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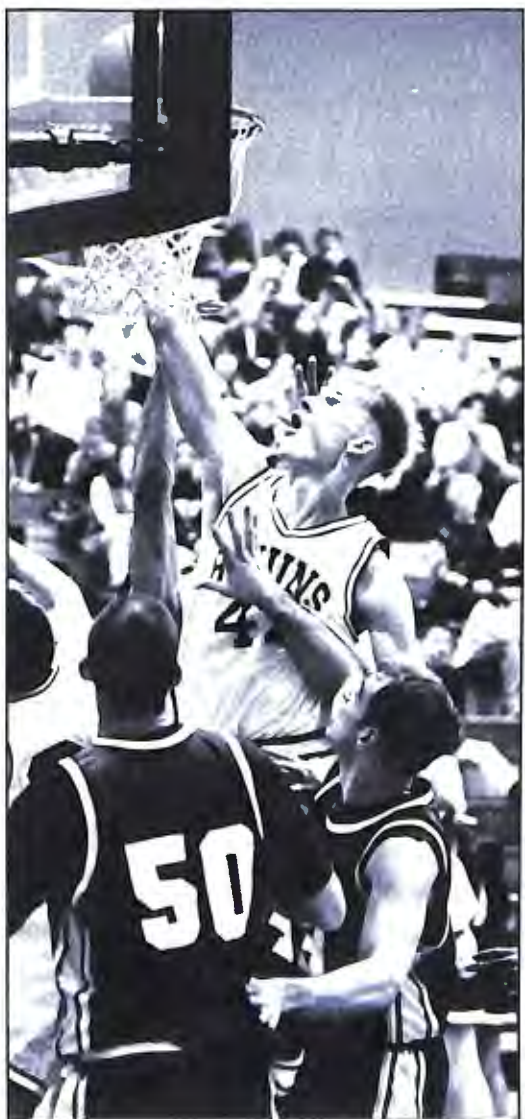
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# GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY



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GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY VS.  
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY  
7:00 P.M.**



# ABOUT GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY/BRUIN ATHLETICS

George Fox University is one of the nation's fastest growing universities, matched by a growing national reputation.

Enrollment has nearly quadrupled in the last decade, increasing from 549 in 1986 to 2,188 in the fall of 1996.

In the same span, George Fox has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" nine times by *US News & World Report*. In 1996, George Fox ranked second in academic reputation among Western regional liberal arts colleges. The magazine also named the University one of the region's top values among schools in its category.

George Fox offers unique programs to its students. Every incoming freshman is given a Macintosh computer to use and keep upon graduation. When students reach their third year, they are eligible for the Juniors Abroad program, in which the University pays transportation costs for an overseas study tour.

Early Willamette Valley Quaker settlers established Pacific Academy in 1885. The college division was organized in 1891 to provide more advanced instruction. In



1949, because of the many colleges 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 a Christ-centered education and the choice of 35 undergraduate majors and 12 graduate degrees.

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

## George Fox Athletics

George Fox 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 NAIA national runner-up.

The athletes are successful. George Fox athletes have earned 116 NAIA All-American awards and 49 NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete honors.

The coaches are award winners as well. Every head coach with more than one year of experience 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 student body participates in varsity athletics. Men's varsity teams are sponsored in soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball, track and tennis. Women's teams are fielded in volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball, softball, track and tennis.



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## ATHLETIC AFFILIATION

The landscape of small-college athletics is changing in the Northwest, and George Fox is in the midst of the transformation.

After decades as an independent, George Fox joined the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (NCIC) in 1995. That same year, the conference presidents voted to apply for membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). NCIC members currently hold dual membership in the NCAA and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). In 1998-99, the NCIC will be eligible for NCAA Division III national championships.

Until then, the Northwest Conference men's and women's basketball teams will compete for the right to advance to the NAIA Division II national tournaments. Four teams will participate in the conference semifinals played Wednesday, Feb. 26. Winner of the Saturday, March 1, championship game will advance to the 32-team national tournament March 12-18.

There are 174 teams in 18 conferences competing to reach the women's tournament at TriState University in Angola, Ind.



On the men's side, 169 teams from 17 conferences are aiming for the national tournament hosted by Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. National tournament berths not going to the conference champions will go to the host institution and at-large teams.

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# WOMEN'S COACHES



Scott Rueck, who left the women's basketball coaching staff at George Fox last year to head the school's women's tennis team for a season, returns to the hoops program this year as interim head coach.

Rueck, 27, has seven years of coaching experience. He was a George Fox women's basketball assistant in 1993-94 and 1994-95 while the Lady Bruins compiled a 37-23 record and made two NAIA postseason appearances. Prior to coming to George Fox, he spent four years as assistant boys' basketball coach at Santiam Christian High School in Corvallis.

In addition to coaching duties, Rueck also teaches human performance courses at George Fox. He holds a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science and a master of arts degree in physical education teaching, both from Oregon State University.

Rueck graduated from Glencoe High School in Hillsboro, Ore., in 1987. He comes from a basketball family. His sister,

1995 George Fox graduate Heidi Rueck, set the school's career, season and game assist records as an All-American point guard. His father, Marv Rueck, was a longtime member of the basketball coaching staffs at Hillsboro Union and Glencoe High School.

Scott Rueck has taken a leave of absence from the Newberg School District, where he taught physical education at Renne Middle School.



Kristy Fleming rejoins the George Fox coaching staff after taking the 1995-96 season off.

Fleming transferred from Lower Columbia Community College to George Fox in 1992 as a basketball and track athlete. Her senior season, she led the Lady Bruin basketball squad in scoring and rebounding and won first-team Cascade Conference honors. She finished as the conference's top rebounder. In just two seasons, she totalled 533 rebounds, fifth on the George Fox career list at the time.

After finishing her collegiate career,

Fleming played with the Portland Saints, a women's basketball club team.

She earned her degree in athletic training from George Fox in 1995. A resident of Newberg, she works as a lab technician for a local eye surgeon and as a personal fitness trainer.



Liz Stephens will make the transition from team captain to assistant coach this year. Last year she finished her four-year career at George Fox as one of the program's best all-around players. She shows

up seven times in George Fox top-10 season and career record lists, including ranking fourth in career scoring and rebounding.

In track she won two All-American awards at the 1996 NAIA national track meet, finishing fourth in the 400-meter hurdles and helping the 4x400 meter relay team to a fourth-place finish.

Stephens earned a business and economics degree from George Fox in 1996. She currently works for Nike and lives in Newberg.

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# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RECORDS

## INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS

### Game Scoring

Melody Groeneveld-McMaster .....	37
<i>Willamette 12/04/82</i>	
Melody Groeneveld-McMaster .....	34
<i>Hawaii Pacific 12/17/84</i>	
Susie Davis .....	34
<i>Hawaii Pacific 12/20/84</i>	

### Game Rebounding

Debby Wiggers .....	23
<i>Linfield 12/08/81</i>	
Tammy Lewis .....	23
<i>Western Oregon 2/27/88</i>	

### Game Assists

Heidi Rueck .....	13
<i>Linfield 12/10/91</i>	
Heidi Rueck .....	13
<i>NW Nazarene 2/19/93</i>	

### Game Steals

Linda Funderhilde .....	8
<i>Warner Pacific 2/05/91</i>	
Jennifer Childress .....	8
<i>Concordia 2/19/91</i>	

### Game Blocks

Shawna Chandler .....	10
<i>Western Oregon 1/11/83</i>	
Shawna Chandler .....	8
<i>Concordia 1/13/84</i>	

## TEAM GAME RECORDS

### Most Points Scored (regulation)

105 (105-39) ..... Western Baptist 11/20/92

### Most Points Allowed

105 (64-105) ..... Western Oregon 2/26/87

### Fewest Points Scored

35 (35-55) ..... Warner Pacific 2/13/88

### Fewest Points Allowed

28 (104-28) ..... Columbia Christian 1/30/93

### Biggest Winning Margin

76 (104-28) ..... Columbia Christian 1/30/93

### Biggest Losing Margin

48 (48-96) ..... U. of Portland 11/30/84

### Most Field Goals Made

44 ..... Columbia Christian 1/30/93

### Most Field Goals Attempted

95 ..... Concordia 12/04/81

### Best Field-Goal Percentage

.592 (29/49) ..... at Whitworth 2/2/96

### Worst Field-Goal Percentage

.195 (10-51) ..... at Western Oregon 2/28/95

### Most 3-Point Field Goals Made

9 ..... NW Nazarene 12/13/93

### Most 3-Point Field Goals Attempted

25 ..... at Linfield 1/26/96

### Best 3-Point Field-Goal Percentage

1.000 (5/5) ..... Lewis & Clark 11/27/90

(3/3) ..... Pacific 11/29/89

(3/3) ..... Willamette 1/10/91

### Most Free Throws Made

32 (32/47) ..... Central Wash. U. 11/19/93

### Most Free Throws Attempted

47 (32/47) ..... Central Wash. U. 11/19/93

### Best Free-Throw Percentage

1.000 (4/4) ..... Western Baptist 2/13/92

### Best Free-Throw Percentage (w/miss)

.961 (25/26) ..... Willamette 1/23/87

### Individual Free-Throw Streak

24 ..... Becky Cate 1987-88

### Most Rebounds

72 ..... Linfield College 2/02/82

### Most Assists

27 ..... NW Nazarene 2/08/91

27 ..... Columbia Christian 1/30/93

### Most Steals

29 ..... Oregon Tech 12/29/89

### Most Blocked Shots

12 ..... Lewis & Clark 1/19/85

12 ..... Eastern Oregon 2/18/89

### Most Turnovers

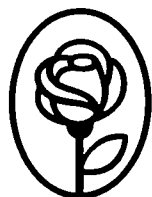
46 ..... U. of Portland 1/26/84

### Fewest Turnovers

7 ..... Linfield 12/06/91

### Most Personal Fouls

33 ..... Lewis & Clark 1/03/92



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## GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "Lady Bruins"

Newberg, Ore.

Established: 1891

Enrollment: 2,188

Colors: Old Gold and Navy Blue

Athletic Affiliation: NAIA Div. II/  
NCAA Div. III

Northwest Conference of  
Independent Colleges

Head Coach: Scott Rueck

Assistant Coaches: Liz Stephens,  
Kristy Fleming

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous College)
10	HEUBERGER, Melissa	Wing	5-7	Fr.	Yamhill, Ore. (Yamhill-Carlton HS)
12	JOHNSON, Katie	W/Point	5-6	Fr.	Orange Cove, Calif. (Reedley HS/Azusa Pacific University)
14	CARROLL, Cherish	Point	5-2	Jr.	Fairbanks, Alaska (West Valley HS)
20	MILLER, Tonya	Point	5-2	Jr.	West Linn, Ore. (West Linn HS)
22	GRELLER, Katie	Post	6-0	Fr.	Orange City, Iowa (MOC/Floyd Valley HS)
23	HARPER, Becci	W/Post	6-0	Sr.	Independence, Ore. (Central HS)
30	EVANS, Rachel	Wing	5-6	So.	Kaneohe, Hawaii (Hawaii Baptist Academy)
32	KEOWN, Keelie	Wing	5-9	Jr.	Oakridge, Ore. (Oakridge HS)
40	RISSMILLER, Nancy	Wing	5-10	Jr.	Tigard, Ore. (Tigard HS)
44	SNIDER, Selena	W/Post	5-11	Fr.	Boise, Idaho (Nampa Christian HS)
50	POWELL, Rachel	Post	6-0	So.	Turner, Ore. (Cascade HS)
52	PETTIT, Angela	Post	6-1	Sr.	Salem, Ore. (Sprague HS)
54	HARPER, Michelle	Post	6-1	Jr.	Independence, Ore. (Central HS)

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Portland, Ore.

Enrollment: 1,217

Colors: Navy and White

Athletic Affiliation: NAIA Div. II/  
NCCAA

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Head Coach: Paula Politte

Assistant Coaches: Dave  
Hawkins, Anna Jesse

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
3	Jodee Thickins	G	5-4	Jr.	Gresham, Ore.
10	Sarah Peterson	G	5-4	Fr.	Post Falls, Idaho
12	Lisa Maylone	G	5-10	Jr.	Amboy, Wash.
13	Trisha Yeager	G	5-7	So.	Gladstone, Ore.
20	Thea Langager	G	5-9	Sr.	Portland, Ore.
21	Camille Adana	G	5-7	Jr.	Portland, Ore.
22	Felicia Poe	G	5-7	Sr.	Portland, Ore.
23	Leeann McDonald	G	5-6	Jr.	Vancouver, Wash.
24	Keren Standley	P	5-10	Sr.	Portland, Ore.
30	Tara Gunderson	G	5-9	Sr.	Gresham, Ore.
32	Nancy Pitman	P	5-9	Jr.	Portland, Ore.
33	Amy Twigg	P	5-11	Sr.	Aloha, Ore.
34	Keke Blackmon	P	5-11	Sr.	Portland, Ore.
40	Rena Ramirez	G	5-10	Jr.	St. Paul, Ore.
44	Lindy Squires	P	5-11	Sr.	Toutle, Wash.

## No. 24 George Fox Hopes to Pass Final Non-League Test

On the last day of finals week, George Fox's women's basketball team faces its final non-conference test before starting Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (NCIC) play.

Concordia University (1-11) is in town for its second matchup with the Lady Bruins. Behind the career-high 27 points of wing Nancy Rissmiller, George Fox downed the Lady Cavaliers 73-66 in Portland on Dec. 6. For her performance, Rissmiller was named Northwest Conference player of the week.

First-year Concordia head coach Paula Politte directs a team with 12 returning players from last season's

5-27 team. George Fox has had the upper hand in recent years, but Concordia leads the NAIA series 20-13.

Despite its losing record, George Fox (2-3) comes into tonight's game as the highest ranked team in the Northwest Conference. The Lady Bruins are ranked No. 24 in the first NAIA Division II regular season poll. Other regional schools ranked were No. 6 Northwest Nazarene, No. 10 Southern Oregon and No. 11 Western Oregon. Willamette and Western Baptist are both receiving votes.

George Fox hasn't played at home in nearly a month. In addition to

knocking off Concordia, the Lady Bruins swiped a 70-66 double overtime win at Southern California College. Their three losses all have been by three points or fewer, one in overtime.

Statistically, George Fox is the second-highest scoring team in the NCIC at 66.8 points per game. The Lady Bruins are giving up 66.2 points a game.

George Fox's next games will be its Northwest Conference openers against Whitworth (Jan. 3) and Whitman (Jan. 4) in Newberg. Both games are at 6 p.m. and precede men's contests.



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# GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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## George Fox Statistical Leaders

Nancy Rissmiller	18.2 ppg	7.2 rpg
Becci Harper	15.6 ppg	10.0 rpg
Angela Pettit	12.8 ppg	7.8 rpg
Cherish Carroll	5.6 ppg	4.0 apg
Tonya Miller	4.4 ppg	2.4 rpg

## Concordia Statistical Leaders

Tara Gunderson	12.5 ppg	6.2 rpg
Amy Twigg	11.3 ppg	6.6 rpg
Keke Blackmon	10.7 ppg	4.7 rpg
Leeann McDonald	7.1 ppg	2.1 rpg
Lindy Squires	6.7 ppg	6.7 rpg

## Northwest Conference Standings

TEAM	NCIC	OVERALL
Puget Sound	2-0	3-1
Pacific Lutheran	2-0	4-2
Whitworth	1-0	4-3
Willamette	1-0	2-3
<b>George Fox</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-3</b>
Linfield	0-1	3-3
Whitman	0-1	1-4
Lewis & Clark	0-2	1-6
Pacific	0-2	0-5

# GEORGE FOX MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER



## GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "Bruins"

Newberg, Ore.

Established: 1891

Enrollment: 2,188

Colors: Old Gold and Navy Blue

Athletic Affiliation: NAIA Div. II/  
NCAA Div. III

Northwest Conference of  
Independent Colleges

Head Coach: Mark Vernon

Assistant Coach: Aaron Downs

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Year	Hometown (HS/Previous College)
12	VALENTINE, Kyle	Point	5-10	So.	West Linn, Ore. (West Linn HS)
14	ROSEN, Andy	Point	5-9	Fr.	Newberg, Ore. (Newberg HS)
20	SWANSON, David	Point	6-0	Fr.	Montclair, Calif. (Montclair HS)
21	HOMOLKA, James	Wing	6-0	Sr.	Hayden Lake, Idaho (North Idaho Christian HS)
22	LARSON, Jon	Wing	6-1	So.	Post Falls, Idaho (Gonzaga Prep/Northwest College)
24	TAYLOR, Austin	Wing	6-2	Fr.	Newberg, Ore. (Newberg HS)
30	NEWKIRK, Aaron	Wing	6-1	So.	Central Point, Ore. (Crater HS)
32	DOHREN, Tony	Wing	6-4	So.	Medford, Ore. (St. Mary's HS/College of the Siskiyous)
33	GALLOP, Jared	Post	6-7	Jr.	Roseburg, Ore. (Roseburg HS)
34	KROON, Ben	Wing	6-6	Fr.	Wasilla, Alaska (Wasilla HS)
40	BUESCHEL, Tim	Wing	6-4	Fr.	Wettenberg, Germany (Immanuel HS)
41	BENTLEY, Shane	Post	6-5	Fr.	Stevenson, Wash. (Stevenson HS)
42	FABER, Mike	Wing	6-8	So.	Salem, Ore. (Salem Academy)
44	ANKENY, Luke	Post	6-4	So.	Homedale, Idaho (Homedale HS)

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## MEN'S COACHES



Mark Vernon enters his 15th season directing the George Fox men's basketball team.

It is a tenure filled with highlights and the most coaching wins in team history. His teams have ranked as high as No. 2 in the national NAIA Division II poll and have made two trips to NAIA national tournaments in the '90s. Six of the seven 20-win seasons in George Fox history have come under his guidance.

Vernon became one of the nation's youngest coaches to surpass the 250-career-win milestone, eclipsing it at the age of 40. His 14-year record is 274-164. His career winning percentage has been ranked as high as fifth among active Division II coaches.

Vernon's teams have produced two NBA draft picks, four NAIA All-Americans, and one NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete.

His efforts have not gone unnoticed. In 1985, he was the youngest coach in NAIA District 2 when he was named men's basketball district coach of the year for the first time. In 1987 and 1991 he received the same honor. He was named National Christian College Athletic Association national coach of the year

in 1987.

Vernon, 43, has his entire collegiate coaching career at George Fox, but the tie with the Bruins is longer. He came to George Fox in 1975 as a student and basketball player. He transferred from Seattle's Highline Community College, where he received both Best Defense and Hustle awards. While at West Seattle High School, he was named Outstanding Athlete of the Year as a senior.

As a George Fox guard, he established what was then the Bruins' highest career assist average (3.9). He was named Most Inspirational Player by his teammates his senior year, a year the Bruins were 20-9. In his two years in a George Fox uniform, the Bruins were 39-17.

A 1977 graduate, Vernon was named George Fox's Outstanding Physical Education Major and Outstanding Young Person in Teacher Education. He remained with Bruin basketball as an assistant for three years (1977-78, '79-80 and '81-82) while working toward a 1982 master's degree in physical education at Linfield College.

In the fall of 1981, he joined the George Fox physical education faculty as volleyball coach and women's tennis coach. Vernon currently teaches physical education classes in addition to his coaching.

He became head coach in 1982 after a nationwide search that began with 70 names.

Vernon and his wife, Denise, were married in August 1981 and have three sons: Brett, 5; Brady, 3; and Barry, 1.



Aaron Downs moves from team captain to assistant coach this year.

A part-time starter last season, Downs was one of the Bruins' emotional leaders and was named Most Inspirational by a vote of his teammates. He played four seasons with George Fox at the point guard and wing positions, and during his final two seasons, finished among the conference leaders in steals.

Downs graduated *magna cum laude* in 1996 with a social studies teaching degree. He was chosen as the outstanding senior student in his major and was named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." He was one of the founders of the campus Fellowship of Christian Athletes program.

He currently is enrolled in George Fox's Master of Arts in Teaching program.



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# MEN'S BASKETBALL RECORDS

## INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

**Most Points - 50**  
 Jeff Hoffman .... vs. Columbia Christian 2/14/91

**Best Field Goals - 19**  
 Jeff Hoffman (19-24)  
 vs. Columbia Christian 2/14/91

**Most Field Goals Att. - 31**  
 Larry Craven ..... vs. Southern Oregon 1/26/69

**Best Field Goal Pct. - 1.000 (10-10)**  
 J.R. Smith ..... vs. Columbia Christian 1/29/82

**Best Field Goal Pct. (with miss) - .933 (14-15)**  
 Paul Cozens ..... vs. Pacific 12/17/76

**Most 3-Point Goals - 9**  
 Nick Hajj (9-17) ..... vs. Concordia 11/18/94

**Most 3-Point Attempts - 17**  
 Nick Hajj (9-17) ..... vs. Concordia 11/18/94  
 Nick Hajj (8-17) ..... vs. Saint Martin's 12/8/93

**Best 3-Point Percentage - 1.000 (6-6)**  
 Jeff Hoffman .... vs. Columbia Christian 2/14/91

**Most Free Throws Made - 16**  
 Kenny Stone (16-19) ..... vs. College of Idaho  
 1/28/87

**Most Free Throws Att. - 19**  
 Kenny Stone (16-19) ..... vs. College of Idaho  
 1/28/87

Grant Hartenstein (12-19) vs. Southern Oregon  
 11/21/95

**Best Free Throw Pct. - 1.000**  
 Justin Paola (13-13) ..... vs. Western Oregon  
 2/12/94

**Best Free Throw Pct. (with miss) - .933**  
 Tom Hewitt(14-15) ..... vs. Pacific 12/18/75  
 Hille van der Kooy (14-15) .... vs. Eastern Oregon  
 12/5/80

Randy Dunn (14-15) ..... vs. Linfield 1/6/84

**Most Rebounds - 26**  
 Justin Paola ..... vs. Northwest Christian 1/6/94

**Most Offensive Rebounds - 16**  
 Gordy Loewen ..... vs. Warner Pacific 2/11/71

**Most Defensive Rebounds - 20**  
 Eric Swanson ..... vs. Northwest Nazarene 2/8/88

**Most Assists - 20**  
 Brian Martin ..... vs. Warner Pacific 1/19/91

**Most Turnovers - 11**  
 Gary Chenault ..... vs. Portland State 1/13/78

**Most Steals - 11**  
 Curtis Kimbrough ..... vs. U.C. - San Diego  
 12/19/84

Jeff Richards ..... vs. Dominican 1/2/88

**Most Blocked Shots - 13**  
 Dave Wilson ..... vs. Northwest Christian  
 11/19/91

## TEAM SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

**Most Points - 143**  
 vs. Northwest (143-56) 1/23/87

**Least Points - 33**  
 vs. Eastern Oregon (33-30) 2/6/81

**Least Points Against - 30**  
 vs. Eastern Oregon (33-30) 2/6/81

**Most Points Against - 124**  
 vs. Portland State (124-81) 1/13/78

**Biggest Winning Margin - 87**  
 vs. Northwest (143-56) 1/23/87

**Biggest Losing Margin - 62**  
 vs. Lewis & Clark (112-50) 1/15/70

**Most Field Goals - 57**  
 vs. Northwest (1/23/87)

**Most Field Goals Att. - 114**  
 vs. Columbia Christian 1/8/74

**Best Field Goal Pct. - .714**  
 vs. Columbia Christian (40-56) 1/29/82

**Worst Field Goal Pct. - .202**  
 vs. Pacific (21-104) 12/10/67

**Most 3-Point Goals - 18**  
 vs. Northwest Christian 2/8/94

**Most 3-Point Attempts - 46**  
 vs. Northwest Christian 2/8/94

**Best 3-Point Percentage - .778 (7/9)**  
 vs. St. Martin's 1/6/87  
 vs. Northwest Christian 1/20/89

**Most Free Throws Made - 39**  
 vs. Lewis & Clark (39-47) 1/8/71

**Most Free Throws Att. - 50**  
 vs. Northwest Nazarene (30-50) 2/14/70  
 vs. Western Oregon (38-50) 2/15/86

**Best Free Throw Pct. - 1.000**  
 vs. Western Baptist (11-11) 12/17/94

**Best Free Throw Pct. (with miss) - .923**  
 vs. Northwest Nazarene (36-39) 2/9/76

**Most Rebounds - 104**  
 vs. Columbia Christian 1/8/74

**Most Assists - 41**  
 vs. Northwest 1/23/87

**Most Turnovers - 48**  
 vs. Whitman 12/19/72

**Most Personal Fouls - 39**  
 vs. Northwest Nazarene 2/4/71

**Most Steals - 31**  
 vs. Dominican 1/2/88

**Most Blocked Shots - 22**  
 vs. Northwest Christian 11/19/91

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Completed in June 1977, the \$2.7 million, 55,000-square-foot complex is the University's largest building. It contains the James and Lila Miller Gymnasium.

The Wheeler Center features a 116-by-174-foot gymnasium with three basketball courts and seating for 2,000 spectators. The gymnasium ceilings are 32 feet over the hardwood maple floor.

The building is named for longtime Oregon lumberman Coleman H. Wheeler, former chairman of the board of Willamette Industries. The gymnasium is named for former board member James Miller and his wife, Lila. He is the former president of Cascadia Lumber Co.

## THE BRUIN NICKNAME

George Fox University is represented by the nickname and mascot "Bruin." But it has not always been so, even though it should have been.

The nickname comes from a real bear captured in 1887 just two years after Pacific Academy (the University's predecessor) was established. The small cub was captured in the coast range foothills west of Carlton when its mother was shot. The young cub was brought to campus by a student and later lived with a faculty member. When it grew to adulthood, it was kept in a pit in what is now known as Hess Creek Canyon south of the campus. It escaped one too many times and was turned into steak for the dining table and the hide preserved on a frame and displayed in an early campus museum.

When the hide deteriorated several years later, it was taken to a campus furnace room to be destroyed, but the framework proved a problem in dismantling, so it was left sitting in a corner. Students found the old Bruin skin later and began skirmishes over ownership, a tradition that continues today.

"Bruin Junior," a replica, under a set of

guidelines passed down for years, is fought over periodically in class competition, with the class able to physically drag the Bruin replica off campus declared the rightful owner until next "flashed."

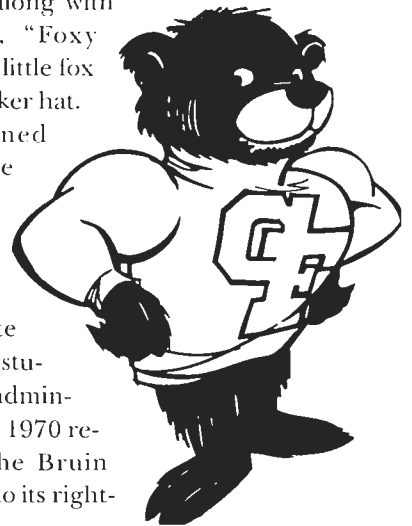
Even with the Bruin tradition, somewhere along the line, the "Quaker" tag for athletic teams came into popularity with sports writers because of the University's church affiliation, and that nickname

was used along with a mascot, "Foxy George," a little fox with a Quaker hat.

Both gained acceptance

for a period in the 1950s and 1960s

until a vote of faculty, students and administration in 1970 reinstated the Bruin nickname to its rightful place.



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	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NOV	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Western Baptist ☐
	24	25	26	27 Azusa Pacific †	28	29	30 Southern California †
DEC	1	2	3	4	5	6 Concordia ☐	7
	8	9	10 Western Baptist #	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20 Concordia ☐	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31	1	2	3 Whitworth*	4 Whitman*
JAN	5	6	7	8	9	10 Pacific Lutheran*	11 Puget Sound*
	12	13	14 Lewis & Clark*	15	16	17	18 Seattle ☐
	19	20	21	22	23	24 Linfield*	25 Willamette*
FEB	26	27	28 Pacific*	29	30	31 Puget Sound*	1 Pacific Lutheran*
	2	3	4	5	6	7 Whitman*	8 Whitworth*
	9	10	11 Pacific*	12	13	14 Willamette*	15 Linfield*
	16	17	18 Lewis & Clark*	19	20	21	22 Western Oregon ☐

All games begin at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted. † 3:00 p.m. # 5:15 p.m. ☐ 7:00 p.m. † 7:30 p.m. \*Northwest Conference games

# MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NOV	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22 Western Baptist ☐	23
	24	25	26 Southern Oregon ☐	27	28	29	30 Concordia ☐
DEC	1	2	3	4	5	6 Seattle ☐	7
	8	9	10 Western Baptist ☐	11	12	13	14
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	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
JAN	29	30	31	1	2	3 Whitworth*	4 Whitman*
	5	6	7	8	9	10 Pacific Lutheran*	11 Puget Sound*
	12	13	14 Lewis & Clark*	15	16	17	18
FEB	19	20	21	22	23	24 Linfield*	25 Willamette*
	26	27	28 Pacific*	29	30	31 Puget Sound*	1 Pacific Lutheran*
	2	3	4	5	6	7 Whitman*	8 Whitworth*
	9	10	11 Pacific*	12	13	14 Willamette*	15 Linfield*
	16	17	18 Lewis & Clark*	19	20	21	22 Concordia ☐

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