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**GAME ON!**

Theater Games are coming tonight. See the preview of the upcoming event on page 3.

**A CLASSIC BATTLE OF THE SEXES**

See how Nancy Rissmiller stacks up against Mike and Jory. See page 7.

**ONCE UPON A MATTRESS**

Queen Agravain and company will have you laughing your head off. See page 5.

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# THE CRESCENT

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"The relentless pursuit of truth and excellence, in Christ."

## Students up in arms over new policy changes

KARI GODEL

News Editor, The Crescent

Tensions mounted as students were informed of changes to the parking policy that will be implemented next fall.

Don Millage detailed changes to the existing parking policy which he described as a way to maintain "reasonable community relations" with neighbors to the campus.

There have been numerous complaints from neighboring homeowners of students blocking their yards and driveways making them inaccessible.

Dan VanderWater said, "I think that the University has actually moved toward the residents. It's expanding rapidly in both size and students and parking is just one of the many growing pains."

Students are about to feel those growing pains as well.

A random survey of campus parking lots showed that during peak times 25-50 empty spaces could be found. The results of this survey lead administrators to the conclusion that the best allocation of space would be to assign each person to a specific lot.

This means that students will receive a parking sticker on a first come, first serve basis. After a specific lot is full, students who would normally use the full lot will be assigned to another location, in many cases the Wheeler parking lot or the lot behind the Ross Center.

Clyde Thomas encouraged students to "register in the spring so you can get your space."

Ryan Douglas said, "I can't be the only one wondering where the heck all of those extra cars are going to go..."

Cary Wadlow said, "The theory is that the parking lots will not be over assigned, there will not be more cars that are supposed to park in it then possible."

While the lots will theoretically be less crowded, there is still the lingering question of student safety when walking across campus late at night.

In answer to these concerns, administrators detailed a plan to include call boxes with phone lines for security. It is unclear at this point how this will work. One thing is certain, the number of security officers on patrol at any given time will need to be increased

to maintain safety on campus.

In addition to the safety concerns, many students question the legality of a policy that dictates where a private citizen may park on city streets.

Chris Elston said, "The fact that a car is parked off campus has no relevance to anything on campus and therefore rules cannot be enforced with off campus parking. If there is a problem that occurs of campus it is a problem dealing with the city of Newberg not GFU."

ASC Communications Director, Michael Slivkoff said that while Elston is partially correct in that "the University has no jurisdiction over our off-campus conduct, at least

inherit in its constitution." He went on to say that, "as a private institution (GFU) may make conditions of attendance which its students agree to by virtue of their attendance."

Apparently, agreeing to the new parking policy will in theory be a condition of our attendance, similar to agreeing to abstain from alcohol.

Limited parking in

Pennington parking lot in particular will mean students will be assigned to lots that are in many cases located in inconvenient areas.

It simply will not be an option for drivers to park on streets near campus. Next year any students who wish to



Crowded streets around campus have created a need for more parking.

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Parking, Page 3

## Students disappointed by yet another tuition increase

KARI GODEL

News Editor, The Crescent

A 6.6% increase in tuition. A \$100 fee for technology improvements. An 8.2% increase for a residence hall room. A 3.9% increase in board.

Lately, there have been a lot of numbers thrown around, but what do they mean?

President Ed Stevens shared plans to raise tuition for the 1997-98 school year at a recent Town Hall meeting.

As is the case when anyone starts to talk about money, students gripped their wallets as they learned of the inevitable increase for the cost of learning.

Students should expect an increase of 6.4% in tuition, a typical residence hall room and continuous dining plan, and fees as approved by the

trustees.

This brings the cost of a George Fox University education up to \$20,390.

Tuition will rise to \$15,250. A typical residence hall room

of Christian Colleges and Universities."

Still, it is doubtful that many students find much comfort in that fact.

The Consumer Price Index

"George Fox University Traditional Undergraduate Student," students learned of the improvements that the trustees hope to make with the increase in funds over the next academic year.

Nearly half of the tuition revenue goes to faculty and staff in both salaries and benefits.

There will also be an added \$100 for technology improvements.

By connecting your computer to the network, you will be able to obtain information from the library, the Registrar's Office, the Financial Aid Office, and other sources of information on campus.

If you live off campus or in University houses or apartments you will be able to dial into the network from home.

During the Town Hall dis-

cussion, Stevens said, "this is a matter of trying to keep pace with labor costs." According to Stevens, "employee compensation has gone up much faster than the rate of tuition in the last ten years."

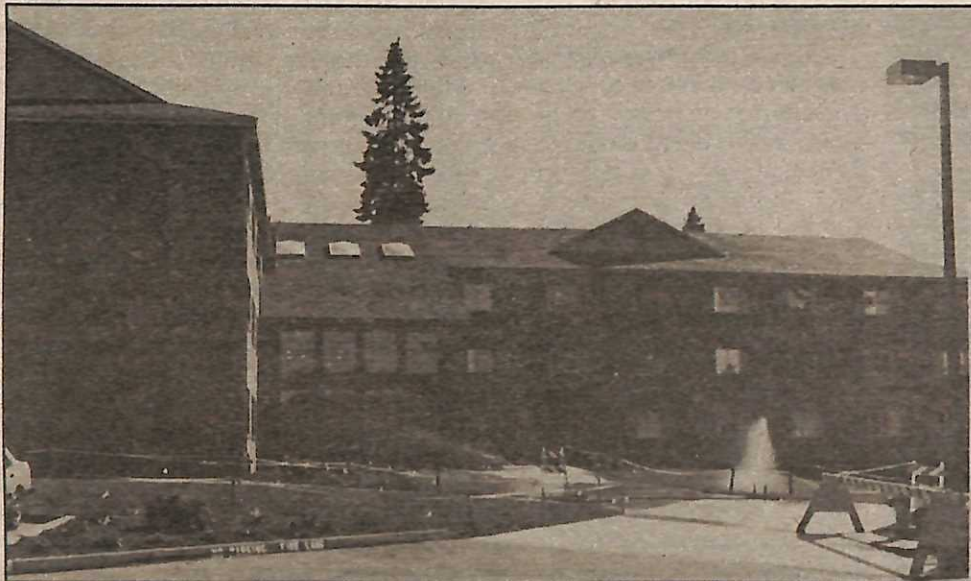
Many students expressed concern as to how they would be able to continue to afford to attend Fox.

Students suggested putting a freeze on tuition cost for each group of incoming freshmen. Chris Elston suggests, "Why not get a set tuition as an incoming freshman and pay the same amount all four years that you are here? Doesn't that sound fair?"

There is little likelihood of this happening any time soon.

Now, a greater amount of funds will go to financial aid in the wake of this increase.

The increase of tuition comes as no real surprise to upperclass students who have dealt with this unpleasant reality for the duration of their stay at George Fox University as this has been a regular occurrence each year.



George Fox University: is the atmosphere worth the price?

will cost \$2,520. Board will increase to \$2,400.

Stevens points out that this cost is "still below the average increase of 7.2% of the Coali-

tion is only expected to be around 3%, strikingly lower than the percent increase quoted by President Stevens.

In a letter addressed to the



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## College, the IRS, & the DMV

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Whoever came up with the concept of college must have been a genius. Imagine the first college student talking to the first admissions counselor: "So let me get this straight. If I spend the next four years wading through reams of mostly trivial information and give you all of my money, eventually ending up broke and buried in debt for the next decade, you, in return, will give me a funny looking hat and a certificate with my name on it? Sign me up!"

Now, because of that first brilliant decision, college has for some reason become a necessity for people who want to have successful careers. If you don't go, you face the prospect of spending your entire life salting fries at McDonalds. Unless of course you are, like myself, a communications major, in which case you'll end up working there anyway.

Now am I implying here that going to college has abso-

lutely no purpose or merit whatsoever? Absolutely not. College, in fact, has many positive aspects. (See my February 7th column about meeting women in chapel.)

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The colleges and universities will tell us, of course, that all

of our money and hard work are not just aimed at the goal of getting a good job, but at learning. Now I'm all for this learning thing, but sometimes I have to wonder about these people whose vast knowledge we're being exposed to. Take your average chemistry professor, for example. What I want to know is, how can it be that this guy can successfully predict how thousands of different chemicals will react to each other, but he can't figure out that a light blue shirt, brown pants and a lime green bow tie don't match?

Many students, however, attend college for completely different reasons. They go for free beer. The concept of going to parties and drinking heavily in college has always amused me. Apparently the thinking here is that with all of the new knowledge being gained, students have a few extra brain cells to kill off, thus keeping everything in balance. Of course, this line of thinking doesn't exactly work to the advantage of those people who

don't learn anything in college but still drink heavily and, as you might imagine, come out even more stupid than before. Fortunately for these people, they can still get jobs as traffic police officers or DMV clerks. (Not that I'm bitter towards either of these occupations.)

So you see, college isn't as pointless as it may seem at times. Learning, being prepared for life and getting started towards a good career are all pretty good reasons to attend. And if all that doesn't work for you, well... have a beer.



## Town Hall announcements

The Crescent staff is required to attend the monthly Town Hall meetings. This month, despite our valiant efforts to locate the town hall meeting, we couldn't find it. Instead, we stumbled across a gathering of administrators making announcements to a group of students.

Interestingly enough, in the midst of the announcements, there was a brief Town Hall when Rebecca Malmfeldt and ASC solicited student opinion on revamping the fine system.

Our point is that this last Town Hall was lacking something: administrative response to student feedback. When ASC advertises a Town Hall, we assume that everyone there will be interested in what the students have to say.

As a private institution, the administration has the right to instigate any policy change within the boundaries of the law.

We appreciate the administration telling us these policy changes. What we don't like is that they make these announcements at Town Hall. When it is just the administration telling us how it's going to be, it shouldn't be called Town Hall.

This seems to be just a problem of semantics, but it is a real issue for some people. When students come to a Town Hall expecting to have input on a decision, and administrators come with the intention of making an announcement — well, you can see that this confusion leads to problems and hard feelings on both sides.

— "This last Town Hall was lacking something: administrative response to student feedback." —

Of course, the students can always hope that in the spirit of Christian love and consideration, their input will be valued in all decisions, but sometimes administrators are going to have different goals than students do. That's just the nature of the game.

When these kinds of decisions are made, why bring them up at Town Halls? There's really no chance of changing minds on either side.

Every year President Stevens sends us the tuition raise in the mail with the pie chart - we know it, we hate it, we expect it. Everyone grumbles. But because it seems final and you can't ar-

gue with paper, people just quietly work out whether or not they can still afford to attend and then throw the thing away.

Another thing that happens every year is that President Stevens announces the tuition increase in Town Hall, and all the students give their input. This input is generally something along the lines of "please don't do this to us, please!" The decision already having been made, President Stevens announces that it's final. Most students go away furious, thinking their input meant nothing.

Actually, no one was really asking for input, what they were really looking for is response. Sort of along the lines of, "Okay, we did this, what do you think?" That is just going to happen sometimes, decisions do get made without student input, and we have to accept that. But let's not pretend we're 'discussing' the issue when we're doing no such thing.

Administrators, exercise your right to make decisions. ASC, help the students take back their Town Halls for student discussion. Announcements are for someplace else.

## Private virtue = public vice

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Staff Writer, The Crescent

Hostilities between the United Kingdom and Sinn Fein have increased after a suspected Irish Republican Army sniper killed a soldier and rekindled fears of fresh sectarian war in Northern Ireland. What should the United States do about this conflict that we have involved ourselves in through President Clinton's failed peace negotiations?

British Prime Minister John Major vowed he would not give in to the "murderous efforts" of the IRA to force his government to invite Sinn Fein to peace talks from which the party is excluded because of IRA violence. Yet, until there are talks that include Sinn Fein, there will not be peace.

The United States should not intervene in this conflict. The alternative policy orientation should be defined two-dimensionally. It can be either amoral or moral. Amoral noninterventionism is isolationism. It is "Fortress America," narrow prejudice, and active xenophobia.

It is hard to approve of this isolationism. However, it may be fair to abstain from its further condemnation, if only because this condemnation has become a mindless chant. Also, because the diametrically opposed course of national action-moralistic interventionism has often led beyond the point of general damage to the brink of universal disaster.

The other, moral style of noninterventionism is not isolationism at all. Instead, it reflects (1) a strict and con-

sistent principle of nonintervention in the political-military order, and (2) a concern for constructive contact with the world. This foreign policy is what Earl C. Ravenal has called "strategic disengagement."

The balance of power, as a system of policy, is neither an inevitable development nor a unique response. The alternative major international system, general unalignment, is a possible world- and even a probable world. The world will not tolerate the dominion of any one nation.

The alternative major foreign policy orientation, strategic disengagement, is a viable mode of behavior for the United States. It may even be the most appropriate mode if the international system continues to evolve toward a more diffused condition.

Unfortunately, the rhetoric of disengagement is rarely appealing unless it is presented in terms of a new globalism and even this frightens some people. It may seem diminishing to Americans- after hearing so often that our identity depends on our leadership of the world- to be told that we ought to give up our pretensions and live modestly, like other nations.

But we should not continue to intervene in the conflict between the United Kingdom and Ireland just because we enjoy our status as megalomaniac social workers. International relations are full of ironies and one of the greatest of them is that the desire to do good often leads to objective harm. Private virtues are often pub-

lic vices; national virtues are often global vices.

It is ironic that even the private vice of indifference to disorder might, in this world of over two hundred sovereign nations, translate into the public virtues of preserving internal integrity and respecting external reality. If we can recognize these ironies of international relations, why should we resist their codification in a coherent scheme of national conduct?

Strategic disengagement is both a policy and the goal of a policy. It can be defined, first, by exclusion- differentiating it from other positions that are critical or limitationist. It is not the "old isolationism;" it has no xenophobic motives and does not imply the delusion that we are a "lone superpower" when we have dozens of peers interacting with us in a complex system.

A second way to define strategic disengagement is by its connotations. Its central theme is large-scale adjustment to the international system instead of detailed control of it. It is a prescription for an orderly withdrawal from our political-military commitments to other nations and from our military positions overseas.

When peace talks are interrupted by the killing of a British soldier by the Irish Republican Army, it is unfortunate. But this recent event is not cause for the United States to push its way into a conflict that has its roots in medieval times. Even the most attractive motives, such as caring and helping, can be a source of danger and destruction.

Feel good opinion for the week of 2/21/97: Everybody should read more children's stories.





# Coming soon to a theater very near you

**BETHANY SONERHOLM**  
Staff Writer, The Crescent

It's that time again; the ever popular Theater Games is once again upon us. Sponsored by the Theater Improv. Workshop, the semiannual contest of creativity and quick-wit commences tonight at 7:30 in Wood-Mar Theater.

For those who aren't yet sure what to expect, Theater Games is, "A competition where teams improvise in predetermined formats, or games. The audience suggests the specifics (e.g. eating an ear of corn while a Chihuahua nips at your heels, all while dancing to Swan Lake... in slow motion.)" -so the game is never the same twice."

Sophomore Wade Neiwert, member of the title holding "Disgusting Suckers," said, "It's the craziest thing you'll ever experience, anything can (and will) happen. These

games should be even better than last semester!"

The evening will open with the teams introducing themselves in pre-practiced introductions. "The Bruin Spirit Rejects (last semester) had the most hilarious intro. I've seen yet!" declared sophomore Kristie Ragan, "They were so

ready for a high energy evening of fun," warned Drama Professor Mel Schroeder.

Lisa Voogd - one of last semester's emcees - suggests to members of the audience, "Don't be discouraged if your suggestions aren't heard at first. Keep trying! And come up with ideas that aren't too vague, that still leave room for the teams to be creative."

By last weekend, three teams were signed up - including one of the few all female teams to ever participate. Rumor has it that an alumni team may emerge to challenge the current students. And be sure to also keep an eye out for possible appearances by former favorites "The Rugrats", and "the Disgusting Suckers." "We may be back - we need to size up the competition first though... and pull our good (and bad) ideas off of the shelf!" stated an unnamed source.

The evening will only cost \$.50, and students will be sure to get their money's worth of dynamic antics and daring brainstorming as the competitors attempt to win the students judges' favor, and cornucopia of donated prizes. But be sure to arrive early! Doors open after 7:00, but don't arrive after 6:00 if you want a seat near the front - or possibly a seat at all.

So grab a friend, a thesaurus, and some spare change,



Joe Thouvenel getting a disgusting sucker.

full of energy, the audience couldn't wait to get involved."

Emcees for tonight's festivities are both adept at improv. themselves; senior Karen Klinger and sophomore Jeff Bailey are current members of the University Players. "Be



Crazy antics abound each year at Theater Games.

## Parking:reaction

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drive their cars to campus must park in lots at all times.

According to Millage, students who are interested in walking ten to twelve blocks to campus can still park for free.

This, however, is little consolation for the many who have strong concerns regarding the cost of parking, safety issues, and the legality of this policy.

For students thinking of testing the new policy, Millage warns, there will be implemented "an extra fine

for failure to register your car." He goes on to say that Campus Security has the capability to check license plates with the DMV.

Julie Mennega suggests limiting the "luxury" of having cars to upperclassmen as way of eliminating overcrowding in parking lots. Mennega says, "Why can't there be a policy that doesn't allow freshmen to have cars unless they have to have one?"

This idea, however, has been met with mixed response.

## Culture, customs, tradition

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Authentic ethnic food, West African dance, Japanese darumas and otoshidama, Korean wrestling and Chinese New Year greetings were among the many exciting cultural customs shared during Multicultural Week.

The week began with a tantalizing Mexican food demonstration where attendees made their own corn tortillas with a "corn tortilla smasher." Attendees were also introduced to a cinnamon rice-water beverage called horchata, and another beverage made from hibiscus flowers called jamaica.

As attendees savored a variety of food samples, two Hispanic George Fox alumni shared their experience with culture shock upon arriving on the campus. Gerardo Ibarra, pastor of Newberg Hispanic Friends Church and native of Mexico City, and Francisco (Paco) Benetti, native of Puerto Rico were the speakers for the evening.

"You don't know what a shock it is to come from a place where the weather is 90 degrees year around and have to come to live in Oregon," shared Benetti.

At 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night, the Cap and Gown Room filled with approximately 35 students, faculty, and staff eager to participate in traditional West African dance workshop. The dance instructor, Bobby Foucher of Portland, enthusiastically encouraged everyone to hear and feel the language of the

rhythm. Participants were instructed to always keep their knees bent so as to keep the body reverently close to the earth in appreciation for its bounty, as Western African tradition teaches. The time flew at light speed, before anyone could notice, the clock struck 7:30 p.m.

Japanese students shared the excitement of the Japanese New Year and the custom of children receiving otoshidama (New Year's cards with money.)

Good-luck symbols are also an interesting part of the Japanese culture. For example, the daruma is an egg-shaped doll that can be made of a variety of materials. "Nowadays daruma is regarded as a charm to help one do good business," shared June Terada, International Student.

For those who missed out on the Korean culture session, you missed an opportunity to see David Bower, junior, courageously volunteer to engage in hand-to-hand combat against the artistry and skill of a Korean wrestler. Aside from the wrestling, this session also included a brief Korean history, symbolism of the Korean flag, and a crash course in the Korean language.

Finally, to end Multicultural Week with a bang, the Taiwanese and Thai students treated all attendees to Chinese cuisine, such as rice noodles, sweet soup, a traditional breakfast bread with sesame, ginger roasted pumpkin seeds, and much more.

Lois Lee, sophomore, also modeled an exquisite traditional Chinese wedding dress that was gloriously embroidered with golden thread on a background of vibrant red satin.

"I got to taste food from other countries, learn dances, hear others' experiences from their countries and their experience in coming to the United States, and learn about particular customs that are unique to these cultures and valued by them," said Michele Jacobson, freshman.

It's one thing to learn about cultural customs and traditions from books, it's a different experience to allow the essence of a culture to come alive through taste, sight, smell, hearing and touch.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Tired of Bald Peak?

STACY WADE

Staff Writer, The Crescent

## Tired of Bald Peak?

So your hot date last Friday night was when he asked you out to dinner, but of course reminded you to not forget your meal card! He didn't even pick you up—just said, "I'll meet you in Marriott at 6:00?"

I mean lets get serious here—do these guys think they can fulfill the "Ring by Spring" deal in the cafeteria—or better yet, the Cameo?

Not a chance, I mean there of course are the women here who are trying for their Mrs. degree, but the majority of us are going to need a little more romancing than Dairy Queen provides.

So for those of you who really don't know what to do with that special someone, here are some great ideas for a new, creative, perfect date.

•Newport Bay Restaurant—to start off with dinner on a semi-nice, casual date Newport Bay's a great place. Dinners run from around 7 to 10 dollars a plate, and the menu is mainly seafood. You can make reservations, or get directions to the restaurant in Tigard by calling 245-3474. It is located at SW. 69th and Pa-

cific Highway. Another nearby location is at Washington Square. The number is 620-3747.

•For those looking for some great Chinese food, the Silver Palace in Tigard has gotten great reviews from fellow Fox students. The atmosphere is not as nice as Newport Bay, but the food is amazing! The cost runs about five or six dollars a person. The Silver Palace is on the left side of 99W heading into Tigard just before Goodwill. The phone number is 620-3536.

•Rimski's Korsakoffee House in Portland is an awesome coffee shop that you don't want to miss! With the revolving tables, and strange decor (I'm told you have to check out the bathroom decorations!) it's a great place to take your date. You can call them at 232-2640. It is located at 12th and Alder in downtown Portland. FYI, the coffee shop is a large red brick house that does not look like an actual business; however you will know your in the right place when you see the non-smoking sign.

•For those romantic moonlight walks Portland has both the Waterfront and the Rose Garden that are both ideal. The

Rose Garden will soon be green again, come spring-

time, and the Waterfront is always inviting—though sometimes cold! Also, check out the Japanese Gardens, just a couple blocks from the Rose Garden. Admission is \$3.50 with your student ID card.

•A more active, outdoors adventure could either be a bike ride at nearby Champoege Park (combined with a picnic this could be a real winner!), or canoeing on the lake at Tilikum (rumor has it night time is the best!).

•To show how cultured and refined you are, Tyger's Heart in Portland puts on various Shakespeare plays throughout the year. They are currently showing Richard III, and if you call the theater directly at 222-9220 you can get tickets much cheaper.

•Comedy Sports in Portland is another great place to go and be entertained, but like our own Theater Games, you get to be in on the action. It costs \$7 per person, \$6 if you bring a canned food, but can get somewhat offensive at times. The number is 236-8888.



## Disney Singers

RACHEL DUNCAN

Staff Writer, The Crescent

Two Dayspring members were among the masses that turned out for open Disney auditions in Portland February 9th. Christy Dillon and Tanya Bingenheimer, both seniors at George Fox, got a taste of the Disney music career last winter when they sang with Dayspring at Walt Disney world in the month of December.

"I'd never even thought of doing anything like that in my life... Tanya and I found out we had this common interest and thought, 'hey why not try for it?'"

"It was an all-day open audition," comments Dillon on her audition experience. "It was like the movies where they herd you through. There were people sitting around but nobody really knew each other. You filled out an application and they gave you a number. We were numbers 63 and 64"

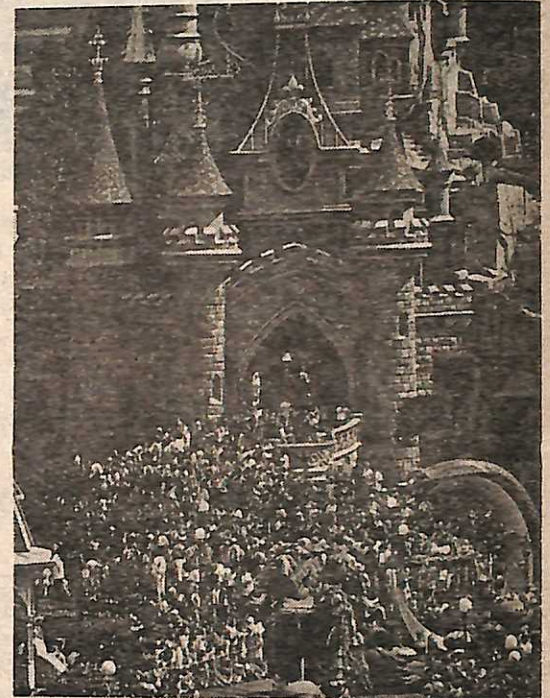
The strangest part of the experience was choosing your audition type. "At the top of the application they had four categories: singers, dancers, singers who dance and 'people who move well while singing'."

For the actual audition, Dillon brought her own music and then was asked to sing another on sight. There were only three judges and an accompanist present.

She laughs, "When I was in Florida, everybody kept saying that I looked like Belle and asked me if I worked over at the Magic Kingdom... Then at auditions they had me sight read a song and it was the opening song to Beauty and the Beast."

Neither know the outcome of the day and hope to find out soon. Dillon and Bingenheimer further plan on trying out for Disney's elite ensemble, Voices of Liberty at the Seattle auditions on March 11.

Was the experience a good one? "I was extremely nervous," said one. "You're basically trying to sell yourself. It's a different world. But you learn from everything that you do - they give you pointers and it's good for you to get out there and learn what it's like so you can prepare for next time."



A parade at Snow White's castle

## Fun for Less: A student's guide to the Bay Area

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Spring Break is just around the corner, so now is the time to begin planning that unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime vacation. You've gotten together with some of your friends, and everyone agrees that you should go somewhere fun, different, and... cheap? Yes, it's true. You have looked in your wallet, in your roommate's wallet, and even under the couch cushions in the Pennington Lobby. So, you and your friends don't have a lot of funds. Relax! Your problems have been solved! You and your friends can have a fun-packed time enjoying all of the adventure and wonder that the beautiful Bay Area has to offer! San Francisco and the surrounding areas are often overlooked by zealous vacationers. But, alas, they are sadly

mistaken. There are many things to do there that won't break your pocket book.

First, you have to get down to the Bay Area. This shouldn't be too hard this time of year. You can either opt for a long and smelly, yet scenic and bonding, road trip that so many Spring Breakers love. Or you can luck out with the air fare wars that are taking the sky by storm. (Round-trip tickets to the Bay Area can be purchased for only \$58 if you happen upon the right airline.)

Second, you need someplace to stay. In this case a relative or friend will work best, since they usually don't charge anything. In fact, they will probably be so happy to see you that your meals will be provided as well. In return for their great service you should offer to take them out to eat sometime, or possibly extend the favor by inviting them up to see you and tour

the exotic George Fox campus. However, if you can't find a friend or relative that will take you in, there are always inexpensive hotels that will accommodate you. This will not prove too costly since the expense will be divided between you and your friends.

Once you have these two things established you can start planning your tour. Many times your host (if your staying with someone) will love to take you on a tour of the city, pointing out all of the historic sites and providing interesting but needless commentary. They can also direct you to fun, but inexpensive, entertainment. One of these free but fun places is Fort Point. It is located directly under the Golden Gate Bridge and was built

for use during the Civil War. Volunteers are there to provide demonstrations of war drills and to explain some of the fort's history. It is very large and you can roam all over it, asking any questions you can think of. Your parents will be proud of you for visiting such an educational site on your vacation (little do they know how much fun it is to spit off the top, or watch the waves that crash onto the road soaking an unsuspecting biker).

Another cool thing to do is visit the Marin Headlands for a great view of the entire Bay



The golden gate bridge in San Francisco, CA

Area while you eat a picnic lunch. Afterward you can tour Fort Cronkite which was tunneled inside the mountain during World War II. You can hang out with the locals at Fort Funston and watch the hanggliders that frequent there. One of the best things to do is visit the Berkeley campus and watch all of the interesting people that might pass you by. While you're there you can climb to the top of Campenelli tower (also fun to spit off of).

One of the most popular things to do in San Francisco is visit the Hard Rock Cafe. It is

quite expensive to eat there, but you don't have to do that. Just wander around looking at all the memorabilia on the walls. Then you can buy the t-shirt, and you've had the experience. Whala!

Yes, the Bay Area can be lots of fun without having to drain your savings account. Get with your friends and start planning your trip. With mid-terms coming up you aren't going to have a lot of time to spare, so start now. If you put it off, who knows, maybe you will wind up at the coast again this year.





ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# A Pea in the Pod

**ELIZABTH JAMES**  
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The best word to describe *Once Upon a Mattress* is "sweet." Though the script and story line are simplistic and predictable, the energy that the cast gives to their performances makes the musical a delight to watch. Based on the fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea*, the story takes place in a Medieval castle where a not so obvious princess saves a prince from his overbearing mother. The queen tries to keep her son from marrying by de-

vising an impossible test to see if she really is a true princess. However, the princess from "down south" proves who the real royalty is.

Bethany Sonerholm outdoes herself as the annoying queen, and by the finale the crowd is very grateful that she can no longer talk. The huge horns on her head adds just the right touch as you do not know whether to laugh at her or to be very afraid.

The audience falls in love with Jo Thouvenel as the shy prince who just wants to get married. Though he only has one line King Seximus the Silent is hilarious as he makes fun of the queen and chases chambermaids around the castle. Rebekah Crover shines in her role as the spunky Larkin, and Michael Hampton is great as the stiff knight who loves her. This supporting cast is great, but I have yet to mention the key star in the play. The princess is deftly played by Heather Dunkin. She ignites every scene she is in and really gets the energy pumped up in the play. She has quite a pair of lungs!

The entire cast tried to keep up the energy throughout the play, but in some scenes they did need an extra boost. The dancing scenes are sloppy in some places, but this fits well with the whole feeling of the musical which is basically just a light comedy. The rigid movements in *The Mikado* would not have worked for this cheery play.

As usual, the set design by Mel Shroeder was impeccable and the bright colored costumes by Jo Lewis really added to the light air of the musical.



Bethany Sonerholmas the Queen and Joe Thouvenel as the Prince. led the way to a great performance

## Top ten Portland singles

1. Wannabe, Spice Girls
2. Can't Nobody Hold Me Down, Puff Daddy
3. I Believe I Can Fly, R. Kelly
4. Nobody, Keith Sweat
5. Discotheque, U2
6. You Were Meant For Me, Jewel
7. Un-Break My Heart, Toni Braxton
8. Don't Let Go, En Vogue
9. I Believe In You And Me, Whitney Houston
10. Every Time I Close My Eyes, Babyface

# Bruin Arts: Star struck at the Blazers game

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Imagine: You step up to mike. 20,000 people are watching, waiting for you. Then the entire Rose Garden is filled with the magnified sound of your voice as you lead the Blazers and their fans in "The Star Spangled Banner." Nervous just thinking about it?

George Fox freshman Hayley Gregory was. On February 11, at 7pm, she wowed the arena with her performance. "It was the weirdest feeling because I was in the Rose Garden with 20,000 people... all this chaos was going on, but it was like I was the only one in the room... I was numb, in a total daze... I just watched the clock for the buzzer to go off."

How did she get this coveted and difficult opening at the game? "This is a pretty ironic story and I totally think it was God. Every year I tried to audition and I could never get through. My senior year I finally got through... but I lost my voice cheering the night before. Portland Power was having open auditions this summer... I went and sang, and in October they called me to sing on January 16th." Apparently, she did quite well.

"Somebody canceled for the Blazer game and fortunately I was recommended." Gregory has been taking advantage of performance experiences her whole life, including the recent "Once Upon A Mattress" at Fox's Woodmar Theater where she was the student choreographer and

played Lady Merrill. "I pretty much sang whenever I had the opportunity. In high school I did all the musicals and almost all the plays... I sang the song at the basketball games all four years, with a quartet and then by myself." She also sang for American Legion events, weddings, and choir concerts. For five years, she took various dance lessons. "I just loved to dance... then it started to come in handy."

If you're like me, you're wondering, does show business really pay? "No, the Blazer game didn't pay [money], but it paid in terms of exposure and experience." What does she plan on pursuing next? "I'm auditioning for a summer play house in Montana where you do four

musicals for three months - they hire a cast of twenty performers who are in all four shows with a different show each night."

According to Fox's new Concert Choir director, Derric Johnson, if you're interested in performing, you need to start attending auditions, any auditions. Gregory agrees. "A lot of it is having the nerve to audition and then taking little opportunities when someone asks you to sing."

Ironically, Gregory isn't a music major and never studied voice. "I'm majoring in elementary education... I've never taken voice lessons and I don't know how to read music either. I just do whatever

I can. Every opportunity I have to sing, I take it."

Be encouraged. Gregory doesn't believe performing is only for the elite. "I just feel you have to be at the right place at the right time... There's everything to gain and nothing to lose."



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**Top Ten Movies**

1. Star Wars
2. Dante's Peak
3. The Beautician & the Beast
4. Jerry Maguire
5. Scream
6. Evita
7. Metro
8. The English Patient
9. Beverly Hills Ninja
10. Michael



## SPORTS

# Upperclasswomen Men split Homecoming rule in football

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Sports Editor, The Crescent

Last Saturday's powder puff football match between the freshmen/sophomores and juniors/seniors proved to be an upperclasswomen-dominated victory.

As part of homecoming activities, ASC sponsored a women's football game setting upperclasswomen against underclasswomen. Both teams held several practices in preparation for the event.

At ten a. m. on Morse Field the game, which consisted of four ten-minute quarters, began, and what a game it was. The day was a bit foggy—perfect football weather. Both teams played tough defensively as well as offensively. The result: a low-scoring, close game, which ended with the junior/senior team winning 6-0.

Jena'e Miller (sophomore, Davenport, WA) and Rachelle Stayley (freshman, Witchita, KA) were the quarterback/center tandem for the underclasswomen. Stacy Wade (junior, Placerville, CA) and Cari Wadlow (junior, Albany, OR) were the tandem for the upperclasswomen.

Wadlow ran the ball into the end zone in the fourth quarter to score the game's only goal and ensure upperclasswomen victory.

Said junior/senior head coach Mike Smolko, "All the girls played tough." Smolko brought in Kenny Gillette to help him coach. "Kenny's the man," said Smolko. He also brought in Theresa Mattson as a special lines coach. Mattson won the powder-puff championship at Biola, and she came out specifically for this game.

Kelly Scrutton (senior,

Milwaukie, OR) and Tootsie White (junior, Junction City, OR) made the big defensive stop for the upperclasswomen in the final seconds of the game. "They stopped the freshmen/sophomores on the last fourth-down play and kept them from tying the game up in the end," said Smolko. "They did a good job."

Senior Julie Cruce (Albany, OR) had the longest run of the game, with a 40-yarder for the upperclasswomen.

Junior Stacy Wade and Freshman Amber Lindsey (Albany, OR), who played iron-woman football (both defense and offense), summed up the game for their respective teams.

Said Wade, "The football game was really fun—rough but fun! I think everyone came away with bruises, but all of us are pretty proud of our war wounds! It was great to be able to get to know the other girls that we were playing with.

"Even people who weren't playing seemed really excited about the game, and it was awesome to see so many people come out to watch the game, even that early on a Saturday morning! I personally had an awesome time playing out there—I really hope that they continue to have powder-puff games!"

Lindsey had a similar take on the game. "It was a lot of fun....and pretty intense. I thought we were pretty evenly matched. We played to the best of our abilities during the game....[But] we didn't take any bad feelings off the field afterwards."

When asked if she would play again next year, Lindsey had no hesitation. "Definitely. It was the highlight of my week."

SARAH JOHNSON

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It was a mixed week of results for the George Fox Men's basketball team.

Tuesday (February 11) 12th-ranked Pacific University posted an 89-67 victory over George Fox in Forest Grove.

The game was close for the first half, with the Bruins hitting 15 of 26 shot attempts for a .577 shooting percentage. Down by only three near the end of the half, the game looked to be a close one. But the Boxers turned up the heat with one minute left to push the score to 42-34. The Boxers then built the lead to more than twenty in the first ten minutes of the second half and allowed the Bruins no closer than 15 points away for the remainder of the game.

Mike Faber (sophomore, Salem, OR) left the game with an upset stomach, but returned later to grab 16 points, seven rebounds and four blocks. Kyle Valentine (sophomore, West Linn, OR) had seven steals and 14 points. Ben Kroon (freshman, Wasilla,

AK) had 16 points and six rebounds.

Homecoming weekend saw the arrival of Willamette University and Linfield College to Miller Gymnasium, for match ups against an injury-hit Bruin team.

When George Fox played Willamette in Salem last month, the Bruins were crushed by the Bearcats, though they had similar records. Needless to say, the Bruins were out for revenge. And revenge was what they got.

February 14 was Valentine's day in more than just the traditional romantic sense. Kyle Valentine dominated the game as one of the Bruin's high scorers with 21 points and five assists.

Though the Bruins went six and a half minutes without scoring, they led 27-23 at the break. Then, the game was fraught with excitement as neither team grabbed a noticeable lead. But, with just 45 seconds to go, the Bruins hit 10 of 12 free throws to end Willamette's six-game conference winning streak.

Despite fouling out of the

game in the last minute, Mike Faber mirrored Valentine's performance with 21 points of his own. Faber came down with six rebounds as well.

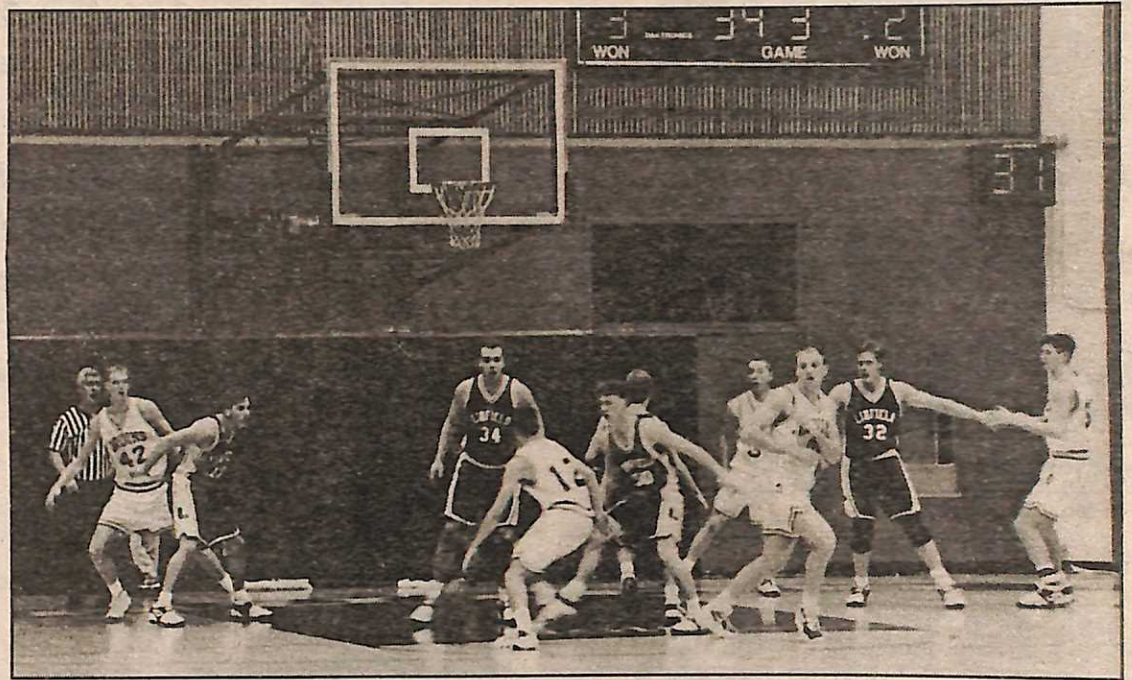
On Saturday night, Fox faced archrival Linfield in the homecoming game. The game was played in front of a capacity crowd and hopes were certainly high.

But the Bruins' injury troubles were added to when Post Shane Bentley (freshman, Stevenson, WA) injured an ankle during warm ups. Despite a close first half and a half time tie of 32-32, Linfield ran away with the 80-59 win.

Mike Faber had a game high score of 20 points and 10 rebounds. Valentine contributed 15 points, five rebounds and three assists to the Bruins' efforts.

The key to the game for Linfield was rebounding. The Wildcats out rebounded George Fox 52-36.

The Bruins rounded out their season last week with a final conference match up against Lewis and Clark on Tuesday and a non-conference home game against Concordia University on Thursday.



Bruin offense tries to take it to the hoop against Linfield on Homecoming

## GF women's basketball is play-off bound

SARAH SWANSON

Sports Editor, The Crescent

Three homecoming-week victories and a victory over Lewis and Clark Tuesday helped pad the George Fox women's NCIC conference record last week. The victories mean the Bruins will go to playoffs for the ninth time in

eleven years.

On Tuesday, February 11, the Bruins traveled to Forest Grove and defeated the Pacific University Boxers 70-52.

Becci Harper (senior, Independence, OR) led the Bruins with her career-high 27 points. She also contributed 11 rebounds and three steals. Keelie Keown (junior,

Oakridge, OR) also played well for the Bruins, grabbing 12 points and 5 assists.

George Fox dominated Willamette in the Friday, February 14, evening match. The Bruins won 68-49, with senior Angela Pettit (Salem, OR) contributing 30 points in the match. Pettit is only the seventh player in George Fox history to score 30 or more points in a single game.

Pettit scored 10 points in the first seven minutes to help George Fox rally to a 16-6 lead. By the halftime break, George Fox was ahead 36-24. The Bruins simply continued with their energy-charged offense and solid defense to put away the Bearcats. Bruin defense kept the Bearcats from scoring any points in the first five minutes of the second half. Then the Bru-

ins kept their 19-point lead for the rest of the game.

In addition to her 30 points, Pettit had 11 rebounds, five blocks and two steals. Becci Harper also played well for the Bruins, grabbing 20 points of her own as well as 11 rebounds and four assists.

Saturday's homecoming game got off to a rocky start, with Linfield grabbing the first six points of the game, but the Bruins rallied back to defeat the Wildcats 64-46.

The Bruins outscored the Wildcats 22-2 in the last ten minutes of the first half, then dominated the boards in the rest of the game to keep Linfield behind.

Junior Nancy Rissmiller (Tigard, OR) had 16 points and 8 rebounds, and Angela Pettit grabbed 18 points and six rebounds. Becci Harper led the Bruins with 19 points, 11 rebounds, four steals and three assists in the game.

Harper's outstanding play in the three games earned her a second stint as the Northwest Conference Player of the Week. She averaged 22.0

points, 11.0 rebounds, 3.0 steals and 2.7 assists in the games. She shot .556 (25-45) from the field, including 5 of 10 3-pointers. Harper was also named Player of the Week on December 1.

Tuesday, February 18, the Bruins defeated the Lewis and Clark Pioneers 60-49 in their last regular season conference match. The win ensured the Bruins a playoff spot.

Northwest Conference semi-finals begin on February 26. The Conference championship game is March 1, and the NAIA Division II National Tournament goes from March 13 through March 18. Saturday, February 22, the Bruins face the Western Oregon Wolves in their last home game of the 1996-97 season. The Wolves were the NAIA Division II national champions in 1994-95 and 1995-96 and are 16-8 overall right now. Last year, George Fox and Western Oregon split regular season games, with each team winning at home. WOSC leads the all time NAIA series 27-6.



Tight defense on the part of Pettit, Carroll, Harper, and Keown keeps Willamette out of the key



Sports Talk  
with



# Nancy -vs- Mike and Jory

## Mike & Jory

MIKE SMOLKO & JORY SMITH  
Staff Columnists, The Crescent

Nancy Rissmiller was College Sports Magazine's 1996 NAIA Female Athlete of the Year. She has also accomplished these other feats in the recent past:

During her Freshman year at Fox, (1995) Nancy jumped 5'10" in the high jump, one of the top 50 jumps in the United States at all levels for women that year. It also set a new record for women at GF in the high jump. Nancy then won the NAIA high jump competition in 1996.

She was a member of the women's 4x400 relay team that finished 4th in the nation for the NAIA in 1996 and, to top it off, Nancy was last years leading scorer and rebounder



No comment here.



Nancy using the illegal finger roll

for the lady Bruins who, by the way, were ranked in the NAIA's top 25.

Most people would look at Nancy's achievements and think, "Man, that's one tough lady." But Jory and I aren't "most people." We don't think Nancy's really all she's been cracked up to be. We both think that this whole "Nancy Rissmiller, Great Athlete, Collegiate Superstar" thing is a hoax. So we decided to find out for ourselves and see how tough Nancy really is.....

We started out by taking the fall semester off and going to Costa Rica on consortium. Our mission was to make sure that we were physically and mentally able to compete head to head with Nancy Rissmiller in any sport or competition. We immersed ourselves in the culture, training 8 to 24 hours a day with the Costa Rican Women's National High Jump Team.

Our nights were spent in the homes of Costa Rican families who also lived in Costa Rica. On those lazy

Costa Rican nights, we sat with cool, smooth glasses of Costa Rican iced tea. Jory was becoming fluent in Costa Rican when we had to leave.

We'll be forever grateful to the Ortiz and Sandoz families of Guadalupe for the hospitality, free food, and the numerous times they bailed us out of Costa Rican jails.

We got back to Fox in time to take the May term Basketball/Floor Hockey class taught by Mark Vernon. Basketball isn't something that's new to us because we've played intermurals before. We just wanted to brush up on some skills. Being overseas and in Mark's class taught us that sportsmanship and fair play are the marks of a true athlete.

The first step in our competition was to heckle and mentally tear down Nancy at any chance we could get. We took three weeks off from school and devoted our time and efforts to this important cause.

(Note to our professors: This is why we weren't in class during that time. Hal Adrian mandated that because our activities were of a sport's nature, we were excused from classes and we don't have to make up the work for that three weeks. Thanks!)

We spent a lot of time outside the windows of Nancy's classes harassing her and her friends, throwing food in her direction at Marriott, getting our meal

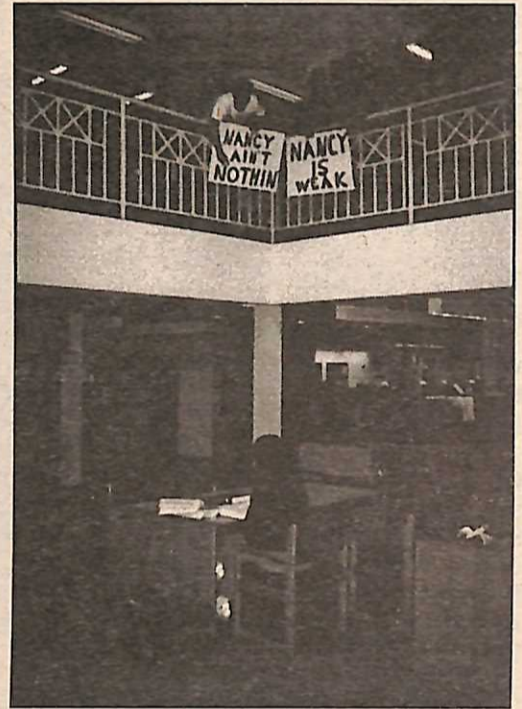
cards back from Bill Jackson, saying cuss words, canoeing at Tilikum, thinking evil thoughts about Nancy while watching Sport's Center, and doing our daily devotions.

We challenged Nancy to all kinds of competition. Our photographer, Kyle Chowning (9 consonants, 3 vowels), extensively covered the events in pictures. So, we decided to stop writing words and let the pictures do the talking...

It was a good competition, and well fought out until the end. Nancy won by just a hair. She won 12 of the 14 competitions.

The only event that she lost was the spelling bee. After 34 rounds, Nancy finally misspelled the word 'Tsytsyn.' We tied Nancy in the Greased Pig

Competition. That pig sure was slippery! Now in hindsight, as we look back on our 12 losses, we think that Nancy is one of the finest athletes ever to come through George Fox. But, we still think that Jory's dad could take Nancy's dad...



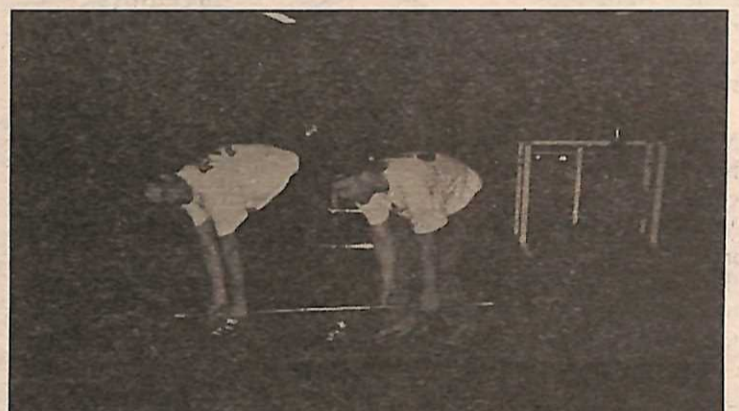
Nancy Studying



Mike teachin' Nancy a move



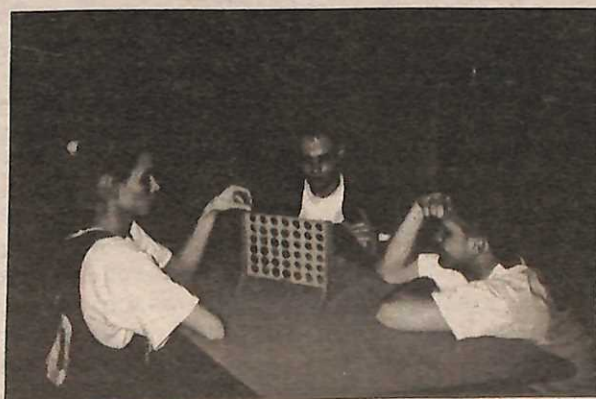
OK, best 5 of 7?



Mike and Jory = 580 lbs total, 20 lbs more than Nancy



Nancy lifts 560 lbs total



C'mon Nancy, best two of three?

## Fox Scoreboard

### Women's Basketball

Feb 7	GF vs Whitman	71	57
Feb 8	GF vs Whitworth	53	62
Feb 11	GF vs Pacific	70	52
Feb 14	GF vs Willamette	68	49
Feb 15	GF vs Linfield	64	46

### Men's Basketball

Feb 7	GF vs Whitman	52	94
Feb 8	GF vs Whitworth	57	88
Feb 11	GF vs Pacific	67	89
Feb 14	GF vs Willamette	74	68
Feb 15	GF vs Linfield	59	80



NEWS

# Or Something Like that...

From WhiteBoard News

**Starkville, Mississippi:**

Their gun didn't work, they ended up ducking bullets from the clerk they came to rob, and finally, the engine of their getaway car blew up. Sometimes crime just doesn't pay.

"Not to make light of a serious situation, but this was the Apple Dumpling Gang," said police Capt. David Lindley. "They couldn't get anything right."

The three were arrested shortly after they fled a convenience store Tuesday night when their getaway car gave out and they got into an accident. They were booked on armed robbery charges; one faces an attempted murder charge.

During the holdup at the Green Oakes Superette, one suspect pulled the trigger of a Saturday night special, a .22-caliber handgun, but nothing happened, police said. The robbers then retreated from the store, only to be fired upon by a store clerk. No one was injured in the robbery or later in the car accident.

**El Paso, Texas:**

Good boy!  
A Doberman Pinscher puppy apparently dug up \$13,500 buried in its back yard Wednesday, sending \$100 bills drifting through the neighborhood.

"It was like a fable," said Florence Berger, who lives nearby.

Dora Moya, a housekeeper caring for the home, called police after seeing money swirling through the yard. The owners of the house have been in California for two weeks, neighbors said.

Officers found \$11,600 in the yard and the rest of the money elsewhere around the neighborhood, some of it with teeth marks.

The police and the FBI are investigating.

"Because it was such a large amount and such large denominations, we were immediately suspicious of its origin," Sgt. Bill Pfeil said.

**Ashland, Oregon:**

Trying to play Cupid for a pair of swans proved more tricky than officials here imagined — they inadvertently set up two males.

A pair of swans had lived in a local park in this southern Oregon tourist town. When the male swan

was struck and killed by a truck last month, city officials thought they'd find a new mate for the young widow. Their efforts were way off mark. When the new male was introduced, the swans locked wings and pecked at each other.

The widow was actually a widower.

Last June, a local family donated a swan to replace a female killed by a dog, but actually gave the city a young male.

Because it wasn't mating season, the two male swans got along just fine last fall.

Next time, the self-appointed Cupids say, they'll take more careful aim.

"We are in the process of going to advertise and get a female swan," Parks Director Ken Mickelsen said. "And we'll have a sex check."

**Santa Ana, California:**

Police dogs in Orange County may soon have a new and shocking tool for subduing suspects - a stun-gun muzzle charged with 50,000 volts of electricity.

"The dog's going in for a bite, but he can't bite, so he's just rubbing the muzzle on the perpetrator," explained one of the mask's inventors, E. William Berke of Orange.

The muzzled canines in action are an arresting sight. Electricity crackles across a Darth Vader-like mask, turning an already intimidating animal into a high-tech horror show.

During a demonstration of the device, Berke - a pension planner and owner of two German shepherds - said the idea arose during an informal conversation with dog trainer Harvey S. Allen II of Orange.

The mask allows the dog's handler to immobilize a suspect without ever getting within dangerous reach of the suspect. The handler is able to activate the stun gun remotely and avoid the danger of sic-ing an unmuzzled animal on a suspect — the less human alternative, inventors say.

William Francis, commander of the Orange County Sheriff Department's K-9 unit,

said the muzzles would have to pass intensive field tests before the department would accept them.

"Right now we're open-minded about it, but there's so many things we'd have to put it through," Francis said. Dave Hamilton of Silverado volunteered as a human guinea pig earlier this week. A shock of electricity flying off of his muzzled, 4-year-old German shepherd sent Hamilton's 230-pound frame briefly airborne, before dropping with a thud to earth. "Who needs coffee?" said a shaken but otherwise unharmed Hamilton.

**Tegucigalpa, Honduras:**

A Honduran congressman accused of bigamy tried to explain it to the public: he's handsome enough for two women — or more.

"Because I have many admirers I have problems with my wife, even though she knows a handsome man is not for one woman but for several," National Party congressman Julio Villatoro said in remarks that outraged church leaders and women's groups.

Villatoro's wife of 17 years has accused him of being married to a second woman and is seeking a divorce.

Villatoro, who has asked for a leave from the assembly, has not responded directly to the charges. Last week, he sought to explain his predicament.

"God gave me a physique attractive to women and I take advantage of it," he said, adding that he is also a nifty dancer.

Villatoro apologized Thursday after drawing censure from clerics and women's groups.

**Austin, Texas:**

In a state known for its 10-gallon hats, towering oil rigs and large longhorn cattle, a lawmaker wants to designate a tiny state symbol.

Representative Scott Hochberg is working on a bill to name the buckyball as the state's official molecule.

The buckyball, a soccer-ball shaped grouping of 60 carbon atoms, is thinner than a human hair but 100 times stronger than steel. It is expected to someday conduct electricity without resistance, deliver medicine into the body and even carry elevators into space.

Two Rice University professors discovered the compound and recently won a Nobel Prize for their efforts.

The buckyball is named after the late R. Buckminster Fuller because of its resemblance to the geodesic domes he designed.

# George Fox SafeWatch

**CARL ECKLUND**  
Director of Campus Security



Few people know more about self-protection than female police officers. While they're trained in self-defense and carry guns, in a tight spot they're more likely to rely on brains than brawn, just like the rest of us.

That's why women officers and crime prevention experts across the country were asked how to handle a variety of threatening situations, from being lost in a strange neighborhood to fending off an attacker to using an ATM safely. Many of the techniques they use to stay safe can protect you to.

Make it a habit to ask yourself hypothetical questions: What would I do if my car had a flat right here? What if that man in the doorway suddenly lunged at me? "All officers, male and female, play what-if games," says Phoenix Police Department officer Jane Bolek. "In the patrol car, I might ask my partner, 'What if we saw that convenience store being robbed right now?'"

Violent crimes can happen so fast, you may not be able to make conscious decisions, so it's crucial to think ahead. "If you already have a blueprint in your head, there's a good chance you'll respond to it," explains Janet Thelen, a retired crime prevention officer with the Arlington (Texas) Police Department.

**Trust your instincts.**  
Cops are devout believers in a sixth sense. "If it doesn't feel, look, or smell right, it probably isn't right," stresses Sgt. Madelyn Cunningham of Nashville Police Department's Crime Prevention Division. "You

wouldn't believe how many victims get these vibes beforehand," adds Patricia Harman of the Prince William County (Virginia) police. "Any time you do, you should listen."

Appearances can deceive. Sgt. Pam Marshack of the Delaware State Police puts it this way: "If you're tempted to let your guard down with a stranger, I hope the name 'Ted Bundy' flashes through your mind. He was attractive and charismatic, and was also a vicious rapist and murderer."

Sound paranoid? Think prepared. The idea is not to live in fear, but to eliminate yourself as a potential target from a criminal's screening process. "A rapist or robber is going to find a victim," says Harman, "but the more obstacles you put in his way, the less likely he is to choose you."

**Parking Lots**

Choose a spot close to the building. If you plan to return after dark, park under a light; survey the area before leaving your car. "If you'll be working late and can't get a good location in the morning, go out later in the day and move your car to a better spot," suggests Marshack.

Never leave anything remotely attractive to a thief visible in the car. "Hide items in the trunk before you get to your destination," says Marshack. Also, remove any paper showing your name and address; don't store your license or registration papers in the glove compartment.

Source: *Safety Tips From Women Cops* by Jeanie Wilson

# This week in POLITICS

President Clinton helped American Airlines out of a bind with its pilot's union. Although an agreement was not reached by the strike deadline of 12:01 AM February 15, Clinton stepped in and declared a 60-day "cooling off" period in which no strike may occur. The first 30 days of this period will be used to come up with a settlement plan, and the second 30 are set aside for the airline and the pilot's union to consider the arbitration.

A strike may still occur if the warring factions do not agree on the settlement. American Airlines, which handles about 20% of the nation's air traffic, cancelled a large number of flights in expectation of the strike. Saturday was spent slashing prices by as much as 50% to fill flights. Other airlines have followed suit, precipitating a major fare war.

Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr is stepping down from his position as head of the legal probe investigating the Clinton's alleged Whitewater misdeeds. Starr, who is accepting a job in academia as the dean of Pepperdine school of law, denies that his August departure will affect the probe.

Clinton supporters, however, claim this action means there will be no indictment of either Clinton. Members of the Whitewater investigating team don't want the Clinton's to count their chickens before they are hatched.

Starr could still release a damaging report before he steps down, and, the other members of the team have vowed to continue following whatever course is warranted - including the possibility of criminal charges.

\*Source: CNN.com\*

