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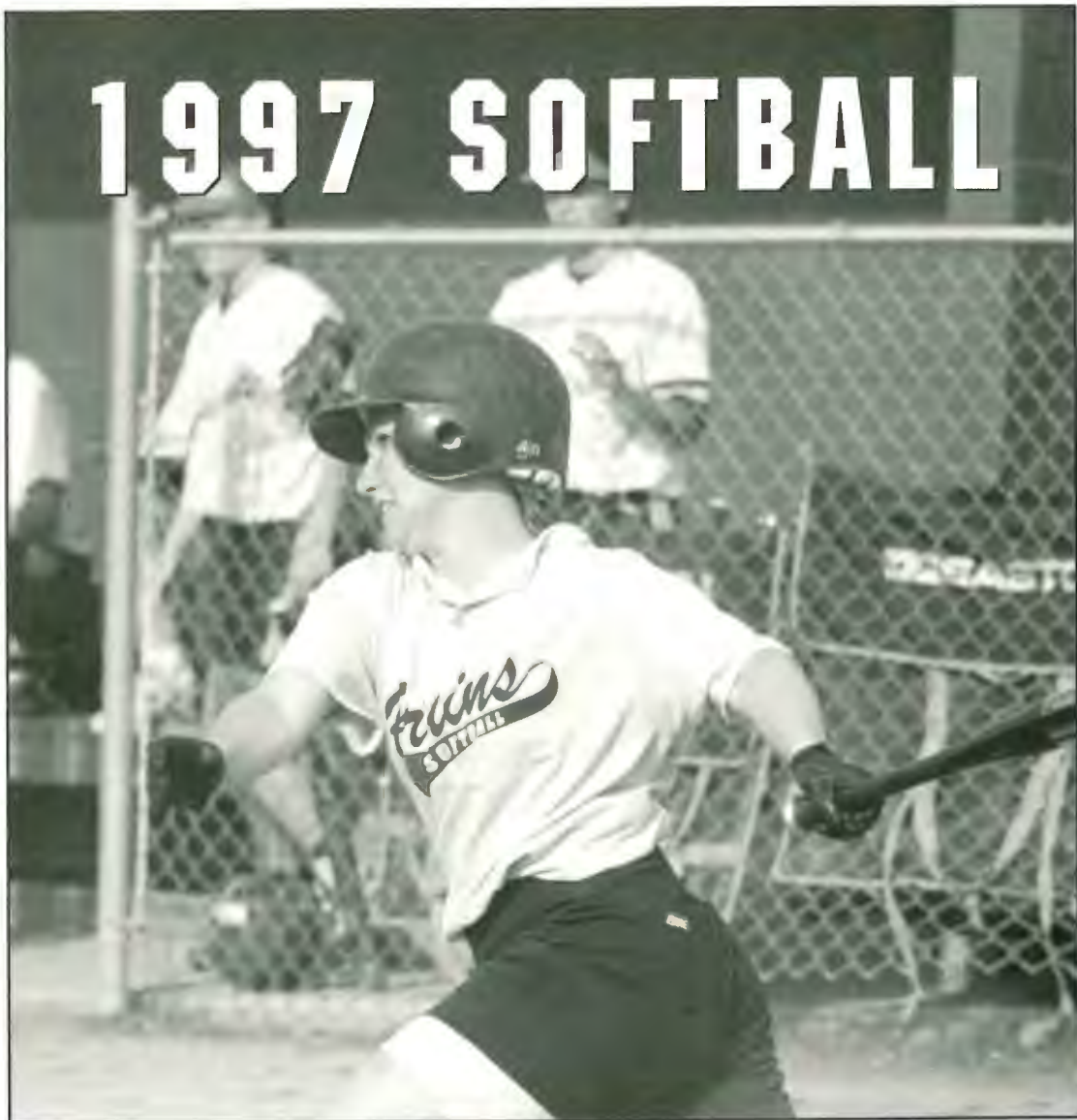
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GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

1997 SOFTBALL



1997 George Fox University Softball Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	B/T	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Erin Hatch	Fr.	5-5	R/R	OF	Bonaire, Ga./Houston Co.
2	Sharka Vokel	Jr.	5-3	L/L	OF	Sierraville, Calif./N. Tahoe
3	Sally Butts	Jr.	5-3	R/R	C	Vancouver, Wash./Hudson's Bay
4	Mary Butts	Jr.	5-4	L/R	IF/OF	Vancouver, Wash./Hudson's Bay
5	Lauree Arnold	Sr.	5-4	R/R	OF	Tualatin, Ore./West Linn
7	Allison Vaubel	Jr.	5-3	R/R	IF	Salem, Ore./Gervais
8	Brenda Linnell	Jr.	5-4	R/R	OF	The Dalles, Ore./The Dalles
9	Kori Vandagriff	Fr.	5-6	R/R	OF	Salem, Ore./Santiam Christian
10	Sherilyn Gerig	Fr.	5-3	S/R	IF/OF	Mt. Angel, Ore./John F. Kennedy
11	Christie Halverson	Fr.	5-5	L/L	OF	Newport, Ore./Newport
12	Beth Kellogg	Fr.	5-7	S/R	IF	Emmett, Idaho/Emmett
13	Angela Pascua	So.	5-4	R/R	IF	Auburn, Wash./Thomas Jefferson
14	Phoebe Linnell	Jr.	5-4	R/R	C	The Dalles, Ore./The Dalles
16	Coby Van der Meer	So.	5-8	R/R	P/IF	Boring, Ore./Sam Barlow
18	Sarah Swanson	Jr.	5-6	R/R	P/IF	Modesto, Calif./Beyer
19	Tracey Hyde	Fr.	5-8	R/R	IF	Greenleaf, Idaho/Greenleaf Friends
22	Angela Halverson	So.	5-7	R/R	OF	Newport, Ore./Newport/NW College
24	Theresa Ramirez	So.	5-5	R/R	C/IF	Cornelius, Ore./Banks
25	Dara Lakin	Jr.	5-5	S/R	P	Chehalis, Wash./W.F. West
26	Beth Davis	Fr.	5-11	S/R	P/IF	Salem, Ore./Salem Academy
27	Tricia Franklin	Fr.	5-8	R/R	IF	Jefferson, Ore./Jefferson
28	Rachel Camp	Fr.	5-5	R/R	P	Hubbard, Ore./North Marion
30	Kara Bultema	Fr.	5-5	R/R	IF	Winnemucca, Nev./Albert M. Lawry

GEORGE FOX FACTS

College Location Newberg, Ore.
Founded 1891
Denominational Affiliation Friends (Quaker)
Enrollment 2,100
Athletic Affiliation NAIA/NCAA Div. III
 Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges
Home Field Morse Athletic Complex
Colors Old Gold, Navy Blue
Nickname Lady Bruins
President Dr. Edward F. Stevens
Athletic Director Craig Taylor
Softball Coach Chris Gross
Assistant Coaches Ellen Stevens
 Holly Van Nortwick
Athletic Trainer Dale Isaak

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One of the nation's fastest growing universities, George Fox University has a growing reputation to match. While enrollment has quadrupled in the last decade — reaching more than 2,000 students — the University has received national attention.

George Fox repeatedly has been named by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Colleges," earning its highest marks in academic reputation. The national magazine also has listed the University in its "Top Teaching Schools" and "Most Efficient" categories.

Five times, George Fox was named to the Templeton Foundation's Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges.

The University offers innovative programs. Each freshman student is provided a computer to keep upon graduating. Students reaching their junior year are eligible for an international study trip for which the University pays transportation costs. Through the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities and the Christian College Consortium, George Fox has students studying at five affiliated campuses, ranging from Hollywood Film Studies in California to American Studies in Washington, D.C., to Middle East Studies in Cairo, Egypt.

Early Willamette Valley Quaker settlers established Friends Pacific Academy in 1885. The college division was organized in 1891 to provide more advanced instruction. In 1949, because of the many col-



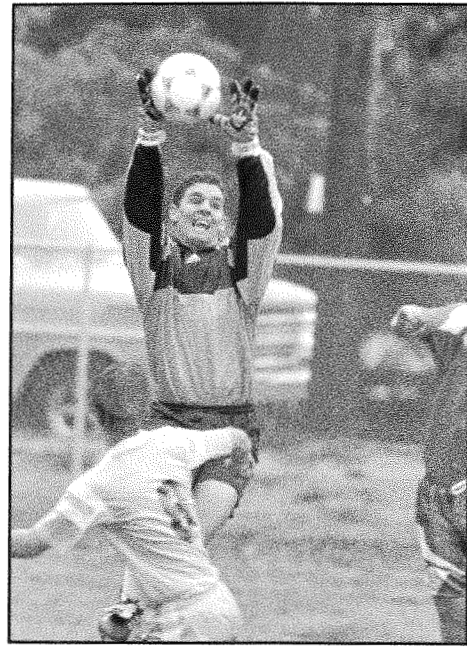
An artist's rendering of the George Fox University Newberg campus.

leges in the Northwest with Pacific in their name, Pacific College was renamed George Fox College in honor of the founder of the Friends (Quaker) Church. In 1996, with the addition of Western Evangelical Seminary, George Fox became a university, offering students the choice of 35 undergraduate majors and 12 graduate degrees.

George Fox has maintained a distinctively Christian, liberal arts

mission. The University is committed to a residential campus atmosphere where students build a life plan. Education occurs whenever and wherever student experience contributes to human development — in or out of the classroom. The integration of faith, learning and living is a primary objective.

George Fox's most prominent alumnus is the late President Herbert Hoover, who attended the academy.



Jeff Nelson, 1994-95 NAIA National Goalkeeper of the Year (Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America).



College Sports magazine named George Fox basketball/track athlete Nancy Rissmiller 1995-96 NAIA national female athlete of the year.



Jill Beals (right), 13-time All-American, 1992 Hayward Award finalist, and Seattle Marathon winner.



1991-92 first-team All-American center Dave Wilson.

ball, basketball, track, tennis, softball, cross country and soccer.

Athletic facilities include the Coleman H. Wheeler Sports Center, which includes three basketball or volleyball courts and two racquetball courts. Seating is available for up to 2,000. The track and field teams

compete on Colcord Field, which received a new polyurethane surface in 1993. The Curtis and Margaret Morse Athletic Complex contains a baseball diamond, softball field and soccer field. In 1994, five tennis courts were installed in preparation for the addition of tennis as a varsity sport.

George Fox University maintains one of the Northwest's most successful small-college athletic programs.

The teams win. George Fox has earned district or conference titles in eight sports during the 1990s. George Fox's highest national team finish came in the fall of 1992 when the women's cross country team finished as national runner-up.

The athletes are successful. George Fox athletes have earned more than 100 NAIA All-American awards and half as many All-American Scholar-Athlete honors.

The coaches are award winners as well. Every head coach who has held his or her position for more than one year has been named district or conference Coach of the Year at least once.

Intercollegiate athletics is an integral part of the overall education program at George Fox. About 15 percent of the traditional undergraduate student body participates in varsity athletics. Men's varsity athletic teams represent the University in baseball, basketball, track, tennis, cross country and soccer. Women's teams are fielded in volley-

Strong Recruits Reinforce Veteran Team

The future looks bright for George Fox University softball.

Sixth-year head coach Chris Gross has brought in one of her best recruiting classes to reinforce a team that lost no seniors last year. Joining 11 returning letterwinners are seven players with all-state honors, including the Oregon Class 2A player of the year.

"I don't think I could have done better, even if I had an unlimited amount of (scholarship) money," said Gross, who recruited for the first time under NCAA Division III restrictions that allow no athletic scholarships.

After winning the Cascade Conference and NAIA District 2 titles in 1994, George Fox has gone through back-to-back 10-win seasons with young, inexperienced players. This year — despite their credentials — freshmen will break into the starting lineup at just two or three positions. Upperclassmen can be found behind the plate, on the mound, covering second base, and roaming in right, center and left field. The Lady Bruins shouldn't fall off much next year either. Only one senior is on this year's junior-led team.

"We have depth in all the positions," said Gross. "That creates a sense of competition within the team and helps to keep people focused. It makes everyone strive to become a better player."

She expects the team's hitting will be improved.

"We not only have power, but base hitters and speed on the bases,"

said Gross. "We've always had people who could get on, but we haven't been able to move them around. Now we have power to benefit our offensive attack."

George Fox has plenty of options at the pitcher position.

"We've got so much flexibility since we have five," Gross said. "Whatever the situation calls for we can do."

Last year's pitchers were Sarah Swanson (Jr., Beyer HS, Modesto, Calif.) and Dara Lakin (Jr., W.F. West HS, Chehalis, Wash.).

"Their specialties are curves, sliders . . . more down-ball pitches," said Gross.

To get the ball across the plate in a hurry, Gross can go to Beth Davis (Fr., Salem Academy, Ore.), Oregon's 2A player of the year. Davis was 23-3 last year while leading her team to a runner-up state finish.

Oregon Class 3A third-team pitcher Rachel Camp (Fr., North Marion HS, Hubbard, Ore.) also has speed and potential.

Redshirt freshman Coby Van der Meer (So., Barlow HS, Boring, Ore.) hasn't pitched competitively in two years, but Gross said she is skilled at changing speeds.

At catcher, Gross said Phoebe Linnell (Jr., The Dalles HS, Ore.) will be the mainstay.

"She's very aggressive," said Gross. "Hopefully that'll keep base runners contained."

The backups are Sally Butts (Jr., Hudson's Bay HS, Vancouver,

Wash.) and Theresa Ramirez (So., Banks HS, Cornelius, Ore.).

Ramirez, a converted pitcher, has a strong throwing arm and also could see time at first base when pitchers Swanson and Van der Meer aren't covering.

Gross said Van der Meer is the lead candidate at first because of her bat.

"We need to keep her in the lineup," said Gross.

At second base is Allison Vaubel (Jr., Gervais HS, Salem, Ore.). She will lead off the Lady Bruin lineup.

Davis, the pitcher, also will cover shortstop.

"She's one of those instinctive players," said Gross. "There's a hard inner drive to her which is a good characteristic for a shortstop. She's got good range, and at 5-foot-11, her arm span gives her additional range."

Backing up Davis will be Angela Pascua (So., Thomas Jefferson HS, Auburn, Wash.). She'll slide between shortstop and third base.

Gross also likes the potential of Idaho first-team all-state infielder Beth Kellogg (Fr., Emmett HS, Idaho).

"She's exceptionally quick," said Gross. "Her side-to-side range is as good as I've seen on a player. We could almost put her on one side of the field and let her cover the entire thing. She is a great example of a very talented athlete who just needs more experience."

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Because of her speed, she will be used as a baserunner and also could become a lead-off hitter.

An Oregon Class 3A second-team all-state infielder, **Tricia Franklin (Fr., Jefferson HS, Ore.)** will be at third base.

"She is a power hitter and has an exceptionally strong arm," said Gross.

"Defensively, we're still young at the corners, very much like last year, but we have more strength there offensively," said Gross.

George Fox's outfield is the same as it's been the last two seasons.

"We're going to have a good outfield," said Gross "They've worked together for three years now, and it's nice to see them grow and develop into a cohesive unit."

In left field is **Brenda Linnell (Jr., The Dalles HS, Ore.)**, twin of catcher Phoebe Linnell.

"Brenda has good foot speed, good coverage, and a quick release of the ball," said Gross.

Lauree Arnold (Sr., West Linn HS, Tualatin, Ore.) is a four-year starter in center field.

"She has really developed over the last four years," said Gross.

"She's developed her ability to read



1997 George Fox University Softball Team (front row, from left): Christi Halverson, Mary Butts, Dara Lakin, Rachel Camp, Angela Halverson, Sarah Swanson, Theresa Ramirez, and Kori Vandagraff, (middle row) Sally Butts, Sherilyn Gerig, Angela Pascua, Sharka Vokel, Lauree Arnold, Phoebe Linnell, Allison Vauble, Brenda Linnell, and Erin Hatch, (back row) Head Coach Chris Gross, Assistant Coach Ellen Stevens, Tricia Franklin, Beth Kellogg, Tracey Hyde, Coby Van der Meer, Beth Davis, and Assistant Coach Holly Van Nortwick. Not pictured: Kara Bultema

the ball off the bat, and her throwing ability can't be any more accurate. She'll serve as a pivotal leader out there."

In right field is **Mary Butts (Jr., Hudson's Bay HS, Vancouver, Wash.)**, twin of back-up catcher Sally Butts.

Gross likes the spirit she sees on her squad.

"The team has a good cohesiveness already," she said. "This early in the season, you usually don't see a team working together so well."

1997 POSTSEASON PLAY

The regular-season champion of the seven-team Northwest Conference will advance to the NAIA Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament May 8-9 with the champions of the Cascade Conference, the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference and one at-large entry. The winner of the regional tournament will move on to the national softball tournament (May 14-17) in Decatur, Alabama.

ATHLETIC AFFILIATION

The landscape of small-college athletics in the Pacific Northwest is undergoing sweeping changes, and George Fox University is in the midst of the transformation.

In the fall of 1994, the University joined the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (NCIC), a league of 10 strong academic institutions in Oregon and Washington. That winter, the NCIC applied for membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III. The move meant leaving the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), an association George Fox had held membership in since 1965.

George Fox and the NCIC members have provisional membership in the NCAA but will continue to compete in NAIA national championships until 1998-99, when they expect to be eligible for NCAA Division III national championships.

George Fox's men's and women's basketball teams compete in NAIA Division II, while the 11 other sports the University competes in are not divided into divisions by the NAIA.

The NAIA is an autonomous association administering programs leading to 13 men's and 11 women's championships. The NAIA includes about 350 four-year colleges and universities in 49 states and Canada. They are grouped in nine regions and 44 conferences.

The NCAA administers 80 championships in 21 sports for its 1,201 member institutions, involving nearly 21,000 men and women scholar-athletes. There are more than 350 schools in Division III.

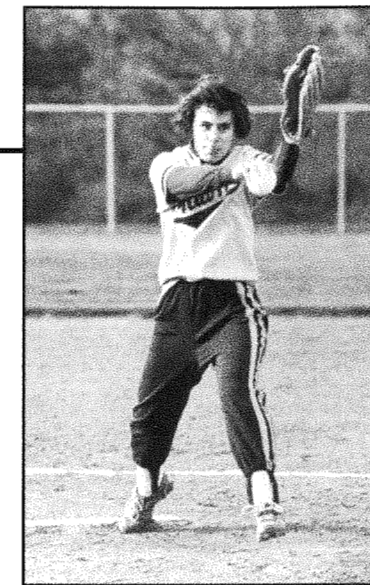


NORTHWEST CONFERENCE OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES

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| George Fox College | Lewis & Clark College |
| Linfield College | Pacific University |
| Pacific Lutheran University | Seattle University* |
| University of Puget Sound | Whitman College |
| Whitworth College | Willamette University |

*Member 1997-98

Becky Stewart



George Fox Individual Honors

Pam Sturzinger	First Team Women's Conference of Independent Colleges	1977
Sharla Barnett	First Team WCIC	1977
Shelly Webster	First Team WCIC	1978
Joanie Snyder	First Team WCIC	1978
Lois Hantho	Honorable Mention WCIC	1978
Joan Wester	Honorable Mention WCIC	1978
Kelly Davidson	Honorable Mention WCIC	1978
Karen Roth	Honorable Mention WCIC	1981
Denise Iverson	Honorable Mention WCIC	1981
Julie Cruise	Second Team WCIC	1982
Laura Fritts	First Team WCIC	1983
Diane Walter	First Team WCIC First Team NAIA District 2	1983 1985; '86
DeAnna Aarhus	First Team NAIA District 2	1985; '86; '87
Andrea Marthaller	First Team NAIA District 2	1987
Becky Stewart	First Team NAIA District 2 NAIA District 2 Tournament Most Valuable Pitcher NAIA District 2 Player of the Year First Team Cascade Conference	1991; '94 1994 1994 1994
Heidi Rettig	Pitched first perfect game in GFC history	April 2, 1991
Traci Blair	First Team NAIA District 2 First Team Cascade Conference NAIA District 2 Tournament Most Valuable Player	1992; '93 1993 1994
Toni Owens	First Team NAIA District 2 First Team Cascade Conference NAIA District 2 Tournament Most Valuable Hitter	1993; '94 1993; '94 1994
Brandy Price	First Team Cascade Conference	1993
Angie Jordan	First Team Cascade Conference Honorable Mention Cascade Conference	1994 1995
Jeanette Jacobson	First Team Cascade Conference Honorable Mention Cascade Conference	1994 1995
Sarah Swanson	First Team Cascade Conference	1995
Melanie Parker	First Team Cascade Conference	1995
Allison Vaubel	Honorable Mention Cascade Conference Cascade Conference Player of the Week	1995 April 24, 1995

Lauree Arnold



5

Outfield, Senior, 5-4,
Tualatin, Ore.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(West Linn HS - '93)

PERSONAL: Born 11/11/75...Elementary education major...Daughter of Steve and LaVisa Arnold...Hobbies include piano, running and singing.

WEST LINN HS: Coached by Jamie LeVeque...Honorable mention All-Three Rivers League...Most Improved Player...May Court Princess.

Kara Bultema



30

Infield, Freshman, 5-5,
Winnemucca, Nev.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Albert M. Lawry HS - '96)

PERSONAL: Born 12/11/77...Nursing major...Daughter of Harvey and Jean Bultema

LAWRY HS: Coached by Mike Dennis...Team Most Valuable Player.

Mary Butts



4

Infield/Outfield, Junior, 5-4,
Vancouver, Wash.
Bats: Left Throws: Right
(Hudson's Bay HS - '94)

PERSONAL: Born 9/7/75...Psychology major...Daughter of Greg and Lynn Butts...Twin sister of teammate Sally Butts.

HUDSON'S BAY HS: Coached by Wendi Russell.

Sally Butts



3

Catcher, Junior, 5-3,
Vancouver, Wash.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Hudson's Bay HS - '94)

PERSONAL: Born 9/7/95...Business management major...Daughter of Greg and Lynn Butts...Twin sister of teammate Mary Butts...Hobbies include reading, running and Nertz.

HUDSON'S BAY HS: Coached by Wendi Russell.

Rachel Camp



28

(Pitcher, Freshman, 5-5,
Hubbard, Ore.)
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(North Marion HS - '96)

PERSONAL: Born 12/22/77...Liberal arts major...Daughter of Darrel and Kathy Camp...Hobbies include reading.

NORTH MARION HS: Coached by Mark Vanderpool...1996 Oregon Class 3A all-state third-team pitcher...1995 Oregon Class 3A honorable mention all-state...Team Most Valuable Player...Three-time All-Capital Conference first team...Three-time Scholar-Athlete.

Beth Davis



26

Pitcher/Infield, Freshman, 5-11,
Salem, Ore.
Bats: Switch Throws: Right
(Salem Academy HS - '96)

PERSONAL: Born 6/26/78...Liberal arts major...Daughter of William and Katrina Davis...Receives George Fox's second-highest academic scholarship...A high school all-state volleyball player...Starting middle blocker for George Fox volleyball.

SALEM ACADEMY: Coached by Rudy Morrow...Oregon Class 2A Player of the Year...Oregon Class 2A all-state first-team pitcher...First-team all-Tri-River League...23-3 pitching record as senior...Team finished as 1996 state runners-up.

Tricia Franklin



27

Infield, Freshman, 5-8,
Jefferson, Ore.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Jefferson HS - '96)

PERSONAL: Born 3/4/78...Psychology major...Daughter of Patricia and Stephen Franklin...Hobbies include cooking and tennis.

JEFFERSON HS: Coached by Bill Case...Team Most Valuable Player...1996 Oregon Class 3A all-state second-team infielder... .710 batting average as senior...1995 Oregon Class 3A all-state honorable mention... .500 batting average as junior...1993 Oregon Class 2A all-state second team...1995 and 1996 all-Valco League first team...1993 and 1994 all-Tri-River League first team...1996 team placed third in state tournament (28-1)...Team won four consecutive league titles.

Sherilyn Gerig



10

Infield/Outfield, Freshman, 5-3,
Mt. Angel, Ore.
Bats: Switch Throws: Right
(Kennedy HS - '96)

PERSONAL: Born 8/16/78...Liberal arts major...Daughter of Loren and Patricia Gerig.

KENNEDY HS: Coached by father Loren Gerig...1996 Oregon Class 2A all-state honorable mention infielder...All-Tri-River League first team...Team Best Defense and Most Inspirational.

Angela Halverson



22

Outfield, Sophomore, 5-7,
Newport, Ore.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Newport HS - '94)

PERSONAL: Born 7/24/76...International studies major...Daughter of Robert and Doreen Halverson...Hobbies include playing the guitar, singing, weight lifting, dancing, reading, and working with youth... Older sister of teammate Christie Halverson.

NEWPORT HS: Coached by Rod Losier.

Christie Halverson



11

Outfield, Freshman, 5-5,
Newport, Ore.
Bats: Left Throws: Left
(Newport HS - '96)

PERSONAL: Born 10/13/78...Pre-med major...Daughter of Robert and Doreen Halverson... Hobbies include hiking, canoeing, surfing, swimming and playing guitar...Younger sister of teammate Angela Halverson.

NEWPORT HS: Coached by Rod Losier and Wayne Spencer...1996 Oregon Class 3A all-state first-team outfielder...1995 Oregon Class 3A all-state second team...1996 and 1995 all-Valco League first team...Team finished as 1995 state runners-up...Also an all-league swimmer and cross country runner.

Erin Hatch



1

Outfield, Freshman, 5-5,
Bonaire, Ga.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Houston County HS - '96)

PERSONAL: Born 8/3/78...Athletic training major...Daughter of Ed and Joy Hatch.

HOUSTON COUNTY HS: Coached by Sandra Lee...1996 South Georgia all-star team...1996 Team Lady Bear award... .375 senior-year batting average... Team won class 2A state championship (24-7)...352 junior-year batting average.

Tracey Hyde



19

Infield, Freshman, 5-8,
Greenleaf, Idaho
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Greenleaf Friends Academy - '96)

PERSONAL: Born 10/8/77...Engineering major...Daughter of Carolyn and Vern Hyde...Hobbies include writing and playing sports.

GREENLEAF ACADEMY: Coached by Gordon Reed...1996 Team Most Valuable Player...570 batting average and 22 RBI as senior (slowpitch)...1995 and 1994 team "Slugger" award...1993 Golden Glove award...1993 all-Western Idaho Conference first team.

Beth Kellogg



12

Infield, Freshman, 5-7,
Emmett, Idaho
Bats: Switch Throws: Right
(Emmett HS - '94)

PERSONAL: Born 12/15/77...Liberal arts major...Daughter of Ralph and Gladys Kellogg... Hobbies include horseback riding.

EMMETT HS: Coached by Kim Zillner...1996 all-state first team...Led team with .521 batting average as senior... 1995 and 1996 all-Snake River Valley Conference first team...1995 and 1996 Outstanding Defense team award.

Dara Lakin



25

Pitcher, Junior, 5-5,
Chehalis, Wash.
Bats: Switch Throws: Right
(W.F. West HS - '94)

PERSONAL: Born 4/6/76...Social work major...Daughter of Don and Rita Lakin...Hobbies include reading and playing cards.

W.F. WEST HS: Coached by Russ Lunders and Tim Kindle...All-Black Hills League first team as a junior... 1.000 fielding percentage as a senior.

Brenda Linnell



8

Outfield, Junior, 5-4,
The Dalles, Ore.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(The Dalles HS - '94)

PERSONAL: Born 4/30/76...Business major...Daughter of Rodney and Bonnie Linnell...Hobbies are outdoor recreational activities...Twin sister of teammate Phoebe Linnell.

THE DALLES HS: Coached by Jerry Gordon...1994 all-Tri-Valley Conference first team...Team won 1994 state championship (28-2)... .560 batting average as senior...Selected to Oregon Class 3A All-Star Tournament team...1993 and 1994 team Most Inspirational...All-league honorable mention in soccer and basketball.

Phoebe Linnell



14

Catcher, Junior, 5-4,
The Dalles, Ore.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(The Dalles HS - '94)

PERSONAL: Born 4/30/76...Athletic training major...Daughter of Rodney and Bonnie Linnell...Twin sister of teammate Brenda Linnell.

THE DALLES HS: Coached by Jerry Gordon...1994 All-Tri-Valley Conference first team...Team won 1994 state championship (28-2)...Selected to Oregon Class 3A All-Star Tournament team...All-league second team in soccer.

Angela Pascua



13

Infield, Sophomore, 5-4,
Auburn, Wash.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Thomas Jefferson HS - '95)

PERSONAL: Born 11/22/76...Athletic training major...Daughter of Pete and Teresita Pascua...Hobbies include listening to music, spending time with friends, and just having fun.

THOMAS JEFFERSON HS: Coached by Monica Watchie...1995 all-South Puget Sound League second team...1995 Federal Way News first team... .327 batting average as senior...1994 team Most Valuable Offensive Player...1994 Federal Way News honorable mention...Hit two home runs in high school career...Set school record for most putouts in season with 105.

Theresa Ramirez



24

Catcher/Infield, Sophomore, 5-5,
Cornelius, Ore.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Banks HS - '95)

PERSONAL: Born 2/2/77...Pre-veterinary major...Daughter of Deb Delplanche and Rene Ramirez...Hobbies include exercising, spending time with family, fishing, camping, hunting, and skiing.

BANKS HS: Coached by Jerry Mettee...1994 all-Cowapa League second team.

Sarah Swanson



18

Pitcher, Junior, 5-6,
Modesto, Calif.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Beyer HS - '94)

PERSONAL: Born 9/14/77...Communication arts and writing/literature major...Daughter of Jennifer and Wade Swanson.

BEYER HS: Coached by Sue Marisko.

Kori Vandagriff



9

Outfield, Freshman, 5-6,
Salem, Ore.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Santiam Christian HS - '96)

PERSONAL: Born 2/21/78...Liberal arts major...Daughter of Sandy and Karen Vandagriff...Hobbies include reading and dancing.

SANTIAM CHRISTIAN HS: Coached by Bill Ford...1996 all-West Valley League second team.

Coby Van der Meer



16

Pitcher/Infield, Sophomore, 5-8,
Boring, Ore.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Sam Barlow HS - '95)

PERSONAL: Born 10/3/77...Liberal arts major...Daughter of Jim and Nancy Van der Meer... Hobbies include volleyball, playing flute and singing...Defensive specialist for George Fox volleyball team.

SAM BARLOW HS: Coached by John Beck...1995 All-Mt. Hood Conference first team...1995 team Coaches Award...1.39 ERA as senior... .350 batting average as senior...1994 all-Mt. Hood Conference second team...1994 team Best Bat award... .364 batting average as junior...1.21 ERA as junior...Starting defensive specialist for 1994 state championship volleyball team.

Sharka Vokel



2

Outfield, Junior, 5-3,
Sierraville, Calif.
Bats: Left Throws: Left
(North Tahoe HS - '94)

PERSONAL: Born 12/6/75...International studies major...Daughter of Zdenko and Monica Vokel...Hobbies include writing, reading, and outdoor activities... Graduated from North Tahoe, but played softball at Loyalton High School (1991-93)

LOYALTON HS: Coached by Ed Dellara...1993 all-Feather River League...Hit school-record six triples in 1993.

Casey Waits

Infield, Redshirt, 5-7
Medford, Ore.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(North Medford HS '93)

PERSONAL: Born 8/3/75...Elementary education major...Daughter of Robert Waits, Sandy Miller...Redshirting season with shoulder injury.

NORTH MEDFORD HS: Coached by Larry Benny...1992 Oregon Class 4A all-state honorable mention...1992 all-Southern Oregon Conference...Team Most Inspirational... .436 batting average as junior.



Allison Vaubel

Allison Vaubel



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Infield, Junior, 5-3,
Salem, Ore.
Bats: Right Throws: Right
(Gervais HS - '94)

PERSONAL: Born 12/20/76...Sociology/social work major...Daughter of Duane and Karen Vaubel...Hobbies include reading, watching movies and spending time with family.

GERVAIS HS: Coached by Brian Weraky, Willie Valech, and J.J. Rapp...1992, 1993 and 1994 all-Tri-River League second team...1994 team finished fourth in state...1991 all-Tri-River League honorable mention.



CHRIS GROSS

Chris Gross is in her fifth season as head softball coach, but she's been a part of George Fox for 14 years.

She came to George Fox after earning valedictorian honors in 1983 at Greenleaf Friends Academy in Idaho.

She played catcher on the George Fox softball team for four years and was a member of the basketball squad for one season. She graduated in 1987 with a degree in business and economics.

She joined the George Fox admissions department that year and spent two years in undergraduate admissions. In 1989 she switched to the Department for Continuing Education.

She was hired as head coach in 1993. In her second year, she guided her team to the 1994 NAIA District 2 and Cascade Conference titles and was named district coach of the year. The team advanced to the regional playoffs and came up one win short of a trip to the NAIA national tournament. Her overall record as head coach is 51-54.

In 1995 she left her position as director of admissions for continuing education to pursue a Master of Science degree in human performance at Oregon State University.

In addition to her coaching duties, she also is a sales representative for the JUGGS pitching machine company. She lives in Newberg.

Q & A with Head Coach Chris Gross

What makes George Fox unique?

"I think our integration of faith and learning is our biggest plus. Our Christian emphasis is an extreme positive. We strive to develop the whole individual: spiritually, mentally and physically."

How would you describe your team?

"Our team is like a family. We want people to get along on the field as well as off the field. In addition to playing together, we participate in off-field activities, service-oriented as well as social."

What type of player do you look for?

"First and foremost, they have to love the game of softball. In addition to that, they need a strong work ethic and to be disciplined, self-motivated and a servant-leader. The true student-athlete is what we want."



Chris Gross and Lauree Arnold



HOLLY VAN NORTWICK

Holly Van Nortwick will assist the George Fox junior varsity team this season.

She joins the coaching staff after spending two years as an assistant at Concordia University-Portland.

After graduating from high school in Anchorage, Alaska, she enrolled at Warner Pacific College in Portland, where she played basketball and softball for three years. An outfielder, she transferred to Concordia, where she played in 1993.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Concordia in 1994. She lives in Newberg and currently works for Nike in team sales.



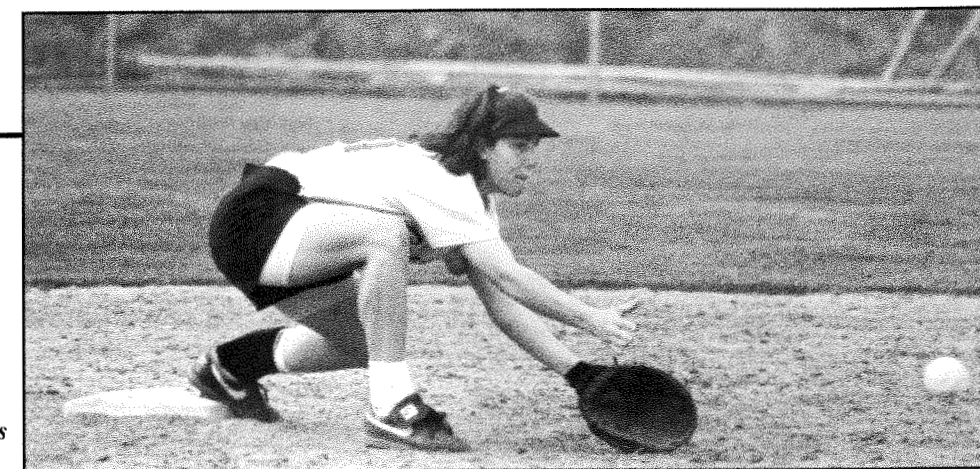
ELLEN (SKEETERS) STEVENS

A member of the 1991 NAIA national runner-up softball team at the University of Puget Sound, Ellen Stevens is in her fourth year as a George Fox assistant coach.

After graduating from Beaverton High School in 1988, Stevens earned a biology degree at UPS in 1992 and a Master of Arts in Teaching from George Fox in 1994.

She currently teaches biology at Newberg High School. On Dec. 9, 1995, she married Doug Stevens.

1996 Season Statistics



Casey Waits

Player	GM	AB	OB	R	H	BA	BB	OB%	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SLUG%	SO	HP
Sharka Vokel	13	31	10	1	9	.290	1	.312	2	2	1	0	.419	11	0
Casey Waits	31	95	35	14	27	.284	2	.354	2	0	0	0	.284	5	0
Allison Vaubel	28	78	23	11	20	.256	3	.274	1	0	0	0	.256	1	0
Christy Olson	21	43	10	4	10	.233	0	.217	7	0	0	0	.233	11	0
Mary Butts	29	93	28	6	20	.215	1	.283	4	1	0	0	.226	2	0
Lauree Arnold	31	79	23	6	16	.203	2	.258	1	0	0	0	.203	18	0
Brenda Linnell	29	70	17	4	14	.200	1	.230	5	2	0	0	.229	6	1
Phoebe Linnell	30	60	20	4	10	.167	7	.270	6	1	0	0	.183	11	2
Amy Schultens	27	55	15	5	8	.145	4	.246	1	2	1	0	.218	12	0
Terri Cody	16	14	3	1	2	.143	0	.214	1	0	0	0	.143	1	0
Sarah Swanson	20	16	1	0	2	.125	0	.059	2	0	0	0	.125	1	0
Breanna Skocilich	23	58	17	5	6	.103	2	.258	3	0	0	0	.103	7	0
Sally Butts	10	20	2	0	2	.100	0	.095	0	0	0	0	.100	1	0
Jennifer Schultens	12	26	7	1	2	.077	1	.250	1	0	0	0	.077	5	1
Tricia Bohlander	1	3	0	0	1	.333	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.333	1	0
Angela Pascua	8	11	2	0	3	.273	0	.167	0	0	0	0	.273	3	0
Nichole Affeldt	5	12	0	2	3	.250	1	.000	2	0	1	0	.417	2	0
Theresa Ramirez	4	7	3	2	1	.143	1	.375	0	0	0	0	.143	1	0
Dara Lakin	14	3	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0
Team Totals	31	774	216	66	156	.202	26	.256	38	8	3	0	.220	102	4
Opponent Totals	31	724	267	116	188	.260	61	.328	60	23	9	0	.316	52	7

Pitcher	W	L	SV	ERA	GM	SHO	IP	H	AB	R	ER	HR	BB	BB%	HB	SO	K%	WP	BK	1B	2B	3B
Sarah Swanson	3	7	0	1.10	17	0	70	67	284	41	11	0	33	.102	3	22	.068	3	1	34	10	2
Terri Cody	5	7	0	1.59	15	1	66	60	228	39	15	0	22	.085	2	20	.078	5	1	24	7	3
Dara Lakin	2	9	0	2.03	13	0	62	75	261	43	18	0	14	.050	2	14	.050	5	0	36	4	5
Stacey Parker	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	2	1	8	1	0	0	1	.111	0	0	.111	0	0	0	0	0
Team Totals	10	23	0	1.54	-	1	200	203	781	124	44	0	70	.080	7	57	.065	13	2	94	21	38

1997 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

MARCH

Sat	1	at Western Oregon	TBA
Fri-Sun	7-9	at Central Washington Tournament	TBA
Sat	15	PUGET SOUND*	1:00
Sun	16	PACIFIC LUTHERAN*	12:00
Wed	19	LEWIS & CLARK*	2:00
Fri	21	at Pacific*	4:00
Thur-Sat	27-29	at Cal State-Hayward Tournament	TBA

APRIL

Wed	2	at Linfield*	2:00
Sat	5	at Concordia	1:00
Tue	8	WILLAMETTE*	3:00
Thur	10	PACIFIC*	3:00
Sat	12	LINFIELD*	1:00
Wed	16	at Lewis & Clark*	3:00
Sat	19	at Pacific Lutheran*	2:00
Sun	20	at Puget Sound*	12:00
Sat	26	at Willamette*	1:00

*Home games in bold caps. *Conference games.
Home games played on Morse Athletic Field. All games are doubleheaders.*

