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May 31, 1977

"PMA" GIVES GFC SOFTBALL WOMEN WINNING SEASON

Positive Mental Attitude -- "PMA" -- is the key phrase describing George Fox College's just completed women's softball season.

The initials "PMA" became a rallying cry of the team whenever things got tough. Even the stat sheets showing 11 wins and 7 "temporary setbacks" demonstrates the positive spirit surrounding coach Dee Bright's squad.

The team, exhibiting an almost uncanny knack for large-score comebacks in the last two or three innings, outscored opponents 202-166 as they were 4-4 in the conference and 3-2 in tournament action.

Next year's squad will face the loss of three seniors via graduation. Pam Sturzinger, Salem, voted George Fox Woman Athlete of the Year for four straight years, led the team this season with 49 unassisted put-outs, 18 steals, and finishing in a three-way tie in the RBI category with 10 runs batted in.

Diane Beebe, a senior from Newberg, shone at the plate as she collected sixteen runs on 24 hits on 46 trips to the plate. Beebe hit seven doubles to lead the team in that category, as well as two triples and a home run. She also tied for first with 10 RBI's.

Diane Offet, known as "Munchkin" to her teammates, exhibited the real spirit behind the team, as evidenced by the team's vote of "Most Inspirational Player."

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Returning next season will be five juniors, four sophomores and four freshman. One of those returning will be "Most Valuable" Sharla Barnett, a junior from Earlham, Iowa, who managed 31 unassisted put-outs, 27 assists and 20 hits from 53 at-bats, crossing the plate 30 times. Mona Barnett, a junior from Newberg, went to the plate more times than any other team member, knocking 23 hits on 62 at-bats, including a home run. She led the squad in double-plays, participating in seven dual put-outs.

Junior Cheryle Lawrence, Mill City, made 31 unassisted put-outs and as first-baseman chalked up 83 put-outs. She stole 15 bases on the season. Sophomore pitcher Shelley Webster, Grants Pass, bagged 22 assists as she wnet 21 of 57 from the plate, scoring 20 runs.

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GFC SOFTBALLERS DROP PAIR:
AWAIT WASHINGTON SWING

Willamette University may not be a good place for the George Fox College women's softball team to play.

April 5 the team traveled to Salem to play the Bearcats and dropped the game 22-11. Saturday, they once again made the trip to the Willamette campus, this time meeting Southern Oregon State College. This time the score was closer, but the results the same -- GFC 6 and SOSC 9.

Despite the lopsided score, the first game was an eventful one for the Bruins. Joanie Snyder, Dundee; Pam Sturzinger, Salem; Stephanie Baxter, Kelso, Wash.; and Diane Beebe, Newberg, each hit home runs and Coach Dee Bright cited a shortstop-to-second-to-first double play executed by Sharla Barnett, Baxter and Cheryle Lawrence, respectively.

The second contest was an improvement, according to Bright. "We did a really good job....a better quality game," she said.

"Pacific University at Forest Grove was on the Bruin women's schedule Wednesday and the Newberg team travels to Tacoma this weekend for games with Pacific Lutheran University and University of Puget Sound. Wednesday (April 20) the team is closer to home, visiting Linfield.