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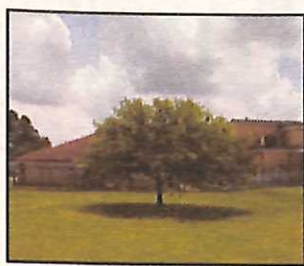
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## Self defense class increases safety

By BRIDGETTE HARMON  
News Editor

Women of George Fox University learned basic safety and survival skills during the new Women's Self Defense class that took place between Friday, Sept. 28 and Friday, Oct. 5.

This class was started last spring in order to provide women with defensive tools, awareness and increased confidence. David Johnstone, Associate Dean of Students, said, "My personal hope is that this type of class can reinforce the positive aspects of [women's] capacity to have confidence in their own abilities."

Edward Gierok, Director of Security Services, said that the security department endorses the class completely. "I believe that anything you can take away from any training in self defense is an asset for personal safety," said Gierok. "The more you train yourself, the better chance you will recall this training in a crisis situation."

George Fox is regarded as a safe and secure campus,



photo by TRACY BARKER

with safety features such as cameras, lights, security escorts and blue light call boxes. However, it is still an open campus; anyone can wander onto George Fox grounds at any time. Also, as Johnstone pointed out: "We send women into downtown areas to do ministry, we have students going all over the world in study experiences, and we have students enjoying themselves in Portland. Any of these locations can become situations of concern."

One participant in this class was Mollie Honan, a

junior writing/literature major and a Resident Assistant in Beebe. "I was expecting the class to have more Kung Fu moves," said Honan. "I had visions of the Karate Kid. But from the beginning the instructor told us this was not glamorous fighting. We would be learning survival fighting. This has been extremely helpful as the techniques we are taught in class are easily remembered."

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## President of Iran creates controversy on college campus

By LAURA JONES  
Reporter

On Sept. 24, the President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, visited Columbia University, in New York City. The visit, a response to a personal invitation from the University's President, started controversy across the nation, and many protesters gathered for the event.



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Ahmadinejad opened his speech at Columbia with a prayer: "Oh, God, hasten the arrival of Imam al-Mahdi and grant him good health and victory and make us his followers and those to attest to his rightfulness." Many in the audience felt his speech bordered on a sermon at some points. He went on to say, "I hope there will be a day where these

scholars and scientists will rule the world and God himself will arrive with Moses and Christ and Mohammed to rule the world and to take us toward justice."

Ahmadinejad discussed the misrepresentation of himself and his country by the American press as well as criticizing American foreign policies.

Columbia University students particularly reacted against Ahmadinejad's statement, "In Iran, we don't have homosexuals like in your country." Their campus was covered with photos depicting homosexual Iranians who were whipped, tortured, and hanged for their sexual orientation. Students responded with boos and laughter to his statements about homosexuality.

When asked whether he still denied the reality of the Holocaust, Ahmadinejad suggested that the Holocaust needed more research. In a video-conference with the press, he was asked: "Is there any circumstance in which the Islamic Republic of Iran and the state of Israel can coexist in peace?" Ahmadinejad responded: "We do not recognize that regime because it is based on discrimination, ethnic discrimination, occupation usurpation, and it consistently threatens its neighbors." In the past Ahmadinejad said, "Israel should be wiped off the map."

Not only did Ahmadinejad visit with the press, Columbia University, and the United Nations, he was also invited meet in a chapel with religious leaders. Concerned Quakers and Mennonites, pacifist groups who believe the only way to prevent war with Iran is to engage in dialogue, arranged this meeting. Representatives of the Jewish and Baha'i religions were notably absent.

Though people have called these events "informative," some experts wonder why President Ahmadinejad was invited to speak when the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is the Supreme Leader, the highest political office in Iran. The Ayatollah is responsible for the policies of the country, and Ahmadinejad is accountable to him.

## Harvard historian speaks on conservative movement

By CHASE TEDROW  
Guest Reporter

On Friday, Oct. 5, the George Fox chapter of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) hosted George Nash, an author and historian who received his doctor's degree from Harvard University. He spoke to about 30 people in the Kershner Lecture Hall on his book "The Conservative Intellectual Movement Since 1945."

In his lecture, Nash stated that since 1945 five distinct schools of thought have become prominent in the conservative movement: libertarian, traditionalist, anti-Communist, neoconservative, and most recently, the religious right. Nash also said that the conservative movement, although somewhat unstable historically, has achieved solidarity when two or more of these schools of thought

have been fused together in one common goal. Nash used the Reagan era as an example: when libertarians and anti-Communists formed an alliance to combat the economic and social policies of the Communist movement.

Nash closed by discussing some of the future problems that the conservative movement faces. These include the "new fusionist" policies which should be used to

bind conservatives together and guide them in the upcoming presidential primaries and election.

Nash, also a Herbert Hoover scholar, spoke the following day, Oct. 6, at the Hoover Symposium in a separate event sponsored by the George Fox department of history and political science.

"The conservative intellectual movement since 1945 has become in a way like a hand, comprising five separate yet associated digits.... If any one of these is severed and removed, or tries to function to the exclusion of others, the hand as a whole loses effectiveness."

- George H. Nash

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# What the Bruins are growling about...

## Jena6

*Possible racial discrimination has thousands protesting the unfair treatment of six students charged with murder*

By JOSH BORELLI  
Reporter

In the small town of Jena, La., six black teens were arrested and charged with attempted murder for getting in a fight with a white teen on December 4, 2006. Ever since then, people from around the country have been rallying behind the Jena Six, believing that the teens are being charged unfairly. While the majority of Jena is white and these students are black, activists are claiming that racism is the cause of the harsh charges placed upon the Jena Six.

The controversy began one day in September of 2006 when a black high school student asked the school administration for permission to sit under the "white tree" where only white students sat and ate during breaks. They told him that he could sit wherever he wanted. However, when the student came back the next day, three nooses were hanging from the "white tree." Three white students were identified as being responsible for the nooses, but the superintendent said that they were merely playing a prank and that it was not threatening in any way. He gave them a three-day suspension instead of expelling them as the principal suggested.

A couple days later, the entire black student body peacefully protested the lack of punishment by sitting under the "white tree." The District Attorney, accompanied by law enforcement, went to address the black students and reportedly threatened them, saying he could "take away their lives with a stroke of my pen" if they did



The picture above shows the "white tree" in which the nooses were hung during the conflict in Jena, Louisiana.

not stop complaining about the nooses. The school was then placed into lockdown for the remainder of the week.

The tension surrounding these events only increased as time went on. On December 1, 2006, a black student was beaten up when he tried to attend a mostly-white party. The next day, that same black student was at a convenience store with some of his friends when there was another altercation with a white student who was at the previous night's party. There was a short confrontation, and the white student went to his truck and pulled out a shotgun. The black students wrestled the gun away and promptly brought it to the police department and told them what had happened. The black students were then arrested for stealing the gun while the white student was not charged with anything.

On December 4, Justin Barker, a white student, was attacked by six black students for taunting them with racial slurs as well as for supporting the nooses that were hung from the tree. Barker was treated at a hospital and was

released the same day, attending a school event later that night. The Jena Six were arrested, and five of them were charged with attempted second degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. The other, only 14, was charged as a juvenile. They were also immediately expelled from school.

On September 20, 2007, the day of Mychal Bell's (one of the Jena Six) sentencing, around 20,000 protestors assembled and marched in Jena. The protestors pushed for the charges to be dropped, claiming they were excessive and racially motivated. Bell, who was convicted of the charges brought against him, had his convictions thrown out on the basis that he was being tried as an adult despite being a juvenile at the time of arrest. He will still be tried as a juvenile, and the other five still face the original charges brought against them. All of them have been released on bail, Bell being the last to be released after being held for nine months.

### What do GFU students think about the Jena Six? Here's what some of them said:



"It's become too much of a race issue and not about the actual crime."  
-Wendy Turnbull



"I think racism is still a problem, but it might not be the real issue here."  
-Evan Watson



"It reminds me of the Martin Luther King days. Racism is clearly still a problem."  
-Gabriel Cortez



"If six white guys had beat up a black guy, it would be a small misdemeanor. It wouldn't be attempted murder!"  
-Leigh Rothweiler

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## “The Office” philosophy: finishing the race

By TRAVIS EVENDEN  
VoS/Opinion Editor

Michael Scott (Steve Carell) is the boss of the Scranton branch of Dunder Mifflin Paper Company. While many times he is the definition of moronic, he also comes up with deep heart to heart comments that stop you dead in your tracks. In the most recent episode of NBC's *The Office*, the “Fun Run,” Michael has a realization as he is struggling to catch his breath that he cannot finish the 5k race for rabies.

This race, to him, represents beating this disease; the race has proved more daunting than he would have ever guessed. His failure to finish the race has consequently caused him to fail in his heart as well. He is crushed at his inability to stop rabies. Michael has taken this disease and in his own mind created it to be something much more

against the alarm clock. While it may be good exercise running to class every morning, its not so good to be late. Try as you may, sometimes the alarm clock seems to want you to fail. Eventually, you feel so lost, fear becomes you and you're not sure if you should ever go to sleep for fear of never waking up on time.

Others, however, may have a more “smelly” dilemma. These are the people who are constantly overloaded with dirty laundry. While their intentions are good, they find the hardest time making it down the hall to wash their clothes. 3 week old jeans constantly come in second place to reruns of *Fresh Prince* and sometimes the carpet in your room is rarely seen.

When does the time come where we find

“I am not going to finish. I can't beat rabies. Nobody can beat rabies; rabies has been around for a thousand years. I was a fool to think that I could beat it.” – Michael Scott

horrible than it is.

From the other side of the television, however, we have an outside perspective. We see the things he can't see within his own situation. We realize there are vaccinations for rabies and that while it can be a disease that can kill, rabies is often treated before anything horrible occurs. We also know that his failure is nothing more than his ego being crushed.

As childish as it may seem, a lot of the time the stress of “running the race” can feel like too much to handle. Our small little problems become (in our minds at least) more than we can comprehend. In turn we feel like we have to quit and even more, we are fools to think we could actually attain our goals.

For some of us, our struggle may be

our solutions to our problems? It is when we look at ourselves, then look at those problems and make a decision to persevere. Whether it is doing the massive load of laundry that has been sprawled across your floor or even just buying the loudest alarm clock Fred Meyers sells, life is a series of decisions you make to adjust to your surroundings.

In all actuality, Michael's “shoes” may not be too different from the ones that we walk in everyday. Yet just like Michael, we have to get up and keep going. Like he tells Pam and Jim in the end “You don't, you don't know me. I can make a difference, remember, I'm the one who started this whole thing off by hitting Meredith with my car. And I owe it to her to finish this... 5k.”

## The Bon is the most bang for your buck

By HANNAH IRISH  
Guest Reporter

“The Bon.” “The caf.” “The dining hall.” “The lunch room.” “That one place where I eat food.” Whatever you call it, you know it well. You know which days you go and for which meals. You know which foods you love, like, and swear you will never eat again. You know where you usually sit, and with whom you go. It would seem as though you know a lot about the Bon.

But, do you know how much each meal costs? And I don't mean how much your friends from outside of Fox have to pay to eat there with you. Do you know how much it costs you when you miss a meal? Two meals? Three?

For the first year students, and anyone else partaking in the 21 meals per week plan, each individual meal costs \$4.94. Now, that may seem like a lot for a bowl of cereal, but it's normal for a burger and fries, and pretty inexpensive for roast beef, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, and berry cobbler a la mode. So, for \$14.82 per day, you would definitely not be able to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner at Applebees or Red Robin.

However, if you miss a meal here and there, it can really add up. Missing one



photo from April Barkely

meal a week isn't that bad. Missing three or four in a week, you could buy a CD for that much. Now, if you go and miss more than five meals in a single week, you're wasting at least \$24.70 of someone's hard earned money. Take a moment and think about that.

So, how about for those of sophomore standing or higher? With the 14 meals per week plan, you are paying \$6.63 per meal. Still inexpensive for your roast beef, mashed potatoes, and so on, but

a little more than your average burger and fries. Definitely an expensive bowl of cereal. And if you miss four or more meals a week, you're losing more than \$26.50 a week.

How about 10 meals a week, without Flex points? That's \$8.25 per meal. You wouldn't want to miss more than one meal a week. Missing two or more and you're wasting at least \$17.50 a week. And 7 meals each week? \$9.20 a meal. Again, don't miss more than one. Miss two and you've lost \$18.40. Finally, the 35 meal block plan is \$9 per meal.

So, it would seem to me that the 21 meals plan is actually the best deal. If you have the 21 meal plan, all of your meals are covered. 21 meals in the Bon is probably your cheapest choice.

## Free speech dilemmas disturb college campuses

By LAURA JONES  
Reporter

For those unaware, the newest free speech scandal included a Florida university student who was tasered for attempting to ask John Kerry a question. When John Kerry failed to answer, the student continued to ask, and was apprehended by six police officers. He struggled to get away, but they caught him. He begged them not to taser him as he was being handcuffed, yet they did anyway.

Before the fallout of that incident had time to settle, it prompted another ‘free speech’ incident. In response to the University of Florida taser, “The Rocky Mountain Collegian”, Colorado State University's paper, ran an editorial that simply states: “Taser this: F--- Bush.”

Now, the University of Colorado's paper has lost \$50,000 in advertising and gained national fame, or infamy. Their editor, David McSwane has been asked to resign through a petition that the Republican Club on campus circulated. However, the entire editorial board wrote the article, so McSwane is only at fault for allowing its publication. McSwane defends publishing the article saying: “Students were largely apathetic.” His goal was to prod students to discuss free speech in the wake of the Florida university student.

Unfortunately, this was not the effect the article produced. Other newspapers call the it “sophomoric” at best. The paper has received threats, and the students responded by arguing about the article rather than exploring their First Amendment rights. McSwane's hearings with the Board of Student Communications did not produce an instant verdict. The board decided that the incident requires further investigation and many are hoping that McSwane will be fired for his approval of the editorial.

Though the Rocky Mountain Collegian brandished their right to free speech, the bylaws of the paper strictly state that “profane and vulgar words are not acceptable for opinion writing.” The Collegian exhibited their right to free speech, but that right does not excuse them from any negative consequences.

If McSwane's job is on the chopping block, it is not because he has become a martyr for the First Amendment; it is simply an example of poor judgment in editing.

As far as what the editors meant by their “Taser this...” statement, why would they blame Bush for the taser at the University of Florida? Bush had nothing to do with the incident, and, as another columnist at the Rocky Mountain Collegian put it: “Sensationalism, not professionalism, was the driving force behind the article.” Despite their apparent lack of logic, the fact that their paper has been victimized for its ‘free speech’ makes it a fitting successor to the Florida University student. Both were examples of how free speech does not always guarantee acceptance, and, in certain circumstances, speaking freely could get you fired, or even arrested.

The Crescent wants your opinion! Be looking for online polls you can take at [www.georgefox.edu/crescent](http://www.georgefox.edu/crescent) to make sure your voice is heard!





KFOX is a Christ-based, student-led campus radio station dedicated to bringing quality music and programming to George Fox University students and surrounding communities. You can tune in by going to the Web site below and clicking on "Listen".

### The Ying and Yang Of Talk Radio

DJ John and DJ Jere **FUNNY** Mondays 8 a.m.

By KRISTIN GNILE *Feature Editor*

Probably the most original show to hit KFOX is John Taggart and Jere Witherspoon's morning comedy show. Calling themselves "The Ying Yang of Talk Radio," Taggart and Witherspoon are a dynamic duo.

"Jere is funny but not as funny as me," said Taggart. "I met her when I first started at Fox and knew that if I was going to do a radio show there was only one person that could help me pull it off - that was Jere." Witherspoon is the Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Student Life.

"I have three awesome children, two adorable dogs, a parrot who hates me, a chameleon and a stray cat," Witherspoon said. "I love animals and people - when they're nice."

"We needed to bring sarcasm to a new level at this university," said Taggart. He and Witherspoon wanted to do something different from what the other DJ's were doing. "I thought doing a morning comedy show was perfect," added Taggart.

"[John] makes me laugh," Witherspoon said. "When we first met, he scared the heck out of me! Look at his steel blue eyes and black hair. He's just weird." Taggart is a Technology Specialist for Institutional Technology.

"[The show] is going to be informative and funny," Witherspoon said. Though not a lot of music is scheduled, when it is played it will come from all genres and include a lot of comedy. "There will be a few [songs] that pop up here and there but it'll be a surprise," said Taggart.

The show runs on Monday mornings at 8 am and then again the same night at 10 p.m. Taggart said, "Since we're on twice, it'll give people the opportunity to listen at their desk or while getting ready for a class as well as at night while they're doing their homework."

The show is expected to be a lot of fun. "It's going to be one big party on the air. We'll be a little serious but a lot of sarcasm and a lot of joking so it'll help start the week off," Taggart said. "People will have to tune in and see what we come up with."

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BRING SARCASTIC  
A NEW LEVEL



### The Hamster Ball

DJ Ben **FUN** Thursdays 7 p.m.

By KRISTIN GNILE *Feature Editor*

Rolling in at seven o'clock on Thursday evenings is the Hamster Ball. Ben Niccum is the DJ of the show. "It's a casual, fun show you can listen to after dinner as you start your homework," said Niccum.

Though he hosts occasional guests, the majority of Niccum's airtime is taken up by music. "It's pretty much a mix," Niccum said. "Usually rock." The Hamster Ball plays Death Cab for Cutie, Relient K, Muse, and some indie bands that "no one's ever heard of."

Recently engaged and always smiling, Niccum considers himself to have a bright personality and makes that evident in his show. "It's a pleasant show," he said.

IT'S A  
PLEASANT  
SHOW.



### Other KFOX Shows

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Thursday  
8 p.m. DJ Haze  
Friday  
1 p.m. Sam and Jordan  
4 p.m. Rock in the Box

### Tyler Dexter

DJ Tyler **VARIETY** Mondays 7 p.m.

By KRISTIN GNILE *Feature Editor*

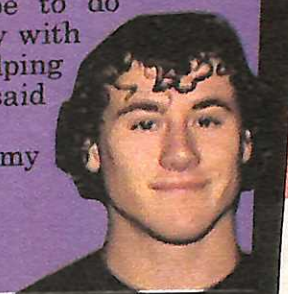
Airing at 7 p.m. on Monday nights, Tyler Dexter's show is a music mix of Christian, Oldies, and Techno.

"It's very unpredictable," said Dexter. "Whatever I'm feeling at the time."

Dexter leads a Bible study on his floor and is determined to incorporate Christianity into his show. He is a cinema and media communication (CMCO) and Christian ministries major. "I enjoy film and someday hope to do something with it on my own... hopefully with the church. That's where I'd like to be: helping them with their media, their film," said Dexter.

"You should tune in because it's my favorite music and should be yours too."

IT'S VERY  
UNPREDICTABLE



### The Cheese Stands Alone

DJ Lauren **UNIQUE** Mondays 9 p.m.

By KRISTIN GNILE *Feature Editor*

An independent dairy product holds the name of Lauren Hatch's radio show. Airing Monday evenings at 9 p.m., "The Cheese Stands Alone" provides an alternative to traditional radio music.

"I offer a unique variety of music that I think most listeners can enjoy," said Hatch. She plays everything from "Muse to Mika" but doesn't usually include country.

Hatch started DJ-ing spring semester last year. "I started out because a friend was doing it," said Hatch, "And it just sounded fun."

As a CMCO major, Hatch spends the little free time she has in media related activities.

"I listen to music and make music. I watch movies and make movies." Many listeners want to know where her show's name originated from. "It's kind of a mystery," Hatch said. "I think you'll have to tune in and find out."

I OFFER A  
VARIETY OF  
MUSIC



### Everyone's a Critic

DJ Alyssa **UNCONVENTIONAL** Thursdays 5 p.m.

By ANNA SMITH, *Guest Reporter*

Alyssa Ott, a first-year student from Southern California, describes her show, "Everyone's a Critic", as "unconventional." "It won't be what's popular, or just what's on the top forty" she claims. Alyssa believes her show that airs from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday, will appeal to listeners who enjoy unique sounds and who like a variety music. Her taste is very eclectic and will please an array of listeners. Music that is distinctly different and rare will be found on this one-of-a-kind show.

IT'S WON'T  
BE WHAT'S  
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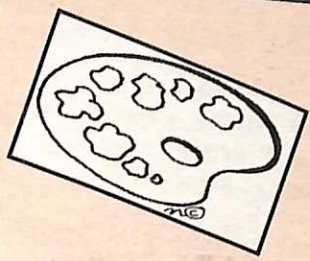
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# Arts & Culture

## MUSIC REVIEW: FRACTIONS BY LUCA

By CARL-ERIC TANGEN  
Guest Reporter

Nick Luca and his band of Arizonans are known for their collaborations with other artists such as Neko Case and Calexico. On this record, Luca attempt to make a new sound for themselves. The problem is that they can't seem to decide what that sound is.

The album starts off with the Americana-rock "Damned," which puts listener on the railway across the Southwest. But as the song moves on, the musical and lyrical clichés become apparent and they realize they are not on the train, but tied to the tracks with the engine headed straight for them.

The next stop is the pop-rock influenced "One Way Ticket Home." This is basically a happier sounding version of the previous song, where everyone is smiling, not attempting to ease the pain of death, but merely oblivious to the tragedy unfolding before their eyes.

Now move on to the disco-tinged "I Was Dancing in the Lesbian Bar." Upon listening, we are transported back to the 1970's, but in this discotheque there are sticky floors and coffee-stained night suits and then, at about two-minutes and forty-five seconds into the song, John Travolta shows up with a nasty five o'clock shadow.

On "Bitten," there is an almost beautiful acoustic-folk tune bombarded by an awkward jazz beat. The confusion builds until it is brought to a simply amazing interlude, washed with a sonic landscape composed by vibraphone, trumpet, and a change in drumbeat. But before listeners have a chance to realize that this is still the same song, it's over and back to the same old monotonous repetition.

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musical eclecticism has this  
album.

"It's Not Over Yet" is full-blown indie-rock which falls victim to the deadly grip of clichés that causes this song to crash and burn before it's even started. The next track is a cover of Lou Reed's "Walk on the Wild Side." At first the listener thinks, "Wow, this sounds like that one hippy song from the seventies." But then they realize it is that song with nearly no variation or revision other than a handy-dandy little saxophone solo which gives the impression Chicago has just wandered onto the wrong stage. The next track, "Down," sounds like a rip-off of the Cheers theme, except in this bar nobody knows your name and you find yourself thinking, "Hey, it's really stuffy in here, I think I'll leave."

It is in the humble opinion of this author that eclecticism is an honorable musical pursuit, and could even be considered a virtue. But just as each virtue has a vice, musical eclecticism has this album. Fractions does, however, have some brighter spots. "Pretty Mama" is a southern-rock anthem which echoes AC/DC and the Arizona landscape in a good way. The last two tracks, "Fires Burning" and "I Still Believe," are the light at the end of this tunnel, where Luca begins

## LUCA fractions



photo from amazon.com

to find their niche. These songs sound like they belong to the band, which is a good thing since Luca seem to have a difficult time nailing down their sound. Overall, the songs on the album seem to go a million directions at once, never making up their mind as to where they are going.

On a scale of one to ten, I would give Fractions an "m." Confusing? So is this album.

## FASHION TODAY: LONDON IS CALLING

By CYNDI KIMMEL  
Guest Reporter

With the leaves beginning to change, the air becoming crisper, and Starbucks releasing its festive autumn drinks, it can't help but be noticed that fall is here. What does that mean for the fashion world? One word: anglomania. A bit punk rock, a bit proper, and completely wearable, this British vintage look is all the rage this season.

Start the fall season off right with this balanced look of regal and structured, yet comfortable and approachable. The key to doing it right? Look for brass buttons, rich tweeds, feminine blouses, vintage crest designs, equestrian accents, and anything plaid. Ladies, don't be afraid to feminize the unexpected, such as pairing a fitted tweed schoolboy blazer with a dramatic blouse. Guys, take the extra step to stay warm and look classy by throwing on a plaid print scarf.

Perhaps no one understands this anglomania British invasion of fall favorites better than top fashion designer Lela Rose. With a perfect new line of tweed blazers and cable-knit sweaters, Lela knows full well what to indulge in this fall. Her most important piece of advice? "Don't break the bank with a completely new wardrobe. Instead, buy yourself five or six new pieces to play up the clothes you already have. Fashion should be flattering and wearable and always retain a sense of fun." There's no better way to have fun with your clothes this fall than to mix it all up, like pairing knee high motorcycle boots with opaque black and brown tights. Also, flashes of rich, earth-tone colors work brilliantly against muted jackets and sweaters.

## PORTLAND'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

### BEAUTIFUL BOTANICALS

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If you know of any other events,  
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Finding such looks, however, can be hard on a college budget. For great feminine pieces a little over the edge, and completely affordable, check out Forever 21 in the Washington Square Mall. For the fun plaid and tweed vintage accents, try Red Light clothing exchange in downtown Portland. Also, try picking up your favorite fashion magazine for tips on looks and pieces, and then take it with you when shopping so as to re-create the look for an affordable price.

Most important of all, find a look that fits you, whether it's British or not, and work it!



# Oden, Blazers down, but by no means out

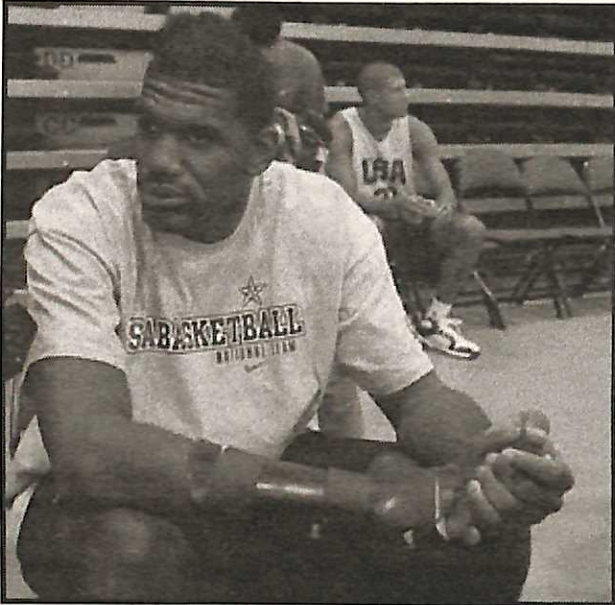


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By DAN BENNETT  
Guest Reporter

As a lifelong fan of the Portland Trail Blazers, I will go on the record and say the past few months have been an emotional roller-coaster of monumental proportions. My beloved franchise was given a glimpse of its future, which was bright and filled with league championships, only to have that future taken away before the season even began.

First, a bit of recent history. Hailed as the most significant center to come out of college since Tim Duncan, Greg Oden became property of the Blazers after Portland overcame long-shot odds to win May's NBA Draft Lottery, which gave the Blazers the right to select Oden with the first pick in June's NBA Draft. Clearly, and

making a reference to the book of Job, this was a case of the basketball gods giving to the Trail Blazers.

What made Oden the right choice for Portland was not only his talent on the court (some likened him to all-time great Bill Russell, while others called him the most talented defensive big man since Patrick Ewing), but his personality. At 19 years old, Oden was able to captivate the entire city of Portland with an infectious smile and honest humility.

But what had Blazers fans licking their lips in anticipation was how Oden would mesh with a solid core of young players, including guard Brandon Roy and forward LaMarcus Aldridge. These young men of solid character were set to lead Portland back to the postseason and to the upper echelon of the league, where a few NBA titles would await a city that has not seen a championship since the Carter administration.

But then, on a Thursday in September, disbelief rocked Portland and the rest of the NBA. September 13, 2007. It is a day which will live in infamy for all Blazers fans. This is the day, of course, that Oden, Portland's prized pick, had season-canceling knee surgery.

After an entire summer of anticipating the good things that awaited the Blazers and their loyal fans, to cite Job again, the basketball gods took away.

Fast forward to today. Oden's rehabilitation is going well, as he is exercising in a pool and spending six hours a day on a machine that moves his knee for him to prevent the growth of scar tissue. He will be on crutches for a few more weeks. And then, ever so slightly, his return to basketball will begin.

I am not of the opinion that Oden should return this season at all. Even if he makes an accelerated recovery (which is possible, considering his work ethic and attitude

towards the situation), the Blazers would be foolish to even consider letting him play this season. Instead of rushing him back to play in the last several games of what is almost guaranteed to be a dismal season ahead, the team should wait patiently, knowing that by keeping him out and ensuring his health, the prizes will be there in the coming years.

After acquiring Oden, I made the prediction that his presence on the team, complemented by Roy, Aldridge and other talented players already on the roster, would bring Portland an NBA Championship within five seasons. Historically speaking, dominant big men in this league (Olajuwon, Shaq, Duncan, etc) produce titles. And Oden is on par with all of them.

So am I saddened by the thought that Oden won't play this year? Of course. But the thought of him returning next year to a polished young lineup, where championships await, should help keep any Blazers fan's spirit up this season.

I mean, when the future is so bright, what's another year to wait?

## Unlikely for NFL teams to be undefeated

By DAN WILSON  
Guest Reporter

With many football teams having just finished the first quarter of the season it is now time to take a look at how these teams stack up and how they should fare through the season's final 13 weeks. With the Colts, Patriots, Packers, and Cowboys still undefeated, many people are asking who is the cream of the crop and will this finally be the year that another team goes undefeated. The answer to this question is no.

The main reason this will not happen is due to how the schedules are set up this year. Green Bay still has games remaining against three playoff teams from last year including the Chicago Bears, who they still must play twice. Dallas seems to have a very formidable offense this year; however, they have yet to play anybody with their four opponents combining for three wins so far this season, and games with the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles looming, an undefeated season seems unlikely.

The two teams that seem to have the best chances of going undefeated this season meet each other in a showdown in Indianapolis the first weekend of November. So this leaves one or two undefeated teams going into December at the most, and with all of the distractions and media attention for these couple teams, it is unlikely they will stay undefeated.

Of the rest of the teams in the league, there have been a few pleasant surprises and a few fatal collapses so far this year.

The biggest surprise this season would be the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. With a week-one loss to the Seahawks, it seemed that the Bucs were on route to another sub-par season. However, they have righted the ship in the past weeks and are



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now 3-1 with Jeff Garcia leading the way. But with the loss of starting running back Carnell Williams it is looking less and less likely that Tampa Bay can maintain this play through a whole season.

As for disappointments, the St. Louis Rams, who were picked by many people to win the NFC West but have come out of the gate 0-4, lost their All-Pro left tackle Orlando Pace, and now have to resort to sitting their quarterback Marc Bulger on the bench for unproductive play. Sorry, St. Louis fans, but this is not your year.

In the NFL, it seems the Seattle Seahawks may be the best 3-1 team out there. After receiving almost no production from RB Shawn Alexander, the Seahawks have started to air the ball out a little more with Matt Hasselbeck averaging over 250 yards per game and nearly two touchdowns. Not only that, but their defense has stepped it up a notch this year while ranking in the top ten in interceptions, sacks, forced fumbles, and points per game.

"Many people are asking who is the cream of the crop and will this finally be the year that another team goes undefeated."

## Tying bonds between women with song and soccer

By KRISTIN GNILE  
Feature/Sports Editor

"As long as you have the ability to bear children you can come," Joy Schneider announces.

Women's Soccer and Worship is a new ministry head up by Schneider and Ellen Abell. It's a time where women on campus gather to play soccer with other women - a time for female bonding.

Schneider describes Women Soccer and Worship as a time "just to love on one another." Intramurals can get pretty competitive. "You have to know the right people [for intramurals]," said Abell. Soccer and Worship is "not super intense," added Schneider. "We just kind of have some worship songs in the beginning and then play soccer. Sometimes we don't even play full games."

The first meeting was held on September first where twelve women congregated. For the following weeks the number has stayed pretty consistent. "We have the same size group but the people are different," said Abell.

It doesn't hurt to be familiar with the game of soccer before coming but it definitely isn't necessary. "I'd never played an actual game before our first game," said Schneider. Women's Soccer and Worship is meant to be a time for any female to come and fellowship with new people. Soccer was the basis of Abell's ministry because anyone can participate. "It isn't like volleyball where you need experience," Abell said. "Everyone can kick a ball around."

Schneider and Abell encourage women on campus to join them on the track field. The get-together takes place Saturday mornings at 10 am. The group will be gathering throughout the entire year. When it rains, they plan to meet indoors.

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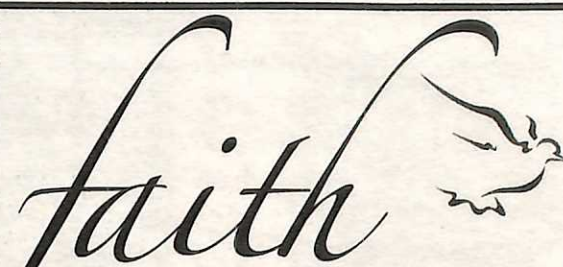
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a faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he."  
-Deuteronomy 32:4*



## WORLD HOPE INTERNATIONAL

BY: TAYLOR MARTIN, REPORTER

Monday's chapel was led by World Hope International, a group dedicated to the cause of social justice. Some of the numbers and statistics strung throughout the talk were staggering, but that isn't what seemed most important. The two things that really stuck out were the way in which the organization functioned and developed, and the focus was on prayer.

It is very easy for Christians to serve in the way that God has called us to serve, and forget about the ways in which God has called others. That was one of the beauties of World Hope; they are a big enough organization that attacks the injustices of the world on a number of different levels. This method seems to be the most effective: addressing individual people where they are at, and freeing them from the bondage they are in, while still addressing the political level that continues to oppress the disadvantaged. When you look at slavery and what John Wesley and Anthony Benezet, or imperialism and Ghandi's movement, it all started with a grassroots mobilization and infiltration into the individual needs of people, but morphed into a focused impact upon the governing bodies. Not only is this approach effective, but it also



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enables many different people with different gifts and callings into a collective body.

The way in which speaker JoAnn Lyon emphasized the role of God in World Hope's mission was very important. It is one thing to ask for God's help, and another to proclaim God's faithfulness. It is not being said that everything is known about Lyon or about World Hope International; what is being said is that from an initial encounter they seem to have found a good balance between structuring an organization in a way as to allow God to have control in all the situations that they are in.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY: BEN GOWAN,  
STUDENT CHAPLAIN



There is a yearning on campus. I feel it when Dave Ward calls us to surrender all to God, I read it when people submit questions for Sabbath, and I hear it when students speak of something lacking in their devotion. There is a desire for a mature, holistic, and comprehensive Christian life. A life which, as individuals and as a community, incorporates grace, fullness of devotion, and service.

There are two questions that have helped me in striving for this. The first is a matter of focus on God: how can I pour all of my self, my being, into God? The second is a matter of fullness: how can I let God saturate all of me?

Paul captures this tension of 'self into God, and God into self' in chapters two and three of I Corinthians. "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." (I Cor 2:2) This intense focus on Christ is how an individual comes to grace. There is no other way to it. Alone before God the only recourse you have is to receive grace from Jesus. That same moment of grace is an inflection point. It is a shift from bringing all of yourself to God, to God bringing himself into all of us. "All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas[c] or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God." (I Cor 3:21-23) From an individual practice of focusing on Jesus comes this proclamation that the whole Universe is ours.

Now, how does this work out in our everyday, person to person, mess-of-people life? Our lives have instances when we turn from people to focus on the divine, and times when the divine turns us to focus on people. A simple practice that I like to use for all this is to read scripture in the morning, remember or write down one small phrase, and keep that with me throughout the day. I start with a simple focus on God, then that encounter permeates the day's complex interactions with others. "...the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it." (Deut 30:14) Time alone with God guides me in community.

The mature Christian life that we desire consists of a continual return to Jesus and his continual giving of us to others. This is the same message Sabbath starts with each week: start with receiving grace from God, then share that with others through service. As Jesus says, "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you." (John 14:20)

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OCT 15 CHAPEL: You shall know the truth ...
- OCT 17 CHAPEL: ... and the truth shall set you free.
- OCT 19 GATHERING
- OCT 22 CHAPEL: Helping women out of the sex trade
- OCT 24 CHAPEL: Serve teams report

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## SABBATH: A TIME OF REST...

BY: JOSHUA BORRELLI, GUEST REPORTER

A growing number of students gather every Sunday night at 8 p.m. in the Cap and Gown Room for what is known as "Sabbath." It is a time for students to fellowship, worship, and study God's Word together as one body of Christ. The worship is student-led, and the leaders vary from week to week. Benjamin Gowan, the Student Chaplain, leads a study of 1 Corinthians every week, and he does so passionately and wholeheartedly. The environment itself is both relaxing and comforting, creating a sense of safety and rest within the body of the church.

A group of about thirty students met in the Cap and Gown Room, and when it was time to start, the lights went off and they all began to worship. The worship wasn't a big production, but the simplicity was beautifully peaceful. A feeling of oneness could be felt with everyone as they all raised their voices to God. After about twenty minutes of worship, the lights went back on and Gowan led a study in 1 Corinthians about the body of the church. It was evident Gowan really cared about what he was talking about and that he was willing to go to great lengths to get the message across. He even used visual demonstrations to illustrate certain aspects of the message. The message itself was about twenty minutes long as well, and our time together closed with another song of worship, a time of prayer, and one last message from Gowan. Afterwards, people were made available to offer prayer for those in need of it, and many stayed to talk and fellowship with each other for a while.

Because of its simplicity, Sabbath has become an enjoyable experience for most students, giving them a much needed peace. As students stress and worry over life's ever-constant problems, it's easy to forget the rest and comfort God offers when Christians simply turn to him, and Sabbath is a great place to do just that.

Sabbath meets every Sunday night at 8 p.m. in the Cap and Gown Room in the Student Union Building.



### Women's self defense, con't.

Instructor Chris Briggs, second degree black belt in Kyuki-Do martial arts, was chosen through personal connections for his respectful demeanor and thoroughness. Johnstone said Briggs is committed to providing women with the abilities to identify and extricate themselves from dangerous situations as well as defend themselves when the need arises.

Mariah Carrillo, a first year commuter student at George Fox, said that one reason she decided to take the class is that she has to walk to and from bus stops at least twice each day. "This is definitely a valuable class," said Carrillo. "Every woman on campus should take it! I cannot tell you the feeling I got from realizing that I was capable of taking care of myself—it was a wonderful confidence booster."

Though the response to the class has been positive, the future of the women's self defense class is uncertain. Johnstone said: "I am struggling with whether this is a felt need by our women. I would find it helpful to know whether it would be valuable to sponsor these any more."

The women's self defense class is just one of the ways in which George Fox is continuing its efforts to maintain a safe and secure campus. Gierok said, "It is important to us that as the campus grows we are able to give all members of the George Fox community a safe environment to live, work, learn, and play in."

It is possible that a similar class will be offered for men in the future, but this will be based upon expressed interest from the men of George Fox.

### Security Services safety tips

1. Always be aware of your surroundings. The "bad" guy looks for meek or preoccupied victims.
  2. Take the bloody iPod off when walking alone in the dark.
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## News in a Flash

**RETRACTION:** The incredible photo of the mock dorm room fire featured in the Sept. 26 issue of "The Crescent" was taken by Nick Willard, not Kyle Willard. The news editor of "The Crescent" sincerely apologizes for the mistake.

**WARNING:** Be on the lookout for magazine solicitors. They were at Linfield this week and may be the same individuals who solicited people last year and were wanted for ID theft.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Oregon Right to Life Education Foundation needs volunteers for their booth at the Northwest Women's Show 2007 on Oct. 19, 20, and 21. This is a fun event where exhibitors display clothes, home décor, crafts, health and beauty products, and much more. Main stage shows, demonstrations, and free samples abound. Contact Elizabeth Spillman at [elizabeth@ortl.org](mailto:elizabeth@ortl.org) for further information.

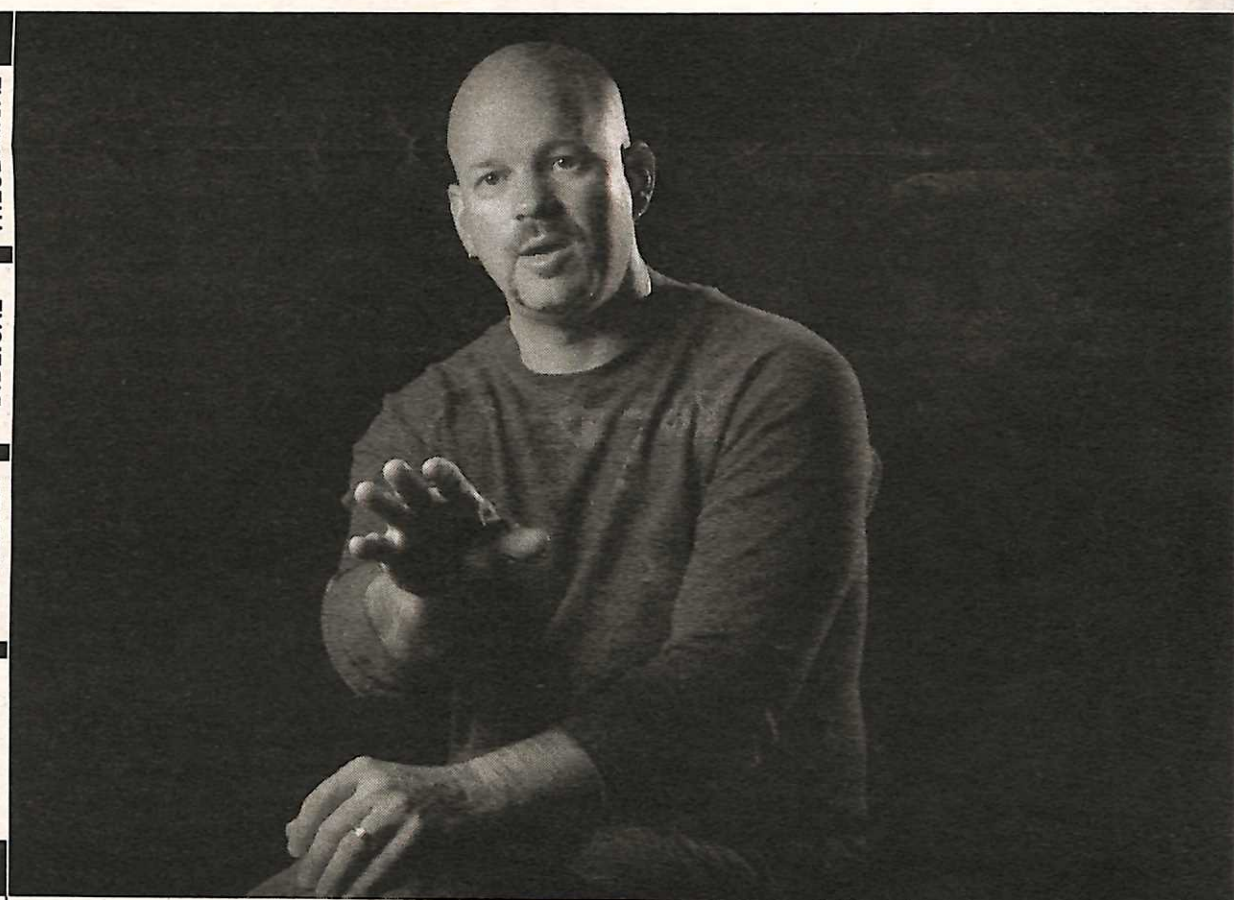
**CHORAL SYMPOSIUM:** George Fox University's Concert Choir will be hosting the next annual Choral Symposium on Oct. 20 in Bauman Auditorium. It will feature the nationally acclaimed conductor and director Rodney Eichenberger, who will work with eight high school choirs and their directors. The George Fox University Concert Choir will perform on two separate occasions: 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. These performances are open to the public, and the Concert Choir would appreciate support from the George Fox community. Contact choir president Casey Kanen with any questions.

**SENIOR PHOTOS:** Senior yearbook photos will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Cap and Gown Room A. Ron Dingman from Five Gables Photography will be the photographer. He has offered to do portraits for FREE! He is an amazing photographer; he has been doing senior portraits for years. He does an excellent job. Email Kelly Bladorn with any questions at [kbladorn04@georgefox.edu](mailto:kbladorn04@georgefox.edu).

**NEWBERG FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE:** The Newberg Fire Department is hosting an open house on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at their station at 3100 Middlebrook. Activities will include fire safety demonstrations similar to the mock dorm room fire, free blood pressure screening, practice using a fire hose, photo opportunities with Fire Pup, stop/drop/roll activities, and fire truck rides.

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