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Men's Golf



**GEORGE FOX
UNIVERSITY**

Head Coach Matt Beck

Matt Beck will head the newest intercollegiate athletic program at George Fox University — men's golf — which tees off for the first time in the fall of 2007.

Beck arrives after four years as an assistant coach with the men's and women's golf teams at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. With Beck as an assistant, the Boxers developed a strong program that has been competitive in the Northwest Conference, including three NWC women's championships from 2004-06.

"MJ and I have known each other for a while, and she first approached me while George Fox was still deciding whether to add men's golf or not, believing it was about time for me to run a program of my own," Beck says. "When the program became a reality, I submitted my information, and now here I am."

"I'll hit the ground running, recruiting players and working on a schedule. To start a new program with a clean slate is one of the most exciting opportunities I can imagine, and I am looking forward to the challenge."

A lifetime Oregonian, Beck is a 1974 graduate of Beaverton High School. He went immediately into the printing business as a pressman, and then into sales, for Kodak-Polychrome. He

now works for INX with commercial printers and packaging.

Beck's father introduced him to the game of golf as a young man, and he has been involved with it ever since.

He spends three or four days a week on the course and in the pro shop at his home course, Quail Valley Golf Club in Banks. "That job enables me to keep up with all the new technologies coming out," he says.

"This is an exciting time for George Fox athletics," says director of athletics Craig Taylor. "(We're) adding our 15th sport and getting a coach with Matt's experience, skill, knowledge of the game, and personality. He knows how to get the most out of his players' abilities while making the game fun for the athletes; in fact, some of the best testimonials we received were from parents who told us how much their children enjoyed playing for him. He relates well to his players and brings out the best in them. We are extremely pleased to have him join our staff."

Beck resides in Hillsboro with his wife Pam, twin daughters Melissa and Jessica, who are 20, 16-year-old son R.J., and 13-year-old son Marty. The Becks are active members of Sunrise Church in Hillsboro. In his spare time, Beck enjoys fishing, camping, and working with the Boy Scouts.

George Fox University

A matter of mind and spirit

George Fox University is a Christian university of the humanities, sciences, and professional studies. Nearly 3,200 students — including 1,600 traditional undergraduates — attend classes at the Newberg campus and at teaching sites in Oregon

trips have gone to every continent but Antarctica.

George Fox University was established in 1885 by Quaker settlers as Friends Pacific Academy. Herbert Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, attended the academy before it became a college in 1891. The

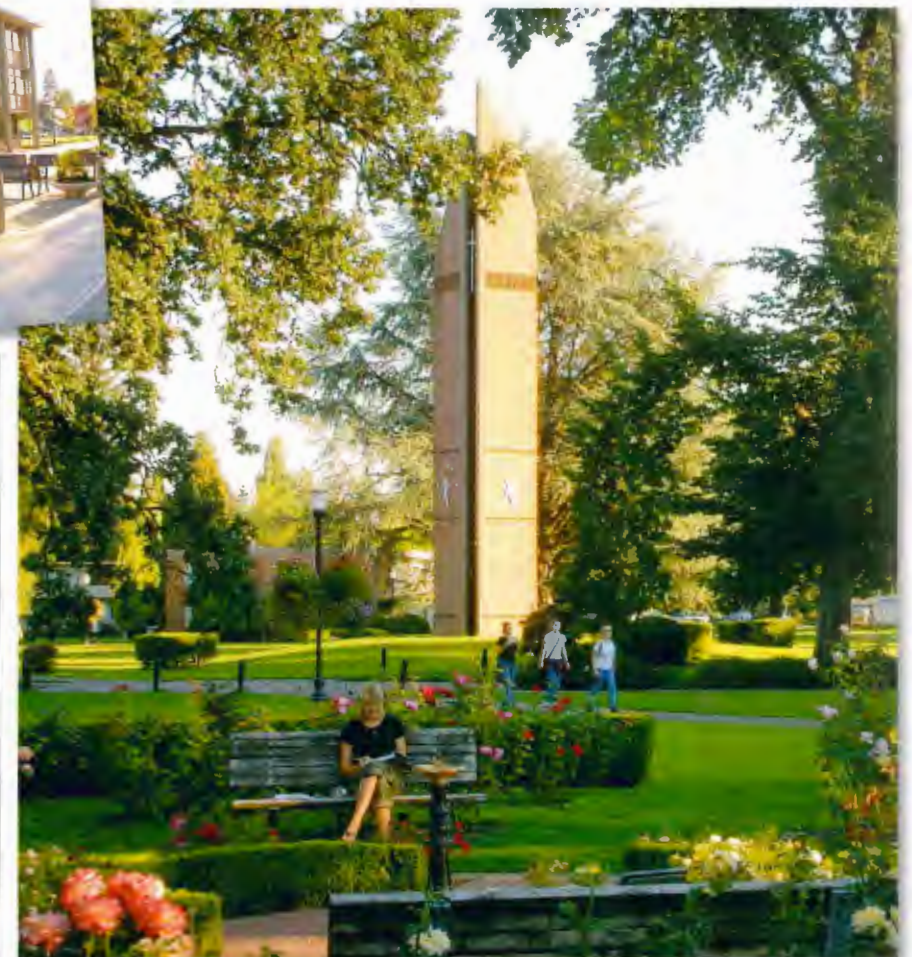
George Fox name honors the founder of the Friends (Quaker) church.

George Fox offers bachelor's degrees in more than 40 majors, degree-completion programs for working adults, a seminary, and 16 master's and doctoral degrees.



and Idaho. The George Fox faculty includes a former U.S. Senator, the 2000 Oregon Professor of the Year, and three Fulbright Scholars.

With a student-to-faculty ratio of 12-to-1, George Fox offers personal attention to each student. Every incoming freshman is provided a laptop computer to use and keep upon graduation. Students also can take advantage of the university's study-abroad program. George Fox pays transportation costs for a three-week overseas study tour led by professors. Past



A Metaphor for Life

by Matt Beck

Golf is one of the most unique games anyone can play. In no other sport is the playing arena so different each time a match is held. Football is contested on a 100-yard field, baseball is played on a diamond with four bases every 90 feet, marathons are run over a 26.2 mile course. But golf is played on courses that are more than 6,000 yards in distance, and at the end of each hole the cup location changes every day. No two holes are alike, and no two golf courses are the same.

The designers of these courses build hazards and include trees, tall grasses, and water to create more of a challenge. There are very few officials on the golf course, but rather the players are called upon to assess themselves with penalties and infractions throughout a match. If that's not crazy enough, the one with the lowest score wins.

Though golf is considered an "individual" sport, at George Fox we play as a team. No team member is considered greater than another, for on any given day the game may bring you to your knees or lift you high with incredible shots. Therefore, we practice as a team, working on the same drills or challenging one another on the course. You will be ex-

pected to encourage your teammates to grow in every aspect of their lives as you participate in our golf program.

learn how to harness these emotions and traits to be used to your advantage and encourage your teammates to rise to the occasion.

“ **Golf is not only a great sport that challenges you with every shot, but it parallels our very lives.... In general, how we conduct ourselves on the course is how we conduct ourselves every day.** ”

George Fox's home course, Chehalem Glenn, is a new course that is to be completed in the summer of 2007. Located just minutes from the campus, it has proven to be a very exciting layout, with a natural grass driving range and large putting greens that allow for great practice sessions.

Golf is not only a great sport that challenges you with every shot, but it parallels our very lives. This game shows us our temperaments, our concentration levels, our honesty and integrity. In general, how we conduct ourselves on the course is how we conduct ourselves every day. As a team member, you will

My desire as a coach is to see our players reach beyond where they are comfortable on and off the course. We will all be there – professors, counselors, teammates, and coaches – encouraging one another. For when you complete your education at George Fox, you will be ready to accomplish your dreams with the same confidence that you competed in every tournament as a Bruin.



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CHEHALEM GLENN GOLF COURSE

Chehalem Glenn Golf Course in Newberg, Ore., which opened in the summer of 2005, is the home course of George Fox University's newest athletic programs – women's golf, which began play in the fall of 2006, and men's golf, which begins in 2007.

Under the supervision of the Chehalem Parks and Recreation District, Chehalem Glenn was a project 13 years in its planning and production. The course is located five minutes from campus at the foot of Parrett Mountain and features an 18-hole, par 72, 5,800-yard course (the second nine opened in August 2007). There is also a large practice range facility, and a new chipping and pitching practice area will be opening in spring 2008. Long-range plans call for an additional nine holes.

Chehalem Glenn offers beautiful vistas of Parrett Mountain to the east and Mt. Chehalem to the north. The course features gently rolling hills and spacious fairways with challenging sand traps and extensive wetlands that cross or border several holes.

In addition to Chehalem Glenn, the teams have access to a full-service, covered and lighted driving range, Tualatin Island Greens, which is located 15 minutes away.

The first college tournament held at Chehalem Glenn was the George Fox Women's Invitational on Oct. 1, 2006.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

are an important part of George Fox University, home to one of the Northwest's most successful small-college sports programs. Winning programs, of course, are accompanied by a proper balance between academics and athletics. At George Fox University, student-athletes compete for conference and national titles at a Christ-centered university where professors and coaches help them grow in mind, body, and spirit. Intercollegiate athletics competition provides for practical application of what is learned in the classroom and at practice.



THE UNIVERSITY fields teams in 15 varsity sports, eight for women (golf, volleyball, soccer, cross country, basketball, softball, tennis, and track and field) and seven for men (soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball, golf, tennis, and track and field). More than 15 percent of George Fox's traditional undergraduate students participate in these sports. Their records over the years serve as shining testimonies to the administration's conviction that an institution can play for the glory of God, follow the rules and ethics of its governing organizations, and be successful on the fields and courts of competition at the same time.

At George Fox, the values of athletics are integrated with the goals of Christian higher education in a process that includes:

- Physical conditioning
- Managing emotions
- Courage
- Teamwork
- Cooperation
- Graciousness in winning and losing



Consider the growing legacy:

- George Fox has earned national, district, or conference titles 21 times during the last decade.
- George Fox athletes have earned more than 300 All-America and All-America Scholar-Athlete honors.
- Seven of the 13 coaches on staff have been named Coach of the Year at various levels a total of 27 times.
- George Fox coaches have held their positions for an average of 10 years, and together have accumulated more than 1,500 collegiate wins.