

Summer 2004

George Fox Life, Summer 2004

George Fox University Archives

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/gfc_life

Recommended Citation

George Fox University Archives, "George Fox Life, Summer 2004" (2004). *George Fox College Life*. Book 156.
http://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/gfc_life/156

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Archives at Digital Commons @ George Fox University. It has been accepted for inclusion in George Fox College Life by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ George Fox University. For more information, please contact arolfe@georgefox.edu.

LIFE

VOLUME XXXIV • NUMBER 3 • SUMMER 2004

IN THIS ISSUE

- *Point of View: gay marriage*, page 2
- *Legacy of a rare birder*, page 3
- *The Honeymooners*, page 4
- *New Bruin mascot*, page 8



National Champions



RICK CLARKSON AND ASSOCIATES

The George Fox baseball team mobs pitcher Scott Hyde after winning the NCAA Div. III championship. The Bruins defeated No. 1-ranked Eastern Connecticut State University 6-3 to win the school's first team national title. The preseason No. 16 Bruins (40-10) split the Northwest Conference title, but still needed an at-large invitation to reach the NCAA playoffs. George Fox won with experienced pitching, brilliant defense, and a disciplined offense that relied more on speed and strategy than big hitters.

Mr. Hyde Just What the Doctor Ordered for George Fox

By columnist Mike Woods © Appleton, Wisc. Post-Crescent. Reprinted with permission.

GRAND CHUTE, WISC. — The guy wasn't even going to pitch. When the initial lineup for George Fox University was turned in for what was going to be the last scrum of the NCAA Division III baseball season, Scott Hyde's name was nowhere to be found.

Thank God for erasers.

With his pitching staff depleted and his team deflated after blowing a 6-0 lead and its first chance to win its first national championship on Tuesday against Eastern Connecticut State, George Fox boss Pat Bailey was going to give freshman Zach Wilson, who had thrown all of two innings this season and weighed in with an 18.00 ERA, a chance.

The perfect Cinderella story was about to unfold.

But then Bailey saw the Warriors' lineup, which contained first-team all-America pitcher Ryan DiPietro. So Bailey felt he had no choice but to go with Hyde, his very own first-team all-American, who had already had a complete-game victory in Friday's opener and pitched two innings of relief Monday to pick up a victory, leaving his right arm ready for last rites.

"We thought we could get three innings out of him," said Bailey.

But he didn't. He got nine unbelievable innings, as George Fox finished as king of the hill with a 6-3 victory over Eastern Connecticut State.

"It's very draining to go through lineups like that," Bailey said of the Warriors, whom he said easily had the toughest lineup his team faced all season. "To have him

The Road to the Championship

NCAA West Regionals, Orange, Calif.

Chapman University (Calif.)	..... W	3-1
Linfield College (Ore.)	..... W	10-5
University of La Verne (Calif.)	..... W	6-1
Trinity University (Texas)	..... W	6-2

NCAA Div. III World Series, Appleton, Wisc.

Salisbury University (Md.)	..... W	8-3
Rowan University (N.J.)	..... W	6-2
Eastern Connecticut State University	..... W	9-8
Aurora University (Ill.)	..... W	12-6
Eastern Connecticut State University	..... L	12-7
Eastern Connecticut State University	..... W	6-3

last that long, oh my goodness, it's unbelievable."

Hyde had no answers to what was going on, either. Physically, he said he was pooped "from the start to the end." But each time when it was his turn, he kept showing up.

"I'd get done with an inning and look over at my arm and go, 'What are you doing?'" Hyde said.

Eastern Connecticut nicked Hyde for three runs in the first three innings, and when Dwight Wildman hit a 450-foot homer to tie the game at 3-3 at the end of three innings, things looked as though they might take a turn for the worse.

They did, for Eastern Connecticut.

Hyde returned to the dugout and, according to Bailey, swore for the first time this season. Then,

see *National Champions*, page 4

Rx for Growth

George Fox is buying its next-door neighbor, Providence Newberg Hospital

George Fox University will have room to grow after agreeing this spring to purchase Providence Newberg Hospital. After taking occupancy in early 2006, the university plans to use the eight-acre property for its growing professional and graduate programs. The hospital site became available for purchase when Providence Health System began constructing a replacement hospital in east Newberg. The current 58,900-square-foot hospital building either will be renovated for academic use or new facilities will be built on the site. The \$3 million net sale also includes five auxiliary buildings.

Relieving the Space Crunch

The signing of a letter of intent last spring follows 17 consecutive years of enrollment growth at George Fox. Located in a residential neighborhood with few opportunities to expand, the university has faced a space crunch. University leaders long have aspired to buy the hospital land, which is surrounded on three sides by the George Fox campus.

In fall 2002, George Fox University President David Brandt and the board of trustees identified the hospital purchase as one of their six goals during a three-year span. Brandt negotiated the sale with Providence officials for about a year.

"George Fox and Providence Health System share similar faith-inspired missions," says Brandt. "There is a natural harmony in this transition. For years, this has been a place for birth and healing. Soon, it will become a place of learning and growth."

The Big Picture

With the purchase, the campus will expand to 85 acres. The new property plays a prominent role in a long-term campus master plan being developed by Portland architectural firm Zimmer, Gunzul,

see *Hospital Purchase*, page 4

The Gay Marriage Divide

POINT of VIEW

As tension grows over the pattern of counties granting marriage licenses to gay couples, many evangelical Christians are objecting. This is not surprising given that many Christians consider marriage a sacrament, and almost all agree that marriage is instituted by God and serves as a figure of Christ and the church.

The classic legal definition of marriage was given by Lord Penzance in 1866. When hearing the case of *Hyde v Hyde*, he defined marriage as “the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman, to the exclusion of all others.” After 30 years, this is one of the few definitions I remember from law school — no doubt, because of its coherence with scripture.

Now as I follow the news, I am saddened to see the concept of legal marriage expanding to gay couples. Why? Partially because for me it violates God’s intentions for man and woman, but also because it purports to offer in one quick decision a method of completely rewriting a number of significant and related laws.

As I pray about my concerns and seek a righteous response, I am brought back to the people of Israel — those people the church resembles in so many ways, particularly in its stubbornness and propensity to condemn others when it is in the wrong. Though the people of Israel were often disobedient, they blamed their problems on others, and in their frustration and anger lashed out at people around them. There is no question many of their opponents were evil, yet God’s word to Israel was *repent* for redemption and healing to come.

We, too, often wage war against people who challenge our understanding of God’s call to obedience. However, only as we view ourselves as aliens in a strange land, struggling to align our purposes with an authority not recognized by any earthly power, can we gain a right perspective — a perspective that frees us to speak out on behalf of that which is right in God’s eyes. But the words cannot be spoken if we have not first declared our own fallenness, recognizing areas where we follow our own counsel rather than God’s. After we first offer obedience to God’s rule — in our marriages, families, and

churches — then we can legitimately and honestly speak out on behalf of the institution of marriage and the family.

The problem with denouncing those who endorse gay marriages is that we, the church, have conveniently discarded the rest of the prescription for marriage in the church community. While we loudly attest to “one man and one woman,” we neglect the “for life” and to the “exclusion of all others.” We are selective in naming the sin that must be rooted out.

Grace abounds because sin abounds — but do we recognize the sin? The world around us sees no difference in the marriages we have than the ones they have. How can we speak out to sustain the institution of marriage as we believe God decreed it, when we only selectively protect it?

Hopefully, we will continue to love and embrace the divorced among us. But at the same time, we must create an environment of commitment and maturity, both within marriages and within our communities of faith. The threat to our society is not gay marriages but the potential destruction of the institution of family — with all it means for living life to its fullest in all our human interactions.

We have a duty to marriage and the family — but the duty does not lie primarily in ensuring that gays do not marry. At least not yet. We have a duty first to repent of the way

we have treated marriage and our disregard for such outdated values as commitment, fidelity, and maturity. We need to celebrate the joys of commitment, of love and of shared life. When we neglect the “soul” of the family — that commitment to interdependence, we become what we feared: people whose lives are wrapped up in private moments of isolated pleasure, missing the intimacy and the rootedness of personal relationships that mold us into beings whose ultimate concern is not with our own immediate needs, but with the desires of those we love and whom we serve, as Christ loved and served us.

Of course the will and the power to sustain this can only come from our first love, Jesus, who calls himself the bridegroom — who comes to us expectantly, with love, and gives us what we need to live a life that is abundant, where we openly and honestly esteem others better than ourselves.

— Janis Balda

“After we first offer obedience to God’s rule — in our marriages, families, and churches — then we can legitimately speak out on behalf of the institution of marriage and the family.”



Janis Balda, assistant professor of management, teaches law and ethics at George Fox. She is an ordained minister and an attorney specializing in nonprofit organizations.

LIFE STAFF

Editor

Tamara Cissna

Writers

Blair Cash
Tamara Cissna
Rob Felton
Barry Hubbell
Erin McKinney
Kathryn Russo

Photographers

Gary Allen
Anita Cirulis
Rick Clarkson and Assoc.
Jerry Hart
Kirk Hirota

Designer

Colin Miller

George Fox University LIFE (USPS 859-820) is published four times a year by George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St., Newberg, OR, 97132-2697, USA. Periodicals postage paid at Newberg, Oregon. Postmaster: Send address changes to LIFE, George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St. #6069, Newberg, OR 97132-2697.

Write Us

Please send letters to LIFE, George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St. #6069, Newberg, OR 97132-2697. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

President

H. David Brandt

Vice President for Marketing and Advancement

Dana L. Miller

Executive Director of Marketing and Communications

Richard K. Johnsen

PRESIDENT’S PEN

In Praise of Our Student Athletes

In recent weeks, George Fox University has received a great deal of attention in news media and the local community. The reason for this attention: the George Fox baseball Bruins won the NCAA Division III national championship.

We live in a society where athletics are of great importance. You usually can start a conversation with a stranger with a comment about a favorite team in almost any sport. Our culture loves sports at all levels. Parents go to extreme lengths to attend their children’s games, and they pride themselves on not missing a game since the child was a Little Leaguer. Sports have their own sections of our newspapers and are filled with reports from high schools, universities, and professional teams.

I find it interesting that in such a culture a lot of news about sports is negative. The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has focused for the past several years on reform. I’ve wondered what exactly they plan to reform. The recruiting process of some larger schools is headline news because of large-scale ethical violations. Even as particular institutions are singled out in such reports, many others are worried they will be caught next. Professional athletes with legal violations and criminal charges of various kinds are on the front page as well as on the sports pages of newspapers.

In this environment, I am especially proud of the accomplishment of George Fox’s baseball team and also of junior Matt Gassaway, who won the national title in the NCAA Div. III javelin. But I am most proud of *how* these accomplishments were achieved. Intercollegiate athletics is

an integral part of George Fox University. Athletes take the same general education courses as the rest of our students — they major in the same disciplines, live in the same residence halls, and eat the same food. Our athletes are part of the university’s mainstream, not a parallel, somewhat related group.



President David Brandt

I have wonderful reports of how our baseball players behaved and interacted with other competitors, tournament officials, and with the local residents where the national championships were held in Appleton, Wisc. Our athletes have been taught to be first-class competitors who are gracious and who live out our Christ-centered values in all situations. Our coaches teach that excellence does not require rudeness or crudeness. After the national playoff championship, a Newberg citizen noted to me how encouraging it is that “nice guys finish first.”

It’s not just when the university earns a national championship that I am proud of our intercollegiate athletic program. Our athletes are coached all the time to behave and compete as representatives of George Fox University and our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the hands of George Fox coaches, athletics are a powerful educational tool.

Dave

Blessings Over Curses

The death of physician and world-class birder Craig Roberts ('79) inspires a university award and an astonishing moment of grace

Cris Roberts ('80) says she gave up hate long ago. Her husband is dead, killed the day after Christmas in a head-on collision between the family minivan and a jacked-up pickup truck. She was in the passenger seat, seriously injured and fainting from the shock. While emergency personnel bandaged her and her 16-year-old son, others cut her dying husband from the wreckage. The driver of the pickup was unhurt and belligerent. John Martin (not his real name) would be convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants and several other related criminal charges.

Months later, Roberts was told she could address Martin in the courtroom. She didn't want to. "It's too much," she said. But she was inspired by a story told by author Richard Foster ('64). Overwhelmed by a book project, the exhausted writer bowed his head and apologized to God that he couldn't write any more. Foster heard a voice saying "Richard, just tell them I love them." He completed the book.

"I knew this was the same message God had for Mr. Martin," wrote Roberts in her journal. "So clear. So honest. 'Just tell John Martin that I love him, Cris. Just tell him that.'"

Roberts wrote a letter for Martin. "My thoughts came swiftly and clearly," she says. "Very much from my heart."

Her letter spoke of choices made and regretted. It told of God's love for her family and for Martin. It told him she prayed for him. And it said that she was choosing "blessings over curses," a reference to Deuteronomy 30:19. As she had through the entire experience, Roberts says she felt a divine presence. "These aren't my words," she said. "This is God's opportunity."

After the district attorney read the letter to the defendant, the judge asked Martin if he would like to address the court. With chains around his ankles and wrists, he turned and faced Roberts and two of her three teenage children.

"He looked at his shoes and swallowed several times," Roberts said. "He was having a really hard time. Then he said, 'I am so, so sorry.' We three were bawling. I said, 'I know you are. Thank you for saying that.'"

The man continued.

"Will you please forgive me?"
"I don't know if Mark or Becca did, but I sure did," she says. "I said, 'Yes, we forgive you.'"

When the court was dismissed, Roberts asked the attorney if she could hug Martin. He agreed. With arms open, the man walked toward her. But the bailiff stepped between them and apologized that he couldn't allow it.

As they left, the district attorney pulled her aside. "You just gave that man a huge gift," he said. "It's obvious he's living with a pile of guilt, and you just offered him relief."

The grieving has been hard, Cris says. And the financial and legal issues are stressful.

"People ask me 'Aren't you angry?' I say 'No.' There wasn't anger there."

The night after the meeting in court, Cris wrote in her journal. "It was way back in my childhood when I gave my life into Christ's hands. It was at that giving that I also handed him the 'right' to hatred. The decision to not hate Mr. Martin was decided on long ago."

The name of the driver has been withheld at the request of Cris Roberts.

— Rob Felton



Craig Roberts (here with his daughter, Rebecca) spotted and identified more than 800 species of birds in North America before his death in December. He is remembered as a brilliant but humble man who loved to help others.

A Rare Birder



Craig Roberts died four days before his 47th birthday. He left a legacy as a man who loved his family, his patients, and his birds.

At age 11 he began his lifetime bird list with a cedar waxwing.

Before his death, he identified more than 800 types of birds in North America. Only about 20 other birders have reached that level.

Alerts of rare bird sighting sparked cross-country trips. His quests took him to remote edges of the continent, from Newfoundland to Attu Island at the end of the Aleutians.

His local birding club dubbed itself CRABS, the Craig Roberts Amateur Birding Society. He loved helping birders build their lists, often leading field trips for George Fox and other organizations. When he learned an old college friend, Tim Janzen ('83), was planning a birding trip to California, he wrote an eight-page letter outlining choice locations.

On one George Fox birding field trip on the Oregon Coast, Roberts asked if anyone could spot the bald eagle. Looking in all directions with their spotting scopes, no one could. Then Roberts pointed out an eagle sitting on a log on the far side of the bay. "He spotted it with his naked eye," said Netarts Friends Church Pastor Jerry Baker.

He was persistent. His father Wayne Roberts (n44) remembers Craig driving to Klamath Falls six times

Craig Roberts Ornithology Award

A desire to share Craig Robert's passion with current students led Don Powers, professor of biology, to create a department award in Craig's honor.

In April, Craig's wife, Cris, and parents, Wayne and Bertie Roberts, and several friends came to the biology and chemistry department senior banquet to see senior Tobin Rummel of Trout Lake, Wash., receive the first Craig Roberts Ornithology Award. The annual recipient, a student with a keen interest in birds that is likely to continue after graduation, is named on a plaque and receives an appropriate gift: a pair of birding binoculars.

before spotting one quarry, a great gray owl.

His mother, Bertie, recalls how as a teen Craig would stop the family car for birds — both to watch living ones and to collect dead birds for study. "There were always road kills in my freezer," she says.

"He could tell subtle differences between species, between males and females," says Baker. "He was astounding. He was amazing in his ability to remember details and facts."

One day while they were dating, Craig asked Cris to look at a distant hillside through his spotting scope for a rare bird. Instead, she found a sign that read, "Will you marry me?"

She did in 1980, following his first year at the prestigious School of Medicine at Washington University in

St. Louis. He worked as a family practice physician until coming to the coastal town of Tillamook, Ore., in 1988. There, his 24-hour shifts as an emergency room physician gave him larger blocks of time to spend with his family and his birds.

He once joked with George Fox biology professor Dwight Kimberly that he worked as a physician only to support his birdwatching habit.

The aftereffects of his death suggest otherwise.

"Half of Tillamook County wanted to come to the funeral," Baker said. Since there was no church large enough, the service was held in the high school gymnasium. Despite an ice storm that kept many from traveling, more than 700 people filled the bleachers and floor to celebrate his life.

Tributes described a humble, introverted man whose dedication, depth, and genuine concern for people led him into leadership positions in his profession, hobby, and church.

Kimberly sat next to a hospital leader who, with tears, told him Craig would be impossible to replace.

To end the service, Craig's parents and family stood and faced the people. Aloud, they prayed a blessing on these friends of Craig. It was a second blessing for most listeners. Already, they had been blessed by his life.

— Rob Felton

National Champions

continued from page 1

apparently, he swore that the Warriors would not score again.

Hyde finished by retiring 21 of the final 23 hitters, striking out 11 of those.

"That at-bat, it was a 3-2 pitch and he threw a hanging curveball and I hit it out," said Wildman. "Next at-bat, I got up there and I think it was a 2-1 curveball that he just snapped off and I was like, 'Where did that come from?'"

That was the question of the day surrounding Hyde. Where did this come from?

Then again, there are reasons guys are first-team all-Americans. Talent is involved. But there is heart, and desire, and will. And when it all comes together, days like this happen.

But the best thing of all, it's a day that will stay with you for forever, because it will always provide a glimpse of what you're truly capable of achieving, as well as an instruction booklet of how to accomplish it. You can't beat that.

True, we may have missed out on the perfect Cinderella story. But lucky for us, we found a prince of a replacement.

Bruin Baseball 2004

- George Fox's final 11 wins came against nationally ranked teams.
- Following the World Series, George Fox was the unanimous pick of the American Baseball Coaches Association/NCAA Div. III voters as No. 1 in the nation. More than 350 baseball teams compete for the NCAA Div. III championship.
- Coach Pat Bailey was named 2004 NCAA Div. III National Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association.
- Pitcher Scott Hyde (14-1, 1.99 ERA) was drafted by the New York Mets in the seventh round of this summer's major league baseball draft. Hyde led the nation in wins and strikeouts (191). He finished with an armload of honors, including First Team All-American, National Co-Pitcher of the Year, and Most Outstanding Player of the Div. III national tournament.
- Shortstop David Peterson was named First Team All-American.
- Newberg Mayor Bob Stewart declared Aug. 30, the first day of classes, as "George Fox Bruin Baseball Day" in Newberg.
- Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski is scheduled to visit campus Aug. 30 to congratulate the team.

For more information on the championship season, go to georgefox.edu.
Bruin baseball championship apparel is available at store.georgefox.edu.

Presidential Papers

The work of George Fox students studying their school's most famous alumnus is housed permanently in one of the nation's presidential libraries. Students in the course Herbert Hoover and His Times received certificates for "outstanding achievement" from the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, and their findings were bound into a 205-page book available for future scholars.

The traditional end-of-the-semester research papers so impressed their professor, U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield, that he contacted Hoover presidential library director Timothy Walch who concurred.

GFU Employees of the Year

Eilene Newman, administrative secretary in the Division of Professional Studies, is the 2004 support staff employee of the year. Bruce Arnold, computer support specialist in Institutional Technology, is the 2004 Administrative Staff Employee of the Year. Both were honored at the Employee Appreciation Dinner in spring.

Accreditation

George Fox University's academic accreditation was reaffirmed in June by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. The renewed accreditation, which is effective for 10 years, follows a year-long self-study by the university and a site visit by commission members in April. The self-study was guided by Jim Foster, dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, who then led the university's response to the initial report.

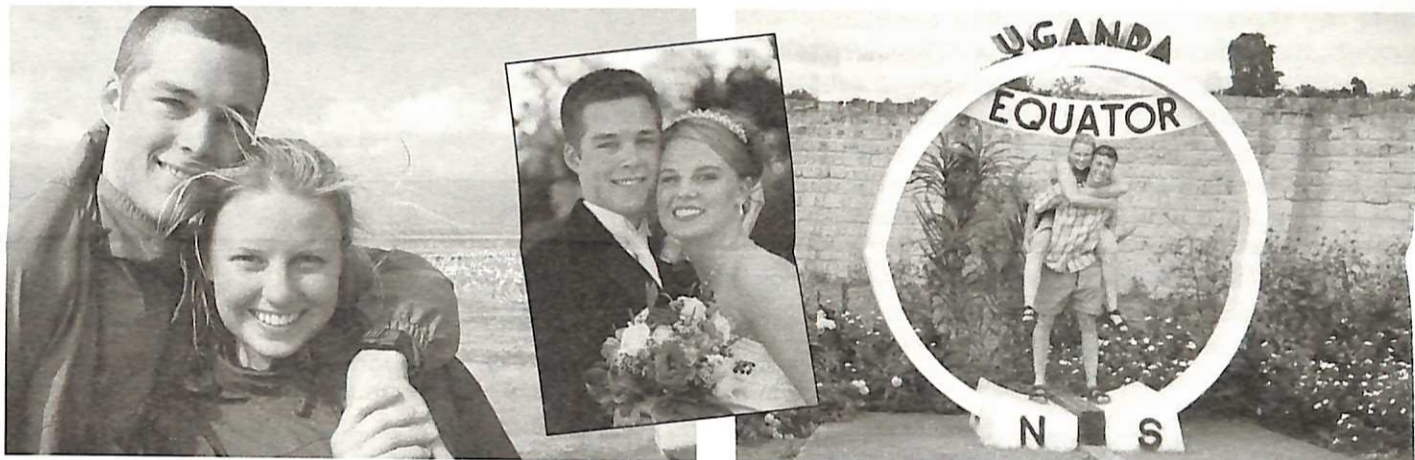
In the informal exit report, the university was commended for its commitment to providing George Fox students with "humble, caring, ethical mentorship." It also noted the university's campus beauty, outstanding maintenance services, and its rebuilding of the information technology infrastructure. The final report has not yet been released.

Lemmon Aid

For more than a half-century of aid from two Lemmons, George Fox recognized Margaret and Gerald Lemmons as its 2004 Volunteers of the Year. The two were recognized at the May 25 Volunteers Luncheon on the Newberg campus. Margaret this year ends a 24-year tenure as a board of trustees member. In addition to being members of the President's Council, they both volunteer for mailing projects on campus. They are members of the George Fox Auxiliary and are active with Volunteers on Wheels, Margaret as secretary and Gerald as treasurer. In addition, they annually participate in the university's Serve Day activities. Margaret (1951) and Gerald (1952) are both alumni, recently becoming "Classic Bruins." Their 50th wedding anniversary is Aug. 6.

(Not) Just Married

In one weekend, George Fox seniors pack in a wedding, commencement, and a study trip to Africa



Grady Shaver and Vickie (Hawkins) Shaver will always remember Saturday, May 1, 2004. That's the day they graduated from George Fox University.

They have even more reason to remember the next day, Sunday, May 2. That's the day they got married.

And Monday, May 3? That's the day they flew to Africa for a George Fox study trip with 19 classmates and two professors.

People who heard their plans told them they were crazy. "It wasn't as big a deal for us as for everyone else," says Vickie. "People who know me best said, 'I can't imagine it any other way. That's the way you are.'"

The high-school sweethearts were planning a summer wedding, and Grady suggested May 2 after both were admitted into the Uganda-Tanzania Juniors Abroad trip. Their families were surprised, but the back-to-back dates made it quite convenient for out-of-state visitors.

The 55-hour graduation-wedding-flight marathon began with the 7 p.m. commencement in Newberg on Saturday. They wed at 5 p.m., Sunday in their hometown of The Dalles, Ore., a two-hour drive up the Columbia River Gorge. They spent that night at the Bonneville Hot Springs Resort and returned to Portland International Airport for an afternoon flight.

In Africa, they lived out of backpacks and spent many of their nights in tents. The group rafted the Nile, tracked gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, and explored the Serengeti.

They ended the trip staying in a hut on the white-sand tropical island of Zanzibar. "It was a tropical island, like Hawaii," says Vickie. "We had the whole beach to ourselves. It was amazing to be able to experience it with my new husband. It was the way we wanted to do it. We wouldn't change it for the world."

— Rob Felton

Hospital Purchase

continued from page 1

and Frasca. Preliminary plans call for development of a new academic quad for professional and graduate programs on the new property. The current campus quad will remain the center of undergraduate programs. Between the two quads, Hess Creek Canyon is projected as a wooded focal point with bridges, nature trails, and an amphitheater. Additional buildings may be built on the edges of the canyon, overlooking the creek.

Although the hospital is not expected to be used for the new nursing bachelor's degree program, the future George Fox Nursing Learning Lab will bear the Providence name. Providence and George Fox also are exploring partnership opportunities for the nursing program.

George Fox will take occupancy of the property by April 2006 after all patient care functions are moved to the new Providence Newberg Medical Center. Payment will be made when George Fox assumes occupancy. George Fox plans to fund the purchase through grants and private gifts.

The hospital purchase is the second recent major land announcement for the university. In fall 2002, Newberg business owners Ken and Joan Austin announced their intention to donate an additional 24 acres of undeveloped land for future outdoor athletics fields near campus.

— Rob Felton

Hospital Purchase: Vital Statistics

- Address: 501 Villa Road
- Occupancy: Spring 2006
- 8 acres adjacent to Newberg campus
- 58,900-square-foot main building and five other buildings
- \$3 million net purchase price
- Funded by grants and private gifts

2004 Faculty Achievement Awards



The Human Equation

John Johnson adds humility and joy to his mode of teaching

With a kind, hesitant smile John Johnson confesses he hasn't always wanted to teach math. In fact, he didn't even feel particularly drawn towards higher education until graduate school when he taught his first class, a summer algebra course.

Although no evaluations were required at the end of the term, Johnson asked his students to evaluate his teaching. His plan was to separate the responses into stacks of two, one for bad reviews and the other for good reviews. As it turned out, every evaluation was positive. It was then Johnson knew he was to teach.

That was 24 years ago. Having spent the past 20 of those years teaching at George Fox, it seems fitting that Johnson is the recipient of the **2004 Faculty Achievement Award for Undergraduate Teaching**.

"He is involved with an incredible amount of students to further their mathematical education, and does so with humility — which is very unusual for a math teacher to possess — and with joy," one student commented.

In a profession where extroverted, sociable personalities thrive, Johnson's demeanor comes across as steady, quiet, even shy.

"The worst day of class is the first day — they don't know me; I don't know them," he says. Johnson's influ-

ence on students and the quality of education he provides, however, is by no means subdued.

"I just like to interact with them, lead them through a problem. ... I like to constantly ask questions, provoke responses," he says.

One of the most dramatic responses Johnson received was in the spring of 1997, when he contracted e-coli poisoning from a kidney infection. He was placed in intensive care for 15 days, and his wife Cindy was told he was going to die. The university held a campaign, "Jeans for John" (named after Johnson's signature attire), in which faculty, staff, and students wore jeans and donated money to aid his recovery. After a gradual recovery, Johnson was able to teach again the following fall. Only 90 percent recovered, he entered his Calculus III classroom and was welcomed with an eruption of applause.

A lifelong Quaker born and raised in the Midwest, Johnson often heard of George Fox University and the Friends community in Newberg, Oregon, picturing the Northwest as it might have been in the 1880s — covered wagons, wild horses, no electricity.

Today Johnson, who has a master's in mathematics from Kansas State, sees his life in Newberg as a realization of a childhood dream to live in Oregon (albeit with electricity and paved roads) and considers himself fortunate to live and work in such a positive environment.

"Every day is a gift — we can't control if we're going to get it or not. If I get today, that's a gift," he says.

— Kathryn Russo

Back to Business

Dirk Barram enjoys engaging students, shaping minds

On the first day of his Introduction to Business class, after professor Dirk Barram introduces himself and shares his background, he surprises students with a pop quiz. Moving to the back of the classroom, away from everyone's bewildered gaze, he asks students to recall everything, down to the color of his shirt.

It is day one, and Barram already is shaping the minds of his students, stressing — in an unlikely fashion — the importance of listening and observing in the world of business. Fortunately, the quizzes are not graded, but the lesson makes a lasting impression.

Not exactly something you'd expect on the first day of class. But Barram, recipient of the **2004 Faculty Achievement Award for Graduate Teaching**, takes an innovative approach to educating students.

Although he primarily teaches undergraduate courses, his recognition from graduate students proves his ability to work with students of all measures.

"He recognizes that teaching adult learners in a graduate program is far different than teaching undergraduates," says one graduate student. "He represents the school in the highest possible fashion with integrity, professionalism, and love for his students and his profession."

After beginning his career at Judson



Baptist College and then working at Hewlett-Packard, Barram came to George Fox in 1986 to help launch the degree-completion program. "I decided I wanted to invest my life in people's lives. It's more fulfilling, more comprehensive working in a Christian university than in the business world," he says.

Barram, a New England native, graduated from Gordon College in 1972 while President David Brandt worked there as physics professor and hockey coach. He earned his doctorate in college and university administration from Kent State University.

After several years of working in

administrative roles at George Fox, Barram made an uncommon decision to head back to the classroom — this time, teaching business.

"As an administrator, you're removed from students, and I didn't always enjoy that," he says.

Whether he's bringing his dog Sally to class, pulling a faux pop quiz, or interacting with his students one-on-one, Barram is connecting with his students by making the learning process engaging.

As for being selected for this award, Barram feels the honor is "affirming as to where the Lord wants me to be."

— Kathryn Russo

Building Momentum

Research: a scholarly service, a passionate ministry for Karin Jordan

Karin Jordan has taken her counseling expertise everywhere from Columbine to Ground Zero to Moscow, Russia to Istanbul, Turkey. She has a passion for service, which fuels her research. The research, in turn, shapes her teaching.

It's a circular effect, says Jordan, chair of the Graduate Department of Counseling, recipient of the **2004 Faculty Achievement Award for Research**. "As you're serving people, it raises the question, 'Am I giving the best service possible?' That brings you to the literature, to searching for outcome research findings and new treatment methods, which



JERRY HART

spark new ideas and a desire to do more research," says Jordan.

After teaching at two state schools — University of Colorado at Denver and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas — Jordan was drawn to the Christian learning environment of George Fox, where she is able to openly raise issues of faith with her students.

Since her arrival three years ago, she has produced 13 articles in refereed journals, one book, and chapter contributions to eight books. Jordan, a native German, also has lectured on her research on trauma and marriage and the family at national and international conferences.

This summer Jordan, who has a doctorate from the University of Georgia in child and family development and marriage and family therapy, is focusing on completing two articles while preparing two books for publication. The first book is a theory reference guide for graduate students and post-graduates.

For her second book, Jordan and co-author Gerald Weeks (University of Nevada's chair of the counseling department) will explore reframing, a counseling technique often used to provide a new perspective on clients' situations, creating the possibility of new solutions.

When she isn't researching, teaching or attending conferences, Jordan enjoys woodworking, painting, reading, and spending time with her family, friends, and pets.

The annual \$2,500 Faculty Research Award is given for significant contribution to a professor's academic field during the past academic year.

— Kathryn Russo/Tamara Cissna

ANITA CIRIUSIS

Rowin' on the River



In the last issue of *LIFE* we asked readers to identify this six-member crew navigating the Willamette River in the annual raft race.

You were correct if you identified them as (front to back): Dean Morse ('85), Tim Driesner ('85), Rick Lentini ('84),

Gregg Hollister (n85), Jon Guenther ('85), and — for the "extra credit" award — the undercover man in the back: Mark Serfling ('84).

The source for this information? None other than one of the rafters, Jon Guenther, who responds: "Thanks for the great memory." And he notes proudly: "By the way, we won that race!"

The prize for the 1984 first-place finish was a gift certificate to a restaurant for dinner and the winning team took out the women's team that finished second. The race was won by a craft that occupants made out of old truck inner tubes, not fully inflated so they could be turned on their sides and roped together. The riders then rode on the edge of inner tubes rather than the larger, flatter surface. Outriggers were created to stabilize the raft. At least that was the plan. "Midway into the race," Guenther says, "we decided our raft needed modifications and tore off an outrigger, which nearly capsized us." The race ended with a barbecue at Champoeg State Park.

Tell us more: Can you identify these former students and the event they are watching? We'll enter all responses in a drawing for a gift from the University Store. Submit your entries to life@georgefox.edu or mail them to Nate McIntyre, University Relations, 414 N. Meridian St. #6049, Newberg, OR 97132.



"A Spa Day for the Soul"

Selah, a women's conference hosted by George Fox, is Saturday, Sept. 25.



This one-day conference features women who have taken time to refresh

and refocus to balance families, careers, and spiritual lives. Christian author Nancie Carmichael is the keynote speaker. Cost is \$25 for women who register before Aug. 15. Please visit georgefox.edu/selah to register or call 503-554-2131 for more information.

Upcoming University Relations events

Young Alumni Summer Reunion

A Mexican fiesta dinner, family entertainment, and lots of fun for alumni from classes between 1994 and 2004. The fun begins at 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7 on the Newberg campus' Centennial Tower lawn. Cost is \$8.95 per person (children less than 10 are half price).

Portland Beavers Baseball Night

Alumni, parents, and friends of George Fox are invited to connect for America's favorite summer pastime. The game is 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14 at the PGE Park in Portland. Tickets are \$9 per person.



Family Weekend

The first weekend in November, parents are invited to come explore the campus



life their student experiences every day at George Fox University.

For information and registration for all University Relations events, go to georgefox.edu/alumni/events or call 503-554-2131.

New Names

The Office of Alumni, Church, and Parent Relations is now the Office of University Relations. Sheri Philips, formerly executive director of alumni, parent, and church relations, is now executive director of university relations. Her role remains the same.



Nate McIntyre ('02) replaces Penny (McKee) ('98) Galvin as director of alumni relations. McIntyre previously

served two years as an undergraduate admissions counselor.

Where Does the Money Go?

Thank you to all of our Annual Fund supporters this last academic year.

A few examples of the difference you make:

- \$100 buys a science book for the library.
 - \$500 subsidizes a biology student's summer research equipment.
 - \$1,000 forms an academic scholarship.
 - \$2,150 pays a student to assist engineering faculty research for a semester.
 - \$2,500 funds the ADVANCE Leadership program for an entire year.
- More than 90 percent of George Fox students receive aid, much of which comes from the annual fund. georgefox.edu/alumni/dev



Alumni Association Seeks Award Nominations for 2004

Submit names to be considered for recognition for their contributions to church, society, and George Fox University.

Nominees may be graduates of any GFU program, including Western Evangelical Seminary, George Fox College, and Pacific College. Nominations must be received by Aug. 16, 2004, in the Office of University Relations, 414 N. Meridian St. #6049, Newberg, OR 97132, 503-554-2130, nmcintyre@georgefox.edu. Final selections will be made by the Alumni Board of Directors.

For more information, visit www.georgefox.edu/alumni/programs/awards.

Name of nominee _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

- Heritage Award** • Pre-1980 graduate. Outstanding lifetime achievement academically, professionally, and personally.
- Outstanding Alumnus/a** • Pre-1995 graduate or nontraditional graduate. Distinguished academically, professionally, in community service, or by outstanding personal achievement.
- Outstanding Recent Alumnus/a** • Post-1994 graduate. Distinguished academically, professionally, in community service, or by outstanding personal achievement.
- Christian Service Award** • Faithful service to the Lord in vocational ministry in the local church, parachurch organization, or in the mission field.
- Seminary Alumnus/a of the Year** • Must have graduated before 1980. Extraordinary accomplishments in ministry: church growth, community ministry, and involvement in the evangelical cause beyond the place of service.

Name of nominator _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

The New-Look Bruins

University sports teams get an update of their image

After 33 years of athletic competition, the George Fox cartoon mascot is retiring. The Bruin Bear fell out of favor with coaches and was used infrequently by sports teams. Replacing it is a more contemporary Bruin logo created as part of the university's integrated marketing campaign.



"We created a set of images that will appeal to today's student athletes," says Rick Johnsen, executive director of marketing and communications.

The cartoon mascot won't go into complete hibernation. It still will appear on some university apparel and publications.

George Fox sports teams will stay true to their colors: old gold and navy blue.



Mascot à la Carte

Before becoming school mascot, the original Bruin served as dinner

George Fox sports teams officially became the Bruins in 1970, but the first George Fox Bruin lived more than a hundred years ago.

In 1887, a student at Friends Pacific Academy (forerunner to George Fox University) captured the cub of a bear shot in the coast range. Professor George Hartley adopted the orphan and raised it in a pit in Hess Creek canyon. In 1892, Hartley was leaving Newberg and sought a new home for the pet. The Portland Zoo had enough bears and no other keeper could be found.



The Original Bruin: George Fox traces its sports nickname back to this 19th-century bear skin (shown mounted on an iron frame). "Bruin" was involved in numerous pranks including the rigging of the skin to a downtown lodge door. "The report of the encounter says that the yell with which he was greeted could have been heard the full length of Main Street," wrote 1893 graduate Amos Stanbrough.



A local butcher volunteered to help, and soon the community dined on bear steaks.

Bruin Jr.

Moth-eaten and nearly forgotten in a basement for several years, the bear skin reappeared for campus pranks. "Bruin" became an unofficial mascot, traveling with the senior class on outings. Upon graduating, the senior class traditionally passed Bruin on to the juniors. Apparently, one junior class grew impatient and swiped the skin from the class of 1898. A competition for possession began. In 1934, Bruin retired again to the campus museum and a small canvas replica named "Bruin Jr." was created. Ever since, students have wrestled to claim Bruin Jr. or one of many replicas for their class.

The Fightin' Quakers?

Over the years, the Bruin nickname sporadically was applied to George Fox teams. More often, sportswriters labeled them the "Quakers" because of the school's church affiliation. In the 1960s, a long-nosed fox mascot named Foxy George became popular. A costumed mascot with a long bushy tail appeared on the sidelines. The confusion ended in 1970. After an endorsement by a student and faculty vote, the Bruin returned as the official mascot. The bear cub had grown up to represent a university.



Foxy George

Class Warfare: Students wrestle over Bruin Jr. in 2001. Since 1898, classes have battled over possession of the original Bruin and numerous Bruin Jr., replicas.



BRUIN SPORTS

Track and Field

Matt Gassaway (Jr., Washougal, Wash.) became the first George Fox athlete to win an NCAA individual title when he captured the national men's javelin crown with a school-record-breaking throw of 215 feet, 10 inches at the NCAA National Championships May 29 in Decatur, Ill. His throw was more than 12 feet beyond his previous best.

Gassaway earned All-America status, as did teammates Ben Salisbury (Sr., Bellingham, Wash.), who was seventh in the 200-meter dash (21.96), and Adam Puckett (Sr., Bend, Ore.), who was eighth in the long jump



KIRK HIROTA

(22-08.50). George Fox tied for 22nd in the nationals.

Other Bruins who participated in the NCAA nationals included Brad Bates (Jr., Stayton, Ore.), Seth Harris (Fr., Boise, Idaho), Ryan Sprunger (Jr., Dundee, Ore.), and Salisbury in the 4x400 relay; Harris in the 400-meter hurdles; Puckett in the triple jump; Michael Owen (Sr., Anchorage, Alaska) in the 3,000-meter steeplechase; Josh Priester (So., Walla Walla, Wash.) and Ben Dillow (Fr., Kirkland, Wash.) in the decathlon, and Michelle Forbes (Jr., Jackson Hole, Wyo.) in the women's high jump.

In the Northwest Conference Championships, the Bruin men placed second while the women were seventh. The Bruins earned 20 All-NWC awards. Salisbury was named the conference male athlete of the year after taking first in the 100 and 200, and running on the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relays. Other individual conference champions were Sprunger in the 400-meter dash; Harris in the 400 hurdles; and Gassaway in the javelin.

Salisbury and Forbes were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII (West Region) First Teams. Salisbury also earned Second Team Academic All-America honors.

Tennis

Led by three-time First Team All-Northwest Conference player Lisa Trefts (Sr., Spokane, Wash.), the George Fox women's tennis team recorded its best season in the program's nine-year history. The Bruins (9-12) finished fourth in the Northwest Conference Championships.

The George Fox men's tennis team struggled though a 1-13 season. Derek Dougherty (Sr., Springfield, Ore.) earned Second Team All-Conference while playing at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles.

Softball

With just two seniors on the team, a young George Fox softball team gained experience for the future. Cassie Halvorson (So., Hillsboro, Ore.) earned Honorable Mention All-Northwest Conference while batting .262 with seven stolen bases. She didn't strike out the entire season. Right fielder Sarah Camp (Sr., Hubbard, Ore.) finished with a flourish to lead the team with a .293 batting average, while Katie Plumb (Fr., Drain, Ore.) hit .261 with a team-leading eight doubles and 16 RBI. The team finished 4-32.