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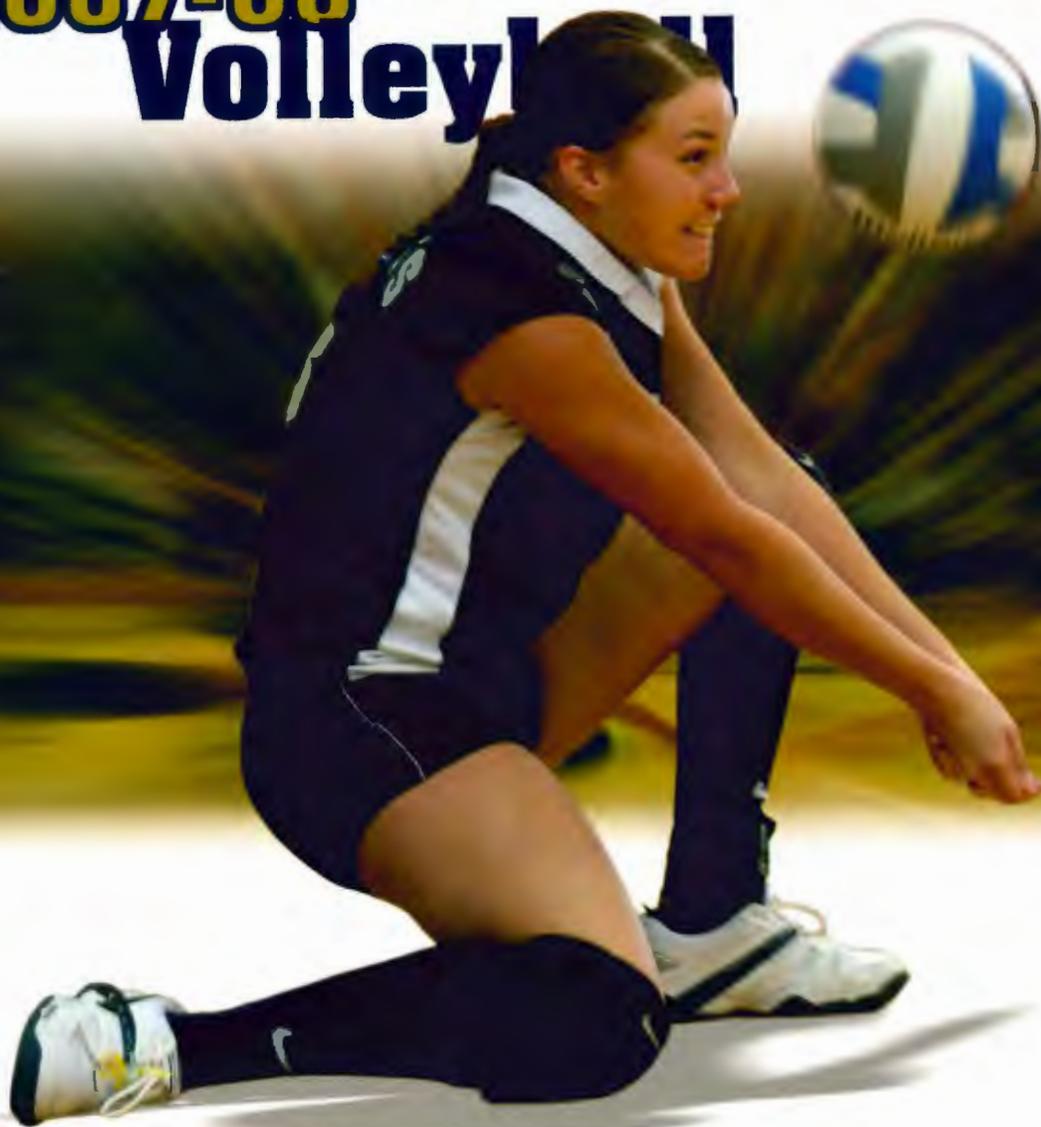
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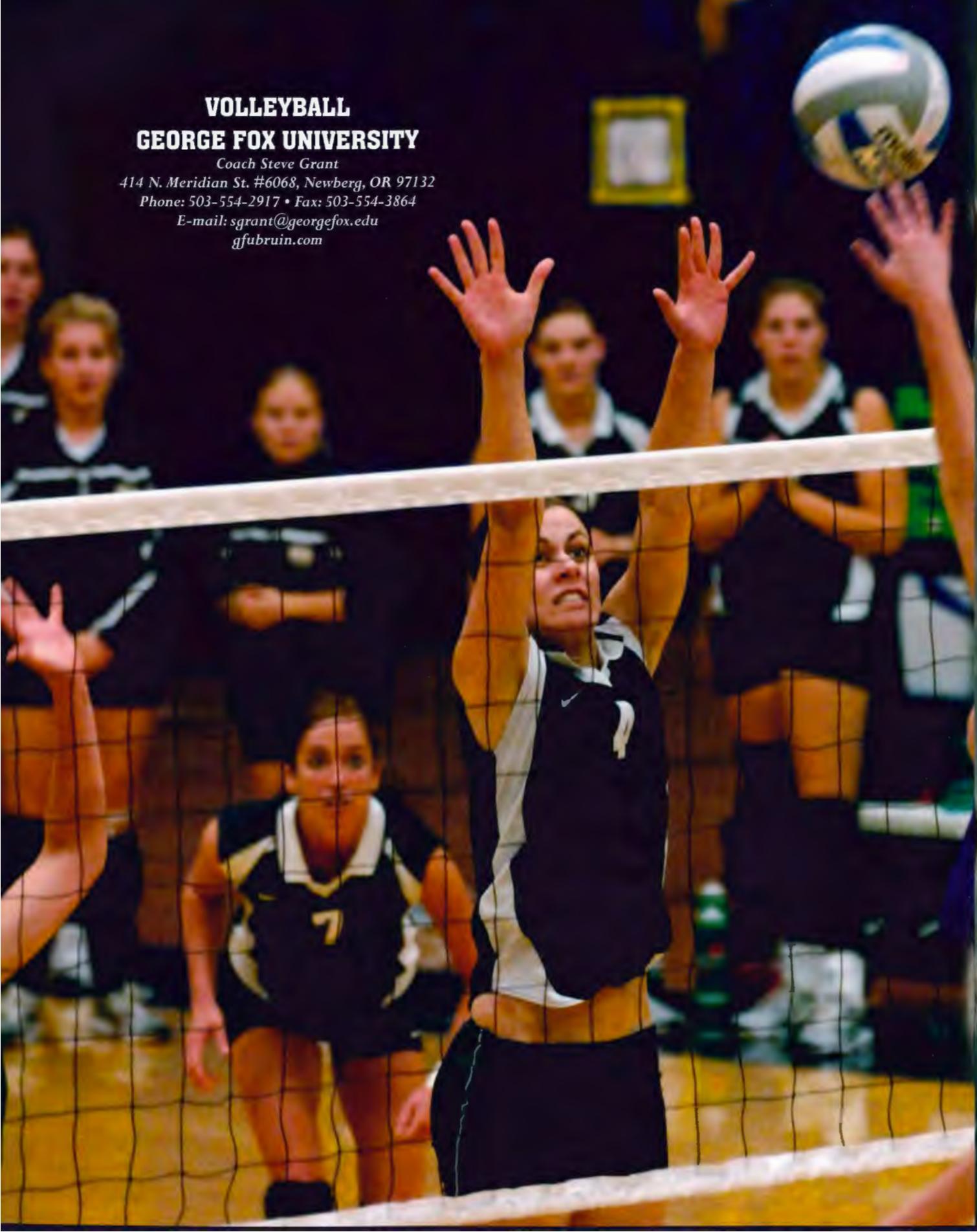
**Volleyball**



**GEORGE FOX  
UNIVERSITY**

# VOLLEYBALL GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

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## Standard of Excellence

*Coach Steve Grant is among the nation's leaders in career wins*

Steve Grant has established the George Fox volleyball program as one of the most consistent winners in the nation.

In his 25 years at George Fox, the Bruins have recorded 20 winning seasons. With a career record of 517-331 (.610), Grant ranks

ninth on the list for victories among active NCAA Division III coaches.

Grant's teams have made their mark in postseason play as well. While a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA), George Fox won NCCAA national championships in 1984 (30-10) and 1987 (33-22), and each time he was named NCCAA National Coach of the Year. While holding dual membership in the

very first team in 1982 (17-14) captured the crown in the Women's Conference of Independent Colleges, the predecessor to the Northwest Conference. In 1998, while a dual member of both the NAIA and the NCAA, the Bruins went 31-8, won the Northwest Conference regular season and tournament titles, and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament. Grant was named NWC Coach of the Year.

During the 1990s, five of his athletes won NAIA All-American awards, and five were named NAIA All-American Scholar-Athletes.

### Steve Grant's Coaching Ledger

Year	Record/Pct.	Conf.	Team Honors
1982	---17-14/.548	-----	WCIC 1st
1983	---14-17/.452		
1984	--30-10/.750	-----	NCCAA national champions
1985	---17-15/.530		
1986	---15-15/.500		
1987	--33-22/.600	-----	NCCAA national champions
1988	---30-13/.698		
1989	---27-18/.600		
1990	---31-13/.705		
1991	--24-17/.585		
1992	---28-20/.583		
1993	---28-18/.609		
1994	--16-15/.516		
1995	---22-11/.667		
1996	---19-13/.594		
1997	---23-5/.821		
1998	---31-8/.795	----15-1	--NWC 1st; NWC Tourn. 1st; NAIA national tourn.
1999	---19-7/.731	----12-4	--NWC 2nd
2000	---7-15/.318	---5-11	--NWC 7th
2001	---19-5/.792	----11-5	--NWC 3rd
2002	---20-6/.769	----11-5	--NWC 3rd; No. 23 national ranking
2003	---12-14/.438	---7-9	--NWC 5th (tie)
2004	---13-12/.520	--8-8	--NWC 4th
2005	---12-11/.522	---7-9	--NWC 5th (tie)
2006	---10-17/.370	---6-10	--NWC 5th (tie)
<b>Years: 25 Record: 517-331 Percentage: .609</b>			

### Grant's Honors

- 1984 --NAIA District 2 Coach of the Year
- 1984 --NCCAA National Coach of the Year
- 1987 --NCCAA National Coach of the Year
- 1990 --NAIA District 2 Coach of the Year
- 1998 --NWC Coach of the Year



National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 2 Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1990 (31-13).

Two Grant-coached teams have won conference championships. His

Grant is a 1969 graduate of Biola University, where he was a three-sport athlete.

Grant, who earned a master's degree in education from Linfield College in 1985, lives in Newberg with his wife, Kathy. They have two adult children, Jeff and Bryan.

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George Fox volleyball has recorded winning seasons in 20 of the last 25 years

George Fox volleyball has recorded five 30-win seasons



**1984**

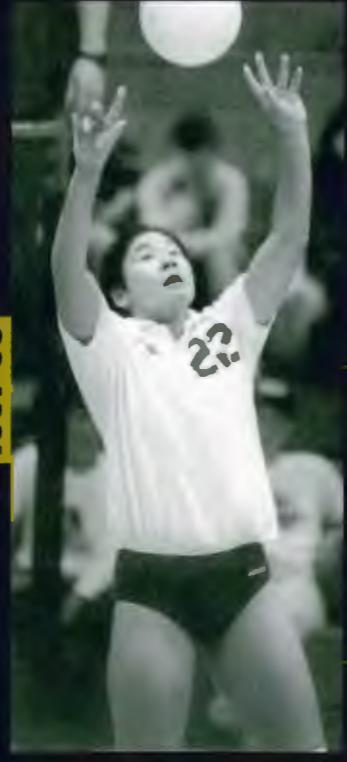
George Fox volleyball won the 1984 and 1987 National Christian College Athletic Association national titles (George Fox is now a member of NCAA Div. III)



**1992**

First Team NCCAA All-American **Cindy Warner**

George Fox volleyball has been ranked in the top-25 of the NCAA Div. III, the NAIA, and the NCCAA



**1991-93**

1991-93 - Second Team NAIA All-American **Jamie Suehiro** set the Bruins' career record for assists (4,023) in only three seasons.



**1991**

First Team All-Cascade Conference **Kari (Bashford) Cline**

Two-time All-Northwest Conference First Team selection **Linzi Stolsig** sent a Bruin record with 5.43 digs per game.



**2005**



**1995**

Honorable Mention NAIA All-American **Joanna Lofgren** set the Bruins' single-season record for kills per game (5.60).



**1996-99**

Third Team NAIA All-American **Sharon Barnett** is the Bruins' all-time leader in kills (1,449) and digs (1,641).

George Fox is 112-87 since joining the NCAA Div. III in 1999

# Five Foundational Principles

by Steve Grant

"Mind," "Body," and "Spirit": these words are integral to the development of the whole person and are thus significant to the success of the George Fox volleyball program. We want to recognize the importance of these words in our approach to academics, volleyball, our relationship with God, and life's daily challenges.

The interplay between those words impacts our attitude toward



winning, which allows players to aspire to greatness and achieve team goals without adding the pressure of a "must-win" mentality. A player's work ethic and focus are valued as we strive to do the very best in every activity in which we participate.

Our five foundational principles, taken from John Wooden's Pyramid of Success, are these:

**Industriousness** | Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well, and there is nothing "hard" about hard work when we've determined the goal is worthy of our efforts.

**Friendship** | We know that whether or not the ultimate goal is reached, the "journey" will color our appreciation for whatever is achieved. We show our teammates respect on that journey, treat others as we hope to be treated, and esteem others more highly than ourselves.

" Our purpose as coaches in volleyball is a humble one: to positively impact people and to help them become the best they can be. "

**Loyalty** | Our society tends to be committed to the "me" ideal and to make decisions without regard to the impact on others. We want our players to share in a commitment made not only to oneself, but to those who depend on us.

**Cooperation** | We believe in helping others achieve their goals and rejoicing with them when those goals are realized. Placing the good of others above our own desires shows maturity and commitment to our team concept.

**Enthusiasm** | When we love what we do and have goals that reach higher than merely winning, our enthusiasm for the game takes on amazing significance — and we infect others with our enthusiasm and joy.

With these principles in place, we believe we can rise to greater levels of achievement regarding the dynamics of building up individuals and teams.

Our goal is simple: We desire to positively impact people and help them become the best they can be. We encourage people to be great volleyball players but also to be good leaders and followers, example-setters, strivers toward excellence, and encouragers who are self-disciplined and goal-oriented. We believe attention to these principles will result in wonderfully positive relationships that create ongoing friendships and lifelong memories.



## Excellence in Academics and Athletics

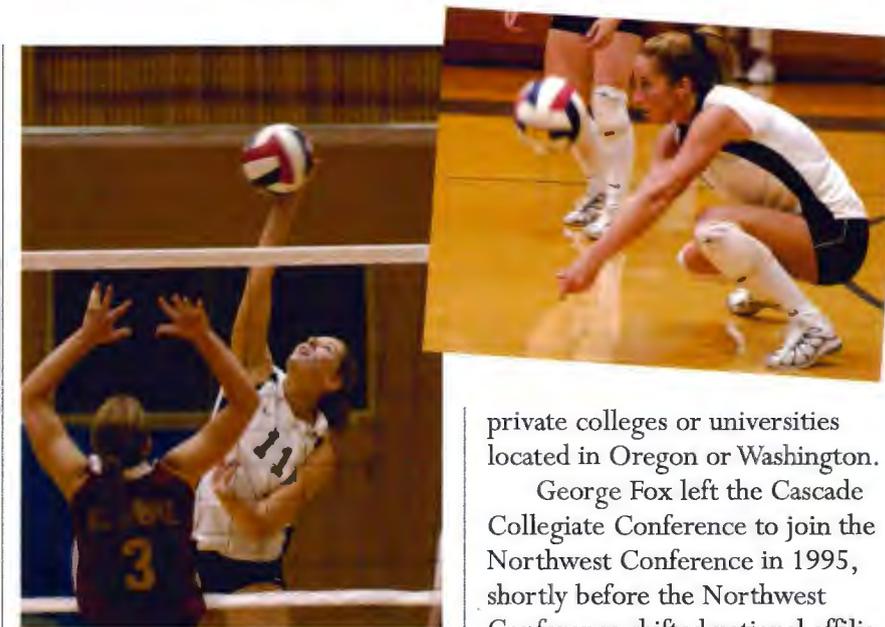
The Northwest Conference and NCAA Division III Experience

### National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III

Colleges and universities in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III place their highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs. Division III institutions seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete's educational experience.

Division III consists of more than 400 institutions, making it the largest division in the NCAA. All Division III institutions award no athletically related financial aid to any students. Division III sponsors 13 national championships in men's sports, 14 in women's, and eight national collegiate championships that are combined with other divisions.

George Fox University has been a member of the NCAA since 1995 when — along with the other institutions in the Northwest Conference — it elected to transfer its membership from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).



### The Northwest Conference

The nine colleges and universities in the Northwest Conference are known for their academics and athletics.

The conference is building a reputation as one of the most competitive NCAA Division III alliances in the country. In the academic arena, every Northwest Conference institution has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as a top-tier school in its category.

Formed in 1926, the conference is one of the oldest athletic alliances in the western United States. Its nine members are all

private colleges or universities located in Oregon or Washington.

George Fox left the Cascade Collegiate Conference to join the Northwest Conference in 1995, shortly before the Northwest Conference shifted national affiliation from the NAIA to the NCAA. Leaving behind years of success at the NAIA level, the conference embraced the move as one that

would foster equity, sportsmanship, and genuine concern for the student-athlete in all endeavors of competition.



**George Fox University**, Newberg, Ore.  
**Lewis & Clark College**, Portland, Ore.  
**Linfield College**, McMinnville, Ore.  
**Pacific University**, Forest Grove, Ore.  
**Pacific Lutheran University**, Tacoma, Wash.  
**University of Puget Sound**, Tacoma, Wash.  
**Whitman College**, Walla Walla, Wash.  
**Whitworth College**, Spokane, Wash.  
**Willamette University**, Salem, Ore.

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George Fox University was  
established in 1885 by Quaker set-  
tlers 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,  
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working adults, a seminary, and  
16 master's and doctoral degrees.



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## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION:

Location .....Newberg, Oreg. (20,565)  
Mailing address .....414 N. Meridian St.  
Newberg, OR 97132  
Founded .....1891  
Denomination.....Evangelical Friends (Quaker)  
Enrollment .....3,200  
President.....Dr. Robin Baker  
Faculty athletic rep .....Kerry Irish  
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## ATHLETIC INFORMATION:

Nickname .....Bruins  
Colors .....Navy Blue and Old Gold  
Affiliation .....NCAA Division III  
Conference .....Northwest Conference  
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## COACHING STAFF:

Head coach .....Steve Grant (26th yr)  
Alma mater .....Biola '69  
Overall record .....517-331 (.608)

## WHEELER SPORTS CENTER/ MILLER GYM

Entered by crossing a wooded canyon on a 200-foot bridge, the Wheeler Sports Center is the home of the George Fox Bruins volleyball team. The \$2.7 million, 55,000-square-foot complex is the university's largest building.

Wheeler's main feature is the James and Lila Miller Gymnasium. With a total seating capacity of 2,750, and measuring 116' x 174', the gym contains three full-length basketball courts, three volleyball courts, and 10 badminton courts. The ceilings are 32 feet above the hardwood maple floor.

Adjacent to the gym on the upper level are a staff room, multipurpose room, classrooms, and athletics administration and faculty offices. The building's weight room was remodeled and expanded during the summer of 2002 and now contains 1,800 square feet of floor space. On the lower level are a concessions area, dressing rooms, team rooms, laundry facilities, an equipment-issuing room, and storage space. An east wing of the building houses two racquetball courts.



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## **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.



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



**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.

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.