faith-informed context. George Fox's Friends ownership and tradition provide an ideal setting for teaching, learning and scholarship. It is essential that students are educated and developed in all aspects of their lives. I am eager to help lead George Fox in the many ways that it cares for students' growth both in and out of the classroom."

During the interview process, Brandt first met in a half-day session April 24 with the presidential search committee. Later Brandt and his wife, Melva, visited George Fox's Newberg and Portland Center campuses June 1 and 2 and met with faculty, staff and students, then informally and formally with the executive committee of the Board of Trustees.

They returned to George Fox June 27-31 to make arrangements for their move to Newberg. Brandt also met with the President's Cabinet, and he and his wife attended the University's annual volunteers award luncheon. In his first public appearance at the University since his selection, Brandt spoke to the dozens of volunteers who helped the University during the last year.

'Quiet' Givers Bless University with \$3 Million

George Fox University is receiving a \$3 million gift—the largest in the University's 107-year history.

The donation is from a husband and wife who have asked that they not be publicly identified.

Thomas F. Johnson, interim president, said the gift will be made to the University over the next several years, probably in the form of stock shares.

He said the gift is from "longstanding good friends of the University who value and appreciate George Fox." He said the two have many ties to the University and have been associated in many capacities with George Fox and its activities over the years.

Johnson said he is not surprised by the couple's request for anonymity. "They prefer to do their giving quietly, with as little fanfare as possible, and not draw attention to themselves," he said. "This is in line with their personalities and their personal stewardship."

Dana Miller, vice president for advancement, said he is "thrilled by the gift and the graciousness of the donors."

Miller said the gift "is a tremendous blessing. It shows great confidence in the future of our institution, particularly in this time of transition for presidential leadership. It's an affirmation of the belief that our donors have in the University."

The previous largest gift to George Fox from an individual was a \$1 million gift of stock, made last year by Margaret Edwards of Portland. That gift was designated to the University's endowment to strengthen a scholarship fund for students interested in science or health-related professions.

The previous largest gift of any kind was from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Wash., which in 1994 awarded George Fox \$1.5 million toward construction of the Edwards-Holman Science Center on the Newberg campus.

Brandt Earns Community Support

The George Fox University community seemed to like what it saw and heard when David Brandt interviewed for the presidency.

The decision to hire the Tabor College president came after many expressed their support for him. After Brandt met with different campus groups, the Board of Trustees asked for feedback.

He received high marks for his experience, friendliness and articulate speaking. A recurring theme in comments was the belief that Brandt was a "match" with the campus.

"I liked David Brandt and think he would be a good fit here," said Becky Ankeny, professor of English. "I like his years of experience dealing with faculties, boards of trustees and constituents. His commitment to gender equality and multicultural representation seemed exemplary. He seemed genuine, forthright, honest and articulate. Although his background is physics and engineering, he also seemed to value the arts and the need for creativity. I think he would be balanced and fair and careful."

"I see him as a strong president who will listen to the board, faculty and students, but will take responsibility for making the final decision," said Paul Chamberlain, professor of chemistry. "He is truly interested in excellence in a liberal arts education, but is also interested in expanding our mission with the seminary and other programs. His Mennonite background seems to fit our institution very well. I see David as a strong leader who would continue the growth of George Fox, but would also help to stabilize and strengthen what we have."

Brandt also won over members of the administration and staff.

Peggy Scully, director of human resources, said Brandt impressed her as a wise leader. "I think he would strike a good balance in decision making between the 'people factor' and the tough decisions. His experience serves him well. I believe he would relate well to students, staff and faculty. As one employee put it, 'A physicist with personality, imaginative that.'"

Larry Lebow, programmer/analyst in the computer services department, thought Brandt could work well with the different constituents of a university.

"Brandt appears to be the kind of person that would inspire confidence, not only from his fellow workers, but also from our alumni, supporters and students."

"I found Dave to be an open and honest candidate," said Jenny Getsinger, supervisor of student accounts. "I appreciated his humor and found myself drawn to both him and his wife. I believe his values and doctrine would easily mesh with this community and with our Quaker heritage. He is mature, seasoned and experienced. Developing confidence in him would be quick and easy."

Students, too, found Brandt and his wife approachable.

"I have a very good feeling about Dave and Melva—they look right to me with their many years of experience," said one student who submitted an anonymous recommendation.

"Dave was very professional, yet approachable," said Brian Cox, next year's student body president. "I was comfortable in his presence, but at the same time I felt respect for him."

Brandt at a Glance

- **Name:** H. David Brandt
- **Date of Birth:** Sept. 18, 1938
- **Place of Birth:** Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada
- **Family**
Wife, Melva
Sons, David and Stephen
- **Citizenship:** U.S.A.
- **Education**
Ph.D., University of Oklahoma, 1971
M.S., University of Oklahoma, 1962
B.S., Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., 1960
- **Experience**
President
Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kan., 1995-98

Vice President and Provost
Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., 1988-95

Dean and Vice President for
Academic Affairs
Professor of Physics
Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., 1977-88

Professor of Physics
Chair, Division of Natural Sciences and
Mathematics
Gordon College, Wenham, Mass.
1969-77 (Teacher of the Year, 1975)
- **Church Affiliation**
Mennonite Brethren Church
Sunday school teacher and superintendent

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

What fills the mind of a newly appointed president just days before assuming office? It may be similar to what a young child thinks just before going to school for the first time.

"Will the other kids like me?"
"Will I be able to do the work?"
"Will my teacher be nice?"

These questions reflect some anxiety, but also great anticipation and eagerness to get started. Children often are better able to express such feelings and thoughts than adults because they have not yet learned that these are not "cool" questions.

The mixed feelings are the result of upcoming change. After all, home is a place where the child knows he or she is liked, but the prospect of school and all it promises is very exciting and irresistible. Saying goodbye to friends while anticipating the excitement of new challenges at George Fox University leaves me with similar thoughts at this transition.

I can imagine the George Fox community may have similar feelings and questions. After all, our arrival in Oregon also means change for the University. Comparisons with the past will be inevitable.

"What will be different?"

"Will the important things stay the same?"

"What are the Brandts really like now that formal interviews are over?"

It is interesting to me to think that the University community probably is wondering as much as Melva and I are.

We all know that once the young child



gets to school, the questions disappear in a flurry of activity that focuses on all the good reasons for going to school.

Answers to my questions become easy when I think about the task ahead for George Fox University. Our business is to provide outstanding Christian higher education for our students. This is an exciting task that should bring out the best in each of us connected with the University. The process of providing such education requires all of us to be participants. No one gets off the hook as a bystander only.

At the heart of this educative process is the integration of our Christian faith with learning and with all of life. Christian education at its best educates the whole person. At George Fox, we claim that faith issues must be pervasive. Students need to encounter this "Christian thing" everywhere.

It is difficult to pull off such pervasiveness across academic disciplines as well as other areas of life since the academic enterprise, for the past century at least, has emphasized specialization rather than integration. We are taught to be specialists. How can we be expected to bring to the classroom, studio, residence hall, or playing field an area in which we are not trained?

I believe this process is essential for George Fox University and always will be a part of our uniqueness. The struggle to integrate faith issues with all of life is an ongoing process for me. It is especially exciting when students, many of whom are just beginning their own faith/learning journey, share enriching both by learning from me and insights and issues.

For education to be as effective as possible, students must encounter those whom they can watch to see how it's done. That is,

they must have models. If those of us inside the University are the models, then we always must be learning and changing. The most powerful modeling occurs when we share with students and each other what's taking place inside of us. We need to be involved with our disciplines, but also with development of instructional expertise.

Along with the standard sources for intellectual development, George Fox has the wonderful advantage of having many different resources available internally. The recent merger of Western Evangelical Seminary with George Fox brings a new kind of theological expertise. The degree-completion and graduate programs have connections with business and education communities in the area. The Newberg campus brings the strength of the traditional liberal arts disciplines to the table.

One of our challenges together will be to bring these wonderful resources together synergistically for the sake of the Kingdom work at George Fox University.

You see, when I begin to think about our task, the questions disappear, and I become excited about our future together in continuing to build the University. George Fox is uniquely positioned to prepare students to be effective as God's people in today's needy world. My prayer is that as we work together at George Fox, our goal will be to prepare students to "shine like stars in the universe without fault, in a crooked and depraved generation." (Philippians 2:15)

Dave

H. David Brandt
President

Tributes to Ed Stevens

Following his death in May, colleagues and friends shared their memories of George Fox's remarkable president



“I liked the way Ed looked me right in the eye when he spoke. That direct gaze, the firm handshake, his commanding voice—all signified a leader I could call a friend. I always felt better after seeing him.”

Patsy Engle
Instructor in teacher education

“My favorite recollection is when we'd periodically have lunch. No matter if I initiated it or he initiated it, we'd always end up at the same place. He loved the Donald Café. It reminded him of where he grew up. We'd walk in and there'd be guys with overalls and boots. He'd say, “This is where I'm at home.” He'd always drive and ask, “Where do you want to go?” Even if we agreed we'd go to Alfies (a restaurant in Dundee), we'd end up on the road to Donald. No matter what, we'd end up at the Donald Café.”

Raymond Gleason
Executive-in-Residence

“Ed Stevens cared deeply about George Fox University. He was ambitious for the school. He was energetic, forceful and inventive. He got irritated by hesitancy and questions. He got angry.

Ed's ambitions were tempered by a higher drive, a higher calling. He loved Jesus and wanted his whole life to conform to Christ. He honestly admitted—in public and difficult circumstances—instances in which he failed to say or do the right thing.

As much as I am impressed by, and thankful for, Ed's first drive—to make GFU thrive—I am more impressed by his deeper ambition, to be like Christ. This deeper ambition produced humility and the ability to apologize. It made him a lover. I remember with deep gratitude his conscious and deliberate submission to the lordship of Jesus.”

Phil Smith
Associate professor of philosophy

“Ed was not a simple man. Exceedingly charming, yet not infrequently angry. Spiritually alive, yet fleshly. The joy of his salvation was still so fresh in him, it gave him a humility you don't expect of a chief executive officer.”

Richard Engnell
Professor of communication arts

“Of course Ed was a truly exceptional individual. Someone said that Ed did not or could not separate his Christianity from who he was and what he did—that it colored every aspect of his life—and I found that to be true. One of the greatest helps to me personally regarding advice that Ed gave me had to do with perseverance. He indicated to me how difficult those early years were at George Fox and how at times he thought that he couldn't continue. But then he came back to the absolute confidence that both he and Linda had in God's call on his life. He was absolutely certain that God called him to George Fox.”

Joe Gerick
Superintendent, Northwest Yearly Meeting

“I will never forget Ed at the Christmas Celebration in his cowboy hat. He certainly was from Wyoming, and never let us forget it! My other favorite thing was how he would always say ‘Hi’ to students, even when he was with five other guys in suits. That always amazed prospective students on tours. When they asked who he was, we could reply that he was the college president. I think that made some people realize that George Fox was the type of place they wanted to be.”

Shannon Bennett
Records clerk, Registrar's Office

“Twelve years ago Ed taught one of the senior-level business courses. He was an awesome teacher. He was most concerned with us learning and getting something out of the class. He was not so concerned with tests and scores. He told us often how his first love was teaching, but that he knew God had called him to fulfill his presidential responsibilities. I was sad to hear when he quit teaching, because it really was a very special opportunity.”

Cathy Sanchez
1988 graduate

“...Our luncheon meeting was unlike any other I have experienced before or since. I was totally unprepared for Ed's friendliness and popularity. It seemed as though every two minutes of our luncheon conversation was interrupted either by Ed giving a brief greeting or wave to someone entering or walking by the restaurant, or individuals approaching our table to say a quick hello. His love for people was very clear, and each was greeted by name and with a specific recognition of some personal aspect of significance Ed had remembered. It was clear that Ed had the ability to make everyone he was involved with feel important and like a personal friend.”

George Byrtek
Assistant professor of management

“There was also another side of Ed that I don't think a whole lot of people were privileged enough to see. That was the Ed that took you out to breakfast—the Ed that was vulnerable as you shared a conversation over coffee, and an Ed that was so transparent with his own personal struggles so that you could know that he identified with what you were going through. He would let down his guard at that breakfast table, and let you see the real person that he was.”

Scott Wade
Student government president, 1996-97

“Ed was warm, friendly, humorous, reliable, and cherished by all the other presidents. We've missed him a lot in our meetings this past year. He was asked about in every meeting. He was always talkative. He was a conciliator—always expecting the best out of everybody. And we're just simply going to miss him. We're just going to miss him.”

Gary Andeen
President of the Oregon Independent Colleges Foundation/Association

“Ed was a valuable, committed member of our board of directors. He always brought optimism and a genuine ‘can do’ attitude. He was committed to helping all campuses ‘make their case’ to the entire body of Christ. He brought a spirit of unity to a coalition representing 30 different denominations. His sense of humor—even his bad jokes and his unending stories about his athletic days—will linger for many years in all our memories.”

Bob Andringa
President of the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities

“Ed Stevens was an outstanding Christian leader. He was a man of vision with an acute sense of the possible. He saw what many others didn't see. As a leader, he was able to draw together those with similar vision and something extraordinary happened: George Fox University was born.”

Dave Le Shana
President Emeritus

“Ed had a wonderful gift...the ability to make a personal, human connection with everyone he met. There was no uncomfortable silence with Ed. He had that rare, wonderful ability to make you think he had been thinking about you the whole time since you had last seen each other.”

Brian Craven
Current student

“He was a wonderful man, very spiritually based and nurturing. I went to visit him when he was having treatments. While I was there, we went down to the café and met a woman who was going through a crisis, and Ed spent time counseling her. How like him to rise above his own discomfort. He was a great man.”

Nancy Wilgenbush
President of Marylhurst College,
Portland, Ore.

“I would call him a noble friend—a dear, noble friend—who not only shared his philosophy and thoughts but always maintained a clear focus that he was Christ's servant. He embodied to me the servant leader role as exemplified by our Lord. He was a humble man who became great in his field.”

Mark Hatfield
Former U.S. Senator and current George Fox adjunct professor

“Ed exceeded our hopes and expectations at every level.”

Dea Cox
George Fox Board of Trustees Chair

“Ed was a dear friend. We spent many hours in the saddle riding through wilderness areas enjoying God's country, the peacefulness, and each other's company. I will miss you, my friend. Happy trails.”

Ken Austin
Board Member and President of Austin Industries

Foster, Helsabeck Fill Interim Academic Posts

Jim Foster, dean of George Fox University's School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences since 1992 and a professor of psychology, is serving as interim vice president for academic affairs for the 1998-99 academic year.

The executive committee of the University's Board of Trustees in January confirmed Interim President Tom Johnson's appointment of Foster to replace Vice President for Academic Affairs Dirk Barram. Barram, who will be on sabbatical during fall semester, will return to teaching in spring 1999.

Taking Foster's place as interim dean is Henry "Hank" Helsabeck, a member of the George Fox faculty since 1978.

"I am thankful for Jim Foster's willingness to serve the University in this important role," said Johnson. "His long experience as a faculty member and academic leader at George Fox and his reputation as a good listener and thoughtful decision-maker make him an ideal candidate for this interim position. He will be able to keep the University moving forward in its concerns to maintain and strengthen academic quality and to continue new program developments.

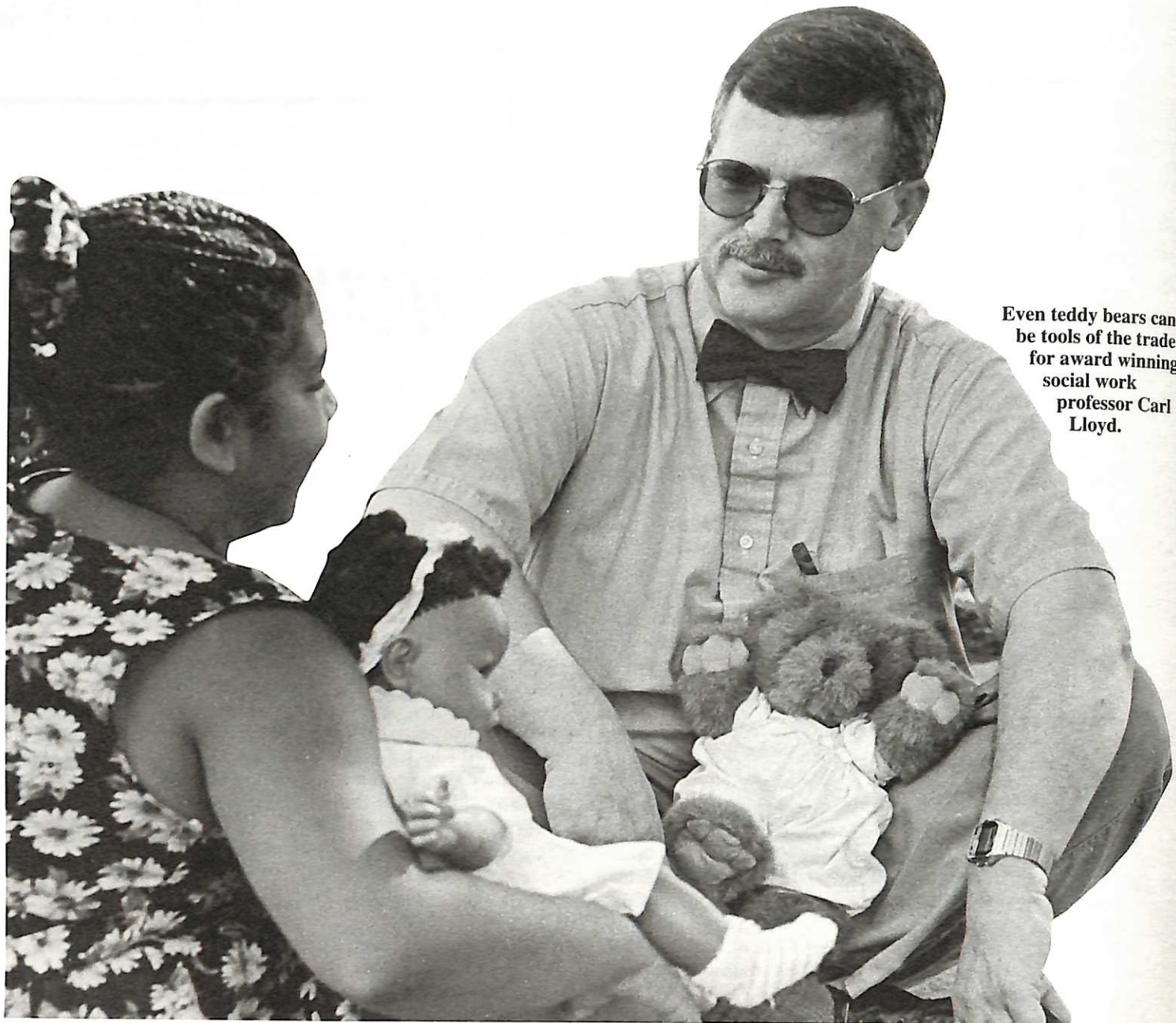
"I took into account the breadth of the area Jim now oversees, which includes both liberal arts and professional programs, including the University's only doctoral program. Jim also has the full support of his colleagues on the faculty and in the administration, and of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees. He will be in a strong position to assist the new president in the coming year of transition."

A native of Portland, Ore., Foster received a master's degree in psychology from Ohio State University in 1976, and a Ph.D. from the same school in 1979. He did his undergraduate work in psychology and biology at Seattle Pacific University, graduating in 1974. He has been a faculty member at George Fox since 1980 and in 1988 received the Burlington Northern Foundation's Faculty Achievement Award.

Helsabeck, who is professor of mathematics and computer science, has been chair of the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Engineering. He holds two master's degrees and a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Missouri.

Helsabeck was instrumental in the start-up of George Fox's computer and information science program in 1983. He has spent summers working at Tektronix in Beaverton, Ore., as a special projects analyst in data processing, and as a collaborator with the Computer Group at the Los Alamos Neutron Scattering Center at the National Laboratory in New Mexico.

In 1993 Helsabeck received the Faculty Achievement Award, given annually to a George Fox faculty member for unusually significant or meritorious teaching.



Even teddy bears can be tools of the trade for award winning social work professor Carl Lloyd.

High Standards, Caring Attitude Earn Lloyd 1998 Faculty Achievement Award

George Fox University's annual Faculty Achievement Award is deliberately a surprise to the recipient. Until the honoree hears his or her name announced at the University's Academic Award Chapel, it's usually not known to them.

So Carl Lloyd, professor of social work, was indeed surprised April 20 when his name was announced. Part of that was due to a persistent ear infection that had stuffed up his left ear, making hearing difficult even though he was already on the platform as a department chair. "Chris Koch (a fellow faculty member) was next to me and said, 'They're talking about you,'" Lloyd recalled.

But Lloyd was surprised for other reasons as well. "I was quite shocked to get the award, because most of the students think I'm hard-nosed," he said. "I'm pretty demanding."

It's true that sometimes Lloyd's students might, in his words, "gripe and moan" about the 15-page papers he requires or the essay tests he gives. Yet his high standards and caring attitude are hitting the right chord with them. In fact, one student who urged his selection for the \$2,500 cash award described him as "everything a professor should be."

In accepting the award, Lloyd said he was "honored beyond words." He noted that he has taught or studied at almost a dozen different colleges and universities, but said the faculty at George Fox stand out especially for their dedication.

Any full-time faculty member at George Fox is eligible for the annual prize, presented to a professor who achieved unusually significant or meritorious teaching during the past year. Winners are chosen by a committee of students, faculty, and administrators using formal teacher evaluations and nominations submitted by students and faculty.

Academic Vice President Dirk Barram praised Lloyd at the awards presentation as "one who simply loves teaching. His students know they'll be challenged to work hard."

"I'm a learner, that's what I enjoy most about teaching. I learn while I'm teaching."

CARL LLOYD

Lloyd does believe in hard work. His extensive résumé indicates a man with seemingly nonstop drive and a wide range of backgrounds and interests who gives 100 percent to everything he does.

"I've always had lots of energy, so I do many things," Lloyd says.

Lloyd came to George Fox in 1994 after several years in Texas, where he worked as program therapist for a hospital, as a medical social worker for a children's medical center, and as a program, clinical and social work director of psychiatric services for medical centers in Arlington and DallasFort Worth. He also was an adjunct assistant professor at Dallas Baptist University. Before that he was full-time administrator for a 325-student private school in Dallas, director of family life and counseling at a Dallas church, a private practice clinical counselor, a child and family therapist, and a crisis counselor.

He also pastored eight years in various denominations, at churches in Washington state, New York and Texas.

Among the other schools where Lloyd has taught are Colorado Christian University, Regis University in Denver, and the former Columbia Christian College in Portland.

Lloyd earned a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Texas-Arlington, a master of science in social work from the same school, a master of science in clinical counseling and sociology from Oregon State University, a master of arts in religion and philosophy from Eastern New Mexico University, and a bachelor of arts in religion and psychology from Columbia Christian College.

He also served three years in the Navy as a computer technician and electrician for the nuclear submarine force. It was during that time that Lloyd's spiritual need became increasingly evident to him, and after leaving the Navy, he was led to faith in Christ through the testimony of a friend of his sister.

Lloyd is licensed as a professional counselor, marriage and family counselor, and chemical dependency counselor. He is a licensed social worker and is certified as a chemical dependency treatment specialist and school counselor.

Lloyd is also president of Empowerment Technologies Inc., a non-profit religious and educational ministry that publishes a bimonthly journal, "Metamorphosis," and books, in addition to holding workshops and seminars.

Lloyd's résumé lists a wide range of activities because he has a wide range of interests and sees the potential to serve the Lord in more than one way.

"God's not like Monty Hall," he says, referring to the longtime host of the old "Let's Make a Deal" TV show. "He doesn't say just to pick one door."

The door that opened for Lloyd at George Fox in 1994 has been part of a strategic path for the University. In addition to his teaching duties, Lloyd, who chairs the sociology/social work department, has been busy guiding the program in its efforts to secure full accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education. It was with that goal in mind that the late President Ed Stevens invited him to come to George Fox, he says.

Social work fits well with a Christian ethic and mission, but as a profession, it has largely lacked the influence of committed Christians, said Lloyd. Through his efforts at George Fox, Lloyd is helping to change that. At the same time, he believes he is personally gaining as much as his students.

"I'm a learner," he said. "That's what I enjoy most about teaching. I learn while I'm teaching."

Yale University to Borrow George Fox Professor for Year

George Fox University professor Paul Anderson will spend the 1998-99 school year teaching for Yale University.

Anderson, who is associate professor of biblical and Quaker studies, has been granted a one-year leave of absence from George Fox to serve as visiting associate professor of New Testament at the Yale Divinity School.

"I'm absolutely delighted and very flattered to be thought of by such a fine school as Yale," says Anderson. "Frankly, I'm a bit daunted by the challenge. I have some sense of the level of expectation there, but I'm also very excited by the opportunity."

Anderson will teach four courses, two each semester. Tentatively, they are "The Christology of John," "The Epistles of John and Related Texts," "The Interpretation of Revelation," and "The Historical Jesus."

Anderson plans to draw class material from his book "The Christology of the Fourth Gospel," which was published in 1997 by Trinity Press International. The book has been drawing positive attention worldwide and has been requested for review in approximately 40 journals. This November it will be the focus of two major sessions at the national Society of Biblical Literature meetings in Orlando, Fla.

"Having Yale's connection while my book is being reviewed is an added plus to the discussions," says Anderson. "Being at Yale

Paul Anderson's book on the gospel of John earned him an Ivy League invitation to teach.

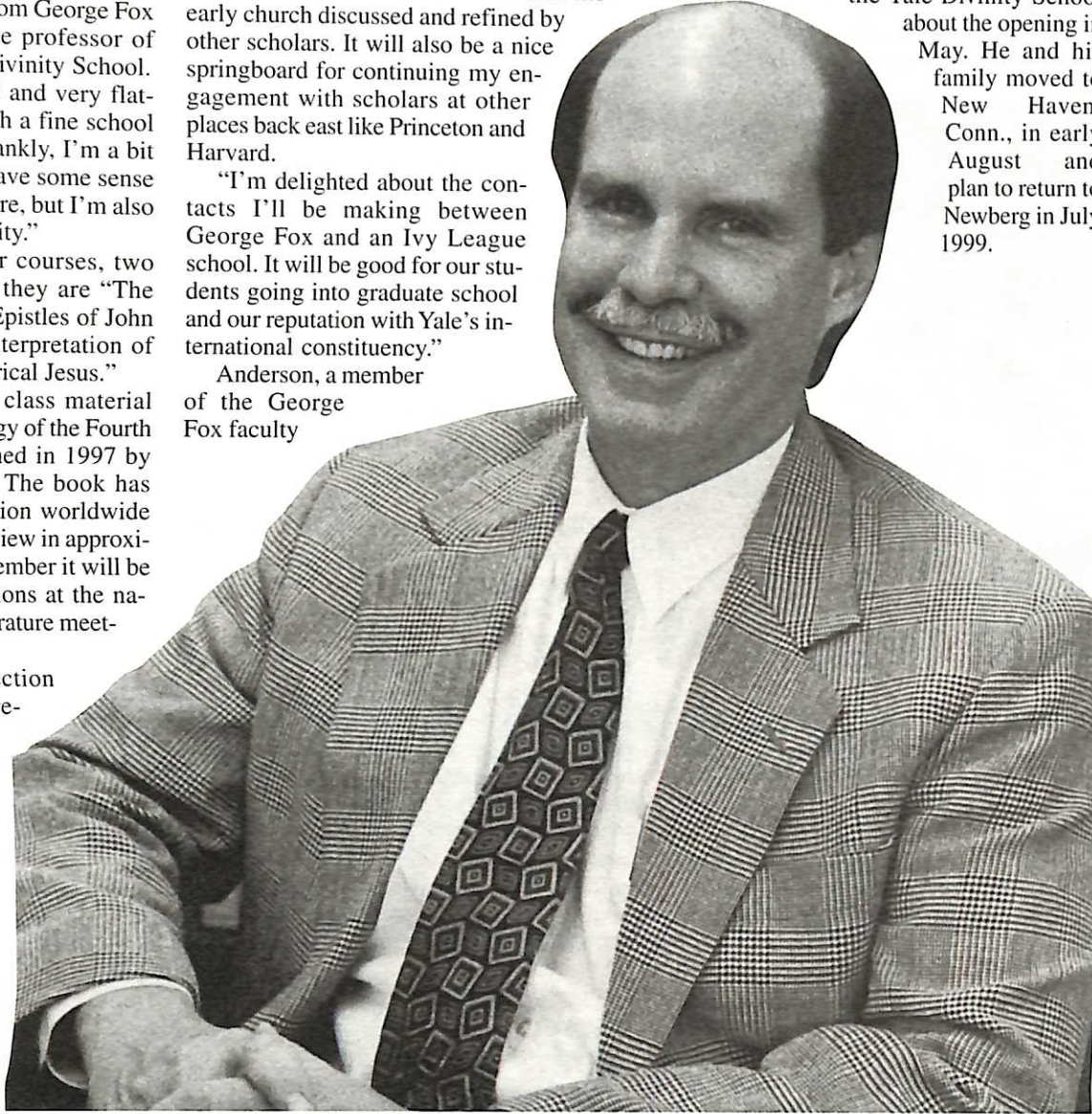
will facilitate the likelihood of my learning and making a contribution through the exchanging of ideas. It's a chance to get my theories of John's composition and the history of the Johannine situation and the early church discussed and refined by other scholars. It will also be a nice springboard for continuing my engagement with scholars at other places back east like Princeton and Harvard.

"I'm delighted about the contacts I'll be making between George Fox and an Ivy League school. It will be good for our students going into graduate school and our reputation with Yale's international constituency."

Anderson, a member of the George Fox faculty

since 1989, also plans to use the course material as the backbone for two future book projects.

Anderson was contacted by the dean of the Yale Divinity School about the opening in May. He and his family moved to New Haven, Conn., in early August and plan to return to Newberg in July 1999.



University Receives Library of Noted Psychologist

The private library of noted psychologist Joseph Matarazzo of Portland, Ore., has been given to George Fox University.

The gift comprises 4,000 psychology books and journals and 100 boxes of journal reprints and other research material. A reception to thank Matarazzo was held this spring on the University's Newberg campus.

George Fox personnel transported the gift from Matarazzo's Portland home to the Murdock Learning Resource Center, which is the library on the Newberg campus. Moving the large collection of books and materials required several trips using University vehicles. The library has begun the extensive process of integrating the journals and books into the psychology collection.

Matarazzo founded the department of medical psychology at Oregon Health Sciences University and was chair of that depart-

ment for many years. He is a past president of the American Psychological Association.

Matarazzo, who received his doctorate in clinical psychology in 1952 from Northwestern University in Illinois, currently serves on several national and international boards and committees in psychology.

Matarazzo said he selected George Fox to receive the gift because of his interest in the University's doctoral program in clinical psychology. He said he had heard positive first-hand comments about George Fox since Mark McMinn, a former faculty member in the program, did post-doctoral work at OHSU several years ago. He said he also heard good things about George Fox's program from the American Psychological Association.

"It was not difficult for me to think of George Fox (for the gift)," said Matarazzo.

He explained that he could have donated his library to one of the public universities in Oregon, "but I think it will be used much more often here."

Matarazzo said the books and journals were "indispensable" in shaping his career. "I have loved my library," he said.

Clark Campbell, associate professor of psychology and chairman of George Fox's Department of Psychology, said Matarazzo's gift is much appreciated by the University.

"Over the last four decades he has published extensively in the areas of intelligence, neuropsychology, and health psychology," Campbell said. "The gift will greatly enhance our psychology holdings and benefit our undergraduate and graduate programs in psychology. It will be a lasting contribution to the profession and to many future psychologists."

Twelve Faculty Receive Promotions

Twelve George Fox University faculty members are newly promoted as a result of recent approvals by the board of trustees.

- Mark Ankeny, from assistant to associate professor of education, George Fox faculty member since 1991, Ph.D. from the University of Oregon.
- Tony Casurella, from associate to full professor of New Testament, Western Evangelical Seminary faculty member since 1987, Ph.D. from the University of Durham in England.
- Steve Delamarter, from assistant to associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, WES faculty member since 1993, Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School.
- Tom Head, from associate to full professor of economics and business, George Fox faculty member since 1971, M.S. in marketing from the University of Oregon and M.A. in economics from the University of California at Berkeley.
- Clella Jaffe, from assistant to associate professor of communication arts, George Fox faculty member since 1995, Ph.D. from Oregon State University.
- Chris Koch, from assistant to associate professor of psychology, George Fox faculty member since 1993, Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.
- Carl Lloyd, from associate to full professor of social work, George Fox faculty member since 1994, Ph.D. from the University of Texas-Arlington.
- Margi Macy, from assistant to associate professor of education, George Fox faculty member since 1991, Ph.D. in education from Walden University in Minnesota.
- Anita Maher, from instructor to assistant professor of marriage and family therapy, WES faculty member since 1995, D.M.F.T. from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.
- Richard Shaw, from instructor to assistant professor of marriage and family therapy, WES faculty member since 1995, D.M.F.T. from Fuller Theological Seminary.
- Phil Smith, from assistant to associate professor of philosophy, George Fox faculty member since 1982, Ph.D. from the University of Oregon.
- Diane Wood, from instructor to assistant professor of family and consumer sciences and education, George Fox faculty member since 1995, M.Ed. from the University of Portland.

Ten Faculty Positions filled for 1998-99 Academic Year

George Fox is adding 11 new full-time faculty members this fall—five in newly created positions.

Tara L. Baker joins the science department as assistant professor of biology, replacing Sheryl Sanders. Baker is a graduate of Iowa State University, where she just completed a Ph.D. in zoology. Her doctoral research focused on the caveolin protein and its role in signaling cells to grow, synthesize DNA, and divide or differentiate—research she anticipates will be conducive to study by undergraduates.

Kevin M. Carr fills a new faculty position as assistant professor of education. He earned a Ph.D. in physics/science education from the University of Idaho, where he served as a graduate teaching assistant. Prior to beginning graduate studies, he taught high school physics and mathematics.

Charles John Conniry Jr. is assistant professor of pastoral ministry, a new position at Western Evangelical Seminary. He comes to George Fox from Bethel College - San Diego, Calif. campus, where he was the lead faculty

member of the Christian ministries program. He previously was senior pastor at Ramona (Calif.) First Baptist Church. Conniry holds an M.Div. from Bethel Theological Seminary-West and a Ph.D. in systematic theology from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Patsy Engle, who has taught at George Fox on an adjunct basis, was chosen to fill a one-year position as instructor of teacher education. Engle is a graduate of Marion College in Indianapolis, Ind. She received a master of arts degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. She has taught high school at Salem Academy and served as editor of a Christian magazine for the Wesleyan Church.

Returning from leave is **Andrew Gess**, an assistant professor of management in the continuing education department. Gess taught on an adjunct basis for the University before becoming full time in 1994. For the past two years, he has been working on his doctorate in organizational communication at Regent University in Virginia.

Jeralynne J. Hawthorne joins George Fox for one year to fill a new science faculty

position. Named an assistant professor of mathematics, she holds a master of science degree in applied mathematics from Purdue University and is working on an M.S. in geology from Wichita State University.

For another new position in the teacher education department, George Fox has hired **Donna Kalmbach Phillips**. Phillips comes from Western Baptist College, where she is an assistant professor, and Oregon State University, where she is completing a Ph.D. in teacher education. She is experienced as a middle school language arts teacher and as a high school English teacher.

Robin J. Smith replaces the retiring Allen Odell as associate professor of church ministries at WES. Smith has a Ph.D. in religious education from Southern California School of Theology, a master's degree in child development, and an undergraduate degree in Christian education. For the past 12 years, she has been a professor of Christian ministry at Azusa Pacific University. She also served as pastor of women and family ministries at First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena, Calif.

With Jo Lewis's retirement, **Carrie Jo Vincent** has been hired as assistant professor of drama. Vincent has an interdisciplinary master of arts degree in theater arts, language arts and education from Western Oregon State College, where she also earned her undergraduate degree. For the past 10 years, she has been teaching drama and dance at a middle school in Milwaukie, Ore.

Two interim professors have been moved up to permanent status. **Jonas A. Cox** is moving from a one-year appointment into the role of assistant professor of education. He is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Iowa and former middle school science teacher. **Susan McNaught** was hired for the new position of assistant professor of continuing education when George Fox added management and business information systems as a new program in continuing education. McNaught previously had been filling in for Andrew Gess as assistant professor of management. She holds a master's degree from Portland State University and a doctorate in post-secondary education from Oregon State.

Recent Grad Gives Birth to 'Littlest Oregonian'

Alumna Credits Prayer, George Fox Support for Safe Arrival of Her Record-Setting Baby

Even though he's always been little, William Steven Hunnicutt is tough enough to have caused a very big stir in Oregon.

And it happened, in part, because of things his mother learned as a recent George Fox student.

Despite his tiny size, William's picture occupied a lot of Page 1 space in the May 5, 1998, edition of *The Oregonian* newspaper.

He got the attention because he was born 13 weeks premature on Jan. 8, weighing only 12.7 ounces and measuring 9.5 inches—apparently the smallest baby ever to survive in the state. He also garnered attention on a Portland TV newscast, and nationally on Cable News Network.

"The Littlest Oregonian," the newspaper labeled William, who clearly beat big odds to achieve his notoriety.

"He's a pretty determined personality," says his mother, Sandra Hunnicutt of Portland.

But Sandra and her husband, Geoffrey, believe William also received divine help as he entered the world. They credit the prayers of friends and family for preserving the life of their youngest son. (The Hunnicutts also have a 4-year-old, Richard.) Today, at age seven months, William is up to a chunky 6.5 pounds and has shown no serious physical problems from his premature birth.

A mortgage underwriter for National Pacific Mortgage Co., Sandra graduated last December from George Fox with a master of business administration degree. But she was unable to receive her diploma at that month's midyear commencement since doctors one day earlier had ordered full bedrest because of serious problems with her pregnancy.

"That was a pretty depressing thing," she said.

The problems began when she was about four months pregnant and the baby was developing unusually slowly in her womb. The doctors suspected that a problem with her placenta was preventing the baby from getting enough nourishment.

By Jan. 7, an ultrasound examination showed the amniotic fluid that normally surrounds the baby in the womb was gone. The next evening, Sandra was admitted to Providence St. Medical Center in Portland, where she was to stay for close monitoring. Prelimi-

nary tests showed the baby was in distress. The director of the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit told them they could either leave William in his mother's womb and hope for the best, or he could be brought into the world by surgeons and rely on medical technology to keep him alive.

That latter option offered a big risk as well. While William's gestational age at that

me to cement some of my values and beliefs," she says. "It was an inspiration to be joined in the program with fellow classmates who are in business, but who are looking for more than just statistics and numbers. I wanted to get down to the more human aspects of business.

"In the ethics class, some of the case studies we read were medical cases—the legal aspects, the people's rights, determining what the right thing is. Certainly that class got me thinking about some things. I was a little more prepared for being thrown into our situation (with the baby). In a matter of hours, we had to decide what to do. There was no clear right or wrong, but we just had to pick one."

And so they did. The Hunnicutts gave the go-ahead for the Caesarean section—almost three months ahead of William's original due date of April 8.

"I convinced my husband that we should go ahead, not knowing if William would even survive the delivery," Sandra recalls. "I figured a 20-percent shot was better than no shot."

The tiny baby made it through delivery, and the hospital personnel began the next big task—working to save his life. Using the smallest of needed equipment, such as catheters, needles and measuring devices, staff in the neonatal intensive care unit still found taking the necessary steps a big challenge. Because of his tiny size, they were unsure they could place an endotracheal tube down his throat to connect his lungs to a ventilator that would breathe for him. Fortunately, that step went well, as did the threading of catheters into the major vein and artery in his umbilical cord. Those catheters allowed doctors to give intravenous fluids and medications and to take blood samples.

William spent 111 days in the intensive care unit at a cost of \$1,500

to \$2,000 a day. The family's health insurance covered the expense.

The Hunnicutts won't know for several years whether William has cleared all major hurdles, or if he might still develop neurological impairments such as cerebral palsy that are a risk for extremely small babies. But so far all signs are positive.

"He's been off oxygen for several weeks," says Sandra. "He's not on any kind of medication anymore except an iron supplement. He's having regular eye exams and will probably have to wear glasses when he's older."

Even though she was done with the MBA program, Sandra says her former classmates at George Fox and M.B.A. professors Tom Head and Debra Worden were supportive during the pregnancy. In fact, Head, Worden and several of her classmates came to her house two days after last December's commencement not only to wish her well, but to deliver her diploma in person.

"It was a complete surprise," Sandra says. "Debra, who was my advisor, even brought my gown, colors and cap."

Her George Fox friends also maintained prayer support through the pregnancy and after William's birth. "Debra had a church group that was praying for us," Sandra says, "and I think she made everyone in the business department aware of our situation."

Sandra actually completed her final M.B.A. project during the summer of 1997, even though she had until December's graduation to finish it.

"I felt a sense of urgency about getting it done," she says, looking down at William. "Now I know why."



MBA graduate Sandra Hunnicutt and son, William.

point of 27 weeks normally offered him a 90 percent chance of survival with sophisticated medical treatment, he was not a normal case. Babies at that age usually average 2 pounds, 4 ounces (36 ounces), but through ultrasound imaging tests, doctors estimated William's size at only 14 ounces, which was still even larger than his actual birth weight. Based on his size, doctors gave William only a 20 percent chance of survival even with technological assistance.

The Hunnicutts faced a life-and-death decision. According to Sandra, a big influence at the time was her recent studies in George Fox's M.B.A. program, which emphasizes Christian ethics.

"Going through the whole M.B.A. program helped



William Hunnicutt, 12.7 ounces, 9.5 inches

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Alumni Association Seeks Award Nominations

The GF Alumni Association urges alumni, friends, and students to submit the names of people they believe should be considered for recognition of their contributions to church, society, and George Fox University.

I nominate...

Name of Nominee(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Alumnus/Alumna of the Year

Through years of preparation, experience, dedication, and exemplary character and service, the recipient of this award has achieved professional or vocational distinction. He or she has displayed support for and sympathy with the mission, goals, and purpose of George Fox University.

Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna

A graduate of either a continuing education or traditional program, this person is distinguished in a special area of life and reflects the

ideals of George Fox University through his or her commitment to a profession, the church, the community, and the University.

Special Award

Special recognition is awarded to a graduate or non-graduate who has uniquely served the University. This award is optional and may not be given every year.

Name of Nominator _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

To be considered for the 1999 alumni awards, this form must be completed and returned to the Alumni Office by September 1, 1998. Please call, write or e-mail the Alumni Relations Office at George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St., Newberg, OR 97132, (503) 554-2114, or <philips@georgefox.edu> with your nomination.

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Parents and siblings, join your George Fox student on campus for a weekend of drama, music, sports, lectures, fun and fellowship!

Call Sheri Philips, director of alumni and parent relations, at (503) 554-2114 for a list of local hotels offering discounts to George Fox families.

Homecoming '99 Great Expectations! February 19 and 20

Alumni Web Site and Alumni Directory Coming in 1999

The George Fox University Alumni Association is planning a new program designed to keep George Fox alumni and WES alumni connected to each other.

The George Fox online community alumni Web site is coming in 1999. Provided by Harris Publishing Company, this Web site will be linked to the George Fox home page (www.georgefox.edu) beginning next spring. The online community alumni Web site will offer permanent e-mail forwarding addresses, bulletin boards for alumni idea sharing and information on upcoming events, and career services information *free* to alumni only.

In addition, an online version of the new 1999 alumni printed directory containing the same biographical data can be purchased when it becomes available. Using the online directory, alumni will be able to update their own personal information online to stay even better connected.

Alumni who purchase the printed 1999



alumni directory will receive the online version of the directory free of charge.

Harris Publishing Company is beginning the process for the new alumni printed directory to be released in the summer of 1999. This directory will include information for alumni of both George Fox University and Western Evangelical Seminary.

You can help us make the new directory and Web site as accurate as possible by taking a moment to update your personal information when you receive the alumni directory questionnaire from Harris in September. (If you prefer not to be listed in the directory, please contact the Alumni Office in writing as soon as possible.)

The new George Fox University alumni directory and online community alumni Web site will soon make finding other alumni as easy as opening a book or pressing a button.

Look for more details on the project in future issues of LIFE.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Harold (G51) and Wilma (Harris) (G52) Magee are living in Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles for the next two years while he is working for Trans World Radio, a Christian radio station transmitting to Latin America.

LeRoy Lindal (WES55) and his wife, Mary, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Kendall, Wis.

Earl Tycksen (G57) is pastor of Nampa (Idaho) Friends Church.

Maurice Chandler (G60) has been named president of Barclay College, Haviland, Kan. He began his duties July 1.

Tonya (Edwards) Porter (n68) teaches home economics, art and basic math at Pierce High School, Arbuckle, Calif.

Glenn Ludtke (G71) received the first annual Patty Verner Music Education Appreciation Award from the Oregon Symphony. The honor is awarded to an individual who goes above and beyond the call of duty to truly make a difference in children's lives, inspiring them through music education. Glenn teaches music at Roosevelt High School in Portland.

John Booth (G72) received the Parkway Distinguished Professor Award from Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo. The award is based on professional and personal life and outstanding contributions to Christian education.

Stuart Willcuts (G72) is country director for World Vision in Azerbaijan, part of the former Soviet Union.

Brad Smith (G75) has been named assistant women's basketball coach for Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. He leaves Oregon City High School after 20 years, where he compiled a 450-71 record, including the last five years as state champions and three years as national champions.

Jeff Rickey (G76) has been appointed Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind.

Dave Parker (G77) is selling commercial and residential real estate for L.P. Link and Associates, Hayden Lake, Idaho.

Mike Lehman (G78) is principal of Waldport (Ore.) High School, in the Lincoln County School District, beginning September 1998.

Donald McBride (WES78) is pastor of Grace United Church of Christ, Greencastle, Pa. He recently published a book of essays titled "The Death of the Doctor of Ministry Degree."

Gary Chenault (G80) has been named director of emerging markets for United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, Portland.

Ernie Sturzinger (G80) is an auto underwriting

specialist at State Farm Insurance, Salem, Ore. He volunteers as coach for youth basketball in Keizer, Ore.

Don Willits (G80) recently was promoted to vice president, commercial banking for The Mercantile Bank of Northern Illinois. He lives and works in Rock Falls, Ill.

Gayle Beebe (G81) has been named dean of the C.P. Haggard School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, Calif.

Greg Enns (G81) has recently published his third book, "Better Boundaries: Owning and Treasuring Your Life," co-authored with Jan Black.

D'Ann (Campbell) Nelson (n82) is employed by Home On The Range, a residential care facility for disadvantage/delinquent youth in Beach, N.D.

Richard Person (G86) graduated in May from Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, Texas. He is working as a patent attorney for Gardere and Wynn, Dallas.

Don Staples (G86) has been named principal of Yamhill (Ore.) Grade School.

Christine (Smith) Sumra (n88) is in the graphic design program at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas. She is a visual information student trainee for the United States Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Agency, Fort Worth.

Doug Adair (HRM90) has been appointed assistant attorney general with the Oregon Department of Justice.

Phil Higgins (G92) is a realtor with Re/Max Executives, Beaverton, Ore., serving Portland metro and Yamhill County areas.

Ellie Pierson-Sutter (WES92) is pastor of First Church of God, The Dalles, Ore.

Eileen Qutub (MHR93) recently received the Legislative Appreciation Award from the Oregon Tourism Commission. She is an Oregon state senator.

Casey (Gilman) Drummond (MHR94) is a workers' compensation investigations case manager for The Travelers, Moorpark, Calif.

Susan Lee (MHR94) received a Ph.D. in public administration from Portland State University in December 1997. She currently is employed by Multnomah County Transportation Division as the intergovernmental relations manager and public information officer.

Myrna (Bonar) Jensen (G95) is newsproducer of "Morning Edition," a news show airing on KTVV, Anchorage, Alaska.

Gennie (Sluder) Harris (G96) is teaching eighth grade language arts at Meadow Park Middle School, Beaverton, Ore.

Heather Kvokov (MHR96) is a human resources specialist for Spokane County, Wash.

Deborah Sternberg (MHR96) has been appointed human resources director by the American Red Cross, Oregon Trail chapter, Portland.

Debbi Trumbull (G96) is teaching second grade at Stratton Elementary School, Newport, Wash. She also coaches the cheerleading teams for the varsity basketball and football teams at Newport (Wash.) High School.

Heidi Dougherty (G97) is teaching bilingual first grade at Bush Elementary School, Salem, Ore.

Jimmi Sommer (G97) is living in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and working with Intermenno, a Menonite program working with churches in Europe.

MARRIAGES

Karin Stanley (G92) and Todd Williams, Sept. 14, 1997, in Portland.

Dave Wilson (G92) and Loretta Kelly, Dec. 30, 1997, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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

Colby Scheer (G94) and Tonya Hartman, Dec. 6, 1997, in Canby, Ore.

Carolyn Coffman (G95) and Kevin Brown, May 9, 1998, in Milwaukie, Ore.

Chad Madron (G95) and Tonia Werner (G97), May 9, 1998, in Newberg.

Suzy Kern (G96) and Keith Kuhl, June 7, 1997, in Medford, Ore.

Amy Smith (G96) and Aaron Karjala, March 28, 1998, in Medford, Ore.

Deborah Sternberg (MHR96) and Ken Ray, May 9, 1998, in Portland.

Kathy Anderson (G97) and Mike Wagner, May 23, 1998, in Portland.

Tanya Bingenheimer (G97) and Jason Lander, Dec. 13, 1997, in Salem, Ore.

Dawnelle Droz (G97) and Jason Breum, May 9, 1998, in Portland.

Scott Mansur (G97) and Sarah Blackman, July 11, 1998, in Salem, Ore.

BIRTHS

Dixie (Schnoover) (G85) and Scott Downey, a boy, Roman August, May 20, 1998, in Aurora, Ore.

Miriam (Clark) (G85) and **Don (G86) Staples**, a boy, Roy James, June 11, 1998, in Newberg.

Leslie (Bayha) (G86) and Tim Edelblute, a girl, Megan Joy, May 20, 1998, in Portland.

Dwight (G86) and Gail Larabee, a boy, Daniel Bryant, Feb. 25, 1998, in Portland.

Cheryl (Funk) (G88) and Seth Miller, a boy, Eli Jansen, April 14, 1998, in Sandy, Ore.

Frederick (G88) and Candace Tillman, a boy, Nathaniel Paul, May 25, 1998, in Yonago-shi, Tottoriken, Japan.

Gina (Bridges) (G89) and Christian Reimertz, a boy, Samuel Christian, June 8, 1997, in Olympia, Wash.

Michelle (Sackman) (G90) and Jeff Emra, a boy, Brandon Randall, Aug. 13, 1997, in Tualatin, Ore.

Jeff (G90) and **Barb (McCuen) (G90) Lincoln**, a boy, Jerome Joseph Abe, March 27, 1998, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Chris (G90) and Susan Patoine, a boy, Stephen Joseph, May 13, 1998, in Roseburg, Ore.

Warren (G90, MBA96) and Joanna Simpson, a girl, Gabrielle LeAnn, April 8, 1998, in Dallas, Ore.

Shannon (G92) and **Scott (G93) Nilsen**, a boy, Erik Erling, April 8, 1998, in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Shawn (G93) and **Shana (DuBose) (G93) Bucher**, a girl, Morgan Jean, March 28, 1998, in Portland.

Tamarah (Fast) (G94) and Eric Lee, a boy, Caleb Anthony, July 2, 1998, in Redmond, Wash.

Elizabeth (Fowler) (n95) and Mark Weisensee, a girl, Quinn Eileen, June 1, 1998, in Dallas, Ore.

Suzy (Kern) (G96) and Keith Kuhl, a girl, Colette Miriam, March 2, 1998, in Medford, Ore.

Jennifer (Mardock) (G97) and **Matt (n97) Lusk**, a girl, Natalie Lauren, Jan. 10, 1998, in Elsinore, Calif.

Misty (G97) and Justin Nicklous, a girl, Emma Nicole, March 5, 1998, in Portland.

Jason (G97) and Ronda Yates, a boy, Brendan Tabor, Aug. 22, 1997, in Canby, Ore.

DEATHS

Joan (Gerrits) Davis (n25), Feb. 3, 1998, in Portland.

Lolita (Hinshaw) Gundry (G28), May 8, 1998, in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Doris (Kivett) Hampton (G33), June 26, 1998, in Newberg.

Veva (Garrett) Miller (n34), April 8, 1998, in Portland.

Gerald Fisher (n39), June 20, 1998, in Newberg.

Alice Ross (n56), May 30, 1998, in Newberg.

Ilene (Haskins) Warkentin (G68), April 16, 1998, in Salem, Ore.

George Fox and NAIA Prepare to Part Ways

Please pardon the mess, but George Fox and the rest of the Northwest Conference are moving.

In the midst of switching allegiance from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III, the Northwest Conference (NWC) will send teams into both the NAIA and NCAA Div. III national playoffs during the 1998-99 seasons.

With much of the region's intercollegiate scene swirling in changes, deciphering play-off plans (and their related acronyms) can be headache inducing.

Without going into the details, all NWC members will compete for conference titles during normal regular seasons. When play-offs begin, George Fox, the University of Puget Sound and Seattle University will be eligible for NAIA postseason play. The other seven Northwest Conference teams will be eligible for NCAA Div. III national competition. Specific plans for each sport are being finalized this summer.

George Fox and Puget Sound are serving their fourth and final year of provisional status in NCAA Div. III. Both plan to become full NCAA members in 1999-2000. It is not certain when Seattle—which applied for NCAA membership later—will be eligible for full NCAA membership.

George Fox has been a member of the NAIA since 1965. In 1994, the Northwest Conference presidents decided to move the NWC into NCAA Div. III because they preferred the balance of academics and athletics in that division of the higher-profile and more financially stable NCAA.

BRUIN BRIEFS

Bruin Tennis on "Cruz Control"

With brothers Ryan, Rob and Rick Cruz making up half the team, George Fox's third-year men's tennis program made a dramatic turnaround in 1998.

First-year coach Josh Schweitz earned Northwest Conference Coach of the Year honors after taking over a team that had gone 0-23 in its first two seasons and guiding it to a 10-8 record.

The highlights of the women's season were wins over Portland State and Pacific University. Three Lady Bruin won their first-round singles matches, and George Fox finished ninth at the conference tournament.

Women's Track in Top 25 Again

Behind 11-time All-American Nancy Rissmiller (Sr., Tigard, Ore.), the George Fox women's track team claimed its eighth consecutive top-25 finish at the NAIA national meet.

The two-time defending champion, Rissmiller took third in the high jump, although she cleared the same height as the winner. Also scoring points were Sharon Barnett (So., Salem, Ore.) in the 100-meter hurdles (7th); Heather Hunt in the pole vault (7th); and the 4 x 800-meter relay team (8th).

The highest finishing individual for the Bruin men at the national meet was Brandon Workman (So., Moscow, Idaho), who took ninth in the steeplechase despite a fall. Ty Taylor (So., Portland) took 10th in the javelin.

Rissmiller and hurdler David Parker were both named NAIA All-American Scholar-Athletes. Rissmiller also was picked for the GTE Academic All-American Third Team for spring at-large sports.

Softball Shy of Playoff Berth

Despite returning just seven letterwinners from the previous year, George Fox's youthful softball team came close to making a playoff appearance. The Lady Bruins finished sixth in a conference that qualified five teams for the conference tournament.

George Fox (14-21-2) showed flashes of its future potential. Pitcher Beth Davis (So., Salem, Ore.) earned Northwest Conference Pitcher of the Week honors after twice in a week defeating eventual NWC champion Pacific University. She finished second in the conference in earned run average (1.44) and fifth in strikeouts (47).

Davis was one of three to earn all-conference honorable mention. Also recognized were shortstop Beth Kellogg (So., Emmett, Idaho)

and outfielder Mary Butts (Sr., Vancouver, Wash.). Butts also became the first George Fox softball player to earn NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete honors.

Baseball Blasts Hitting Records

George Fox's baseball team took some swings at the record book this past season. The Bruins surpassed the 1994 record of 45 home runs by swatting a startling 58. First baseman/pitcher Nate Barnett (Sr., Arlington, Wash.) was

BRUIN SPORTS

Raising the Bar

George Fox pole vaulter Heather Hunt is the highest flying NAIA female ever

Heather Hunt is truly alone when she stands with a skinny white pole in her hands, contemplating launching herself upside down a dozen feet into the air. No one, not her coach, not her parents, not her teammates, can help her now.

Hunt—who this summer became the NAIA national record holder—tries to clear her mind when she prepares to pole vault.

"I don't think of much while I'm standing there," she says. "If I do, I'll try too hard to do things. Pretty much the only thing I think about is 'Have fun and fly.'"

Hunt, a sophomore chemistry major from Turner, Ore., isn't quite alone in her sport, but few females have gone down this runway ahead of her. Only three other George Fox women have ever cleared a height in this infant sport.

One of them, Jen Christiansen ('97) won All-American honors in 1997, when the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) became the first intercollegiate body to sponsor women's pole vaulting as a national event.

The sport is picking up participants and momentum. The Olympics recently announced it would sponsor the event for the first time during its 2000 games, and the first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Div. I national competition occurred this past spring. NCAA Div. II and III are dragging their feet, weighing the risks and benefits.

She starts from a marked spot on the runway, about 85 feet from her huge hurdle. Her nine-step approach is slow and measured at first, accelerating until she becomes a horseless knight charging her foe.

"Speed helps a lot in vaulting," Hunt says. "It helps you be aggressive and get over the bar."

George Fox assistant coach Scott Brown says Hunt hobbled herself with short steps when she joined the Bruin track program. "Her stride length was almost non-existent," he says. "As we worked on that, her speed improved."

Hunt's natural athleticism helped her win the Oregon class 2A state title in 1997 while at Salem Academy, but to reach higher she has had to work with Brown on her form.

"I'm slowly learning to be a vaulter," she says.

Just as Hunt reaches her top speed, the tip of the pole is jammed into a small hole at the base of the pit.

What propels a 5-foot-6 woman over a bar more than twice her height?

A 13-foot pole and plenty of courage. "You kind of have to be crazy to be launching yourself over a bar 11-12 feet in the air," Hunt admits. "But that's the fun part about it. It's the closest you can get to flying."

She normally doesn't recall much about her flight.

"Vaulters black out," she says. "They don't see anything from the time they leave the ground to the time they hit the mat. It's such an adrenaline rush."

Is she fearless? "I think I am; my friends say I am. I'll do almost anything. Ask any vaulter, and they'll want to go skydiving or bungee jumping. One of my friends used to tell me 'remember you have to be crazy now—you're a pole vaulter.'"

But she does know it is dangerous. "You have to know some things can go

wrong, but if you're cautious, it can be fairly safe."

Like many other female pole vaulters, Hunt came out of gymnastics.

"Gymnasts are used to hanging on bars and doing flips and stuff," she says. "As a gymnast, you've got to have a 'no fear' thing, and in the vault you have to have the same thing."



"It's the closest you can get to flying."

HEATHER HUNT

Hunt's gymnastic career ended with a hip injury during her freshman year of high school, so she switched to track. At first, her coach didn't think she would be strong enough to get over the bar.

"I remember my first vault" she says. "Five feet. I was so excited. It was the first record for Salem Academy."

With one end planted in the hole and Hunt's momentum pushing forward on the other end, the pole begins to bend.

Today's fiberglass poles have come a long way from the day in 1905 when George Fox (then Pacific College) alumnus Roy Heater used a wooden pole cut out of the forest to beat the world record holder at the National Amateur Athletic Union Championships.

For perspective on how far pole vaulting has come during the 20th century: Heater set the Pacific Northwest record at 11-feet, 6-inches. Now the world records are 20-2 for men and 15-0.75 for women.

When the pole refuses to bend farther, her left knee shoots up, her feet swing forward, and the flight begins skyward.

The basic concept is to convert horizontal momentum (the run) into vertical energy (thus clearing the crossbar).

Hunt's first instructors were the boy pole vaulters on her high school squad.

"The guys taught me bad habits," she says. A new track coach her senior year helped her improve her personal best from 7-6 to 10-9, which set an Oregon class 2A state record.

At George Fox, Hunt spent the 1997 regular season breaking bad habits and records. Six times during the season she bumped the school

the biggest contributor, homering a school record 13 times.

Catcher Mark Tyler (Sr., Bothell, Wash.) won NAIA All-American Honorable Mention after tying the school doubles mark with 20. His .54 doubles per game average placed him second in the national statistics.

George Fox (25-13) took second in the Northwest Conference. Coming up one vote shy of an at-large berth, the Bruins missed the

record higher as she rebuilt her form.

"There are lots of things to think about," she says, "but the nice thing is some things begin to come naturally and you don't have to think about them anymore."

Going into the national meet, her best mark was 10-10. After a mildly discouraging NAIA national meet where she cleared 10-2, she continued to iron out her technique with weekend workouts.

Momentum and gymnastic grace allow her to pull herself upside down parallel to the pole. Her head is the closest thing to the ground far below.

"The last weekend before junior nationals I went upside down," Hunt says. "Before then I couldn't go upside down all the way. I always had had my head up looking at the bar. When you go upside down it feels so much different, the pole throws you. You can feel it when you do it right."

She twists herself so that she dives over the bar, like a swimmer in reverse. Her feet go over the crossbar first, followed by her torso, stomach down.

Throughout the season, Brown worked step-by-step to correct her technique.

"At the NAIA national meet, she was about half way through her progression," said Brown. "The extra month of competition allowed us to work on her ability to get upside down in the air and get the most out of the pole. All of a sudden it clicked during the last practice prior to the national junior meet. I wasn't sure how she would do, from a consistency standpoint, but her mark speaks loudly as to how well she conquered the next phase."

Once over the bar, she pushes the pole away to keep it from ruining an otherwise perfect vault. The flight is over in mere seconds as she free falls into the thick mat below.

If everything has gone well, the landing is the beginning of the celebration. Or if the vaulter stalls in the air and doesn't reach the mat, it can be painful.

Hunt experienced both last season. With only three vaulters left in the NAIA regional meet, she fell back onto the unpadded ground. She strained ligaments in her ankle and after one more attempt, withdrew from the competition. The injury hampered her preparations for the NAIA national meet, where she finished seventh, one position away from an All-American title.

On June 27, she entered the USA Track and Field Junior National Meet with the best under-20 athletes in the nation. Fresh off her NAIA national meet disappointment and encouraged by her upside-down epiphany, she was determined to give a better showing. The event began in 96-degree heat with Hunt sheltering herself from the sun under an umbrella. The starting height (10-4) was higher than she had cleared at NAIA nationals, but she went over on her first attempt.

On her third and final attempt at 10-10—her previous personal best—Hunt wrapped her ponytail on the cross bar as she slid over, but didn't knock it from its perch. She went on to clear 11-3.75—again on her third try. The bar was raised again to 11-9.75—higher than any previous NAIA female had vaulted. After two misses—and on her 10th vault of the day—Hunt flew over the bar and into the record book.

She can't celebrate too long, because the bar can always be raised higher.

"With Heather," says Brown, "The sky truly is the limit."

postseason for just the second time in the last 11 years.

Despite the playoff snub, eight Bruins earned all-conference honors, including second baseman David Farrell (So., Seattle), who led the conference in hitting (.443) and finished fifth in the nation in hits per game (1.7).

Third baseman Ryan LeBreton (Sr., The Dales, Ore.) and pitcher Nate Fast (Sr., Fresno, Calif.) both earned NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete honors.