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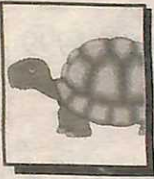
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## Sports Updates

### Volleyball

10-22 7 p.m. at Whitworth  
10-23 7 p.m. at Whitman

### Soccer

Womens: 10-23 2:30 p.m. at PLU  
10-24 noon at UPS  
Mens: 10-23 2:30 p.m. at PLU  
10-24 2:30 p.m. at UPS

# The Crescent

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## God breaks, heals students at all-campus retreat

Laurie Reyman  
Staff Writer

Most George Fox retreats center around group bonding.

The all-campus retreat at Camp Howard, east of Portland, took place on Oct. 1-3. Rachele Staley, the Associated Student Community retreat coordinator, and her committee -- Aaron Routon, Laura Steenson, Kim Grimes, and Janelle Davis -- had been planning and praying for weeks, and the results were above and beyond what they originally planned. To begin with, the number of people who signed up for the retreat was astounding. With over 200 people there, the number more than doubled from what it had been the year before.

Staley's excitement was apparent when she spoke to the school before the retreat. As people signed up, the committee prayed for them by name every day. "We wanted people to be broken when they got there," said Staley. "We wanted their walls to already be down." The prayer of the committee's hearts' was based on Psalm 90:17, which says, "May the favor of God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for

us -- yes, establish the work of our hands." The brokenness and healing that went on at the retreat was not based on the work of the committee. It was God all the way.

The weekend began on Friday night with the chapel band doing the thing they do best: leading the children of God into His throne room to worship Him. The Spirit of God was there from the beginning, as the students of George Fox and other members of the student body joined under one roof to praise their God. Andrea Halvorson, one of the campers, said, "It was so awesome to see so many like-minded people together, not caring about appearances, just worshipping."

The speaker for the weekend, Adam James, was introduced, and his excitement about Jesus radiated from him. Being a college student himself, he could relate to the group he was speaking to. His message was based on the truth of God's word, and he shared it with passion and humility. Excitement permeated the room. Thus began the work of God among his people.

God's Spirit was not contained by the four walls of the chapel. An exhausted Staley



Photo by Elise Barrero

A group of students gather to pray in their small group at the fall all-campus retreat.

entered the dining hall at 1:30 a.m. on Friday night, expecting to see a disaster created by the vigorous swing dancing that had been going on earlier. What she saw instead was a hall that had already been cleaned up by the campers. "The servant hearts were so apparent," she said. The same thing happened on Sunday when everyone was preparing to leave. Instead of cleaning for several hours, as the committee had anticipated, it took them 45

minutes to finish because of the campers' help. After the morning service on Saturday, people stayed behind to spend time with their God, praying, worshipping, crying and singing. It was apparent God was doing some serious business. The prayers of the committee were being answered; people's spirits were breaking and being changed.

"That's what we were there for," said Grandpa Roy Hiebert,

the campus grandfather, who took part in the whole weekend. One student, Erin Newberry, commented, "I realized that I am a woman of God with His power in me. I am a vessel." God was speaking to each heart individually. Despite their broken spirits and pain, the joy that can only come from the Creator's touch was shining on their faces.

Saturday night did not  
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## ASC starts the new year with a new mission



Photo by Carley Egelston

Jessica Howard  
Assistant Editor

Many of you have heard the term "ASC." You hear it during chapel announcements and see it on Foxmail, but do you really know what it is? Do you know the individuals who put so much time and effort into this "ASC?" Why is it there? What does it do? How does this alleged "ASC" affect you, the typical George Fox student?

The Associated Student Community's mission

statement provides a good starting-off point. It is "Inspiring the hope and giftedness in others through Christ's example." Each ASC member is dedicated to not only serving his or her fellow students but also to providing a Christ-like example. This is something unique: to have students in positions of leadership who are not solely concerned with what they can accomplish for themselves or how they can make themselves look better. George Fox's ASC

is clearly committed to encouraging their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ by not only being leaders but leading through example. And what better example to follow than that of our Lord?

Because many students are not aware of George Fox's ASC, what its purposes are, and how students can become involved, all ASC members were asked a few basic questions outlining their personal job descriptions, missions, and goals for the year.

**Ryan Dougherty**  
ASC President

**Job description:** "I am responsible for overseeing all activities of ASC and for representing students' interests to the administration."

**Goals for the GFU campus:** "One of my big goals is the excitement about next year and ASC. Strong support in the ASC elections will be pivotal. It is also important to realize that we are at a critical time in

George Fox. There are going to be a lot of new and exciting things on campus, so it is important that we work on things that will secure the future of students. We are really trying to set into work a plan for a full-fledged Student Union Building. This year's ASC is one in which a lot of the things we do will only be seen in future years. With all of the changes on campus, we are trying to make sure that student interest is kept at the forefront."

**Mission:** "It is my overall goal to try to make George Fox a place where students can grow as people and leaders. Each and every person is one of influence and potential, so it is very important to inspire that in others."

**Will Varin**  
ASC Vice-President

**Job description:** "My job involves facilitating academic programs for ASC, representing the student body on various  
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## 70's Dance

October 29  
8:30 to 11 p.m.  
(EHS Atrium)

"Disco Daze"

# Live by the Sword

## Of missions and Metallica

Eric Costa  
Staff Writer

A topic of interest lately is the relevance and validity of the Old Testament. Should we pay attention to the OT, or should we discount some portions as being "irrelevant to life today?" There are a few answers to this question.

Jesus quoted the Old Testament a great many times, and each time people accepted it as the Word of Truth. A good friend of mine once said, "If anything, the Old Testament is more valid than the New Testament, not less. Jesus himself seems to confirm that." I would add to that and remind people that God even wrote a part of the Old Testament with His own finger (Ex. 31:18).

Jesus also said: "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill" (Mt. 5:17). The Law is still intact, and still stands as God's standard of righteousness. Jesus paid the penalty of the Law for us, and for that we are eternally in debt to Him. However, God still wants us to behave a certain way, and that way is found throughout the Bible,

both in the OT and the NT. It is our reasonable response to God's amazing grace to learn and discover the standards of righteousness and follow them.

One might say, "Well, those laws and rules only applied to certain people at certain times." But why would they only apply for a certain time? Where in the Bible does it say that any of God's Word should only apply to people in certain cultures? It doesn't. This is because God is unchanging. He will always want His people to behave properly, so as to have a better relationship with Him and to bring glory to His Name. It is not the rules that have changed — only the people have. We use this as an excuse to bring the standard of God down to our own level sometimes, but is this appropriate? You can answer that one. I suggest maybe finding out what God thinks about it.

All of the Bible — both the Old and New Testaments — point toward Jesus Christ as our way to fellowship with God, and indeed with each other. Shouldn't we give the Holy Spirit a chance to work with us by reading the Bible more?

Ryan Blachard  
Staff Writer

"Every time I come in here, I feel like I'm losing my salvation," he says. The music continues to play, bellowing its message to all who will hear. "They sound like Satan, how can you listen to that and call yourself a Christian?" I stare at him blankly, wishing for just one moment that Jesus would rescue me from having to explain this again, preferably with a holy piledriver into the concrete. He rolls his eyes at my silence and slowly leaves the room, shaking his head in prideful disbelief. I sit back in my chair and ponder the truthfulness of his statement. In a moment, I have reached my conclusion, and control myself from teaching him a lesson in humility.

The band is Zao, a group of angry young men from Parkersburg, West Virginia. The album, modestly titled, "The Splinter Shards the Birth of Separation," had been one of my favorites for years. Combining raging dissonance with sheer rearing of the voice, singer Shawn Jonas sounds like young Regan in "The Exorcist." The average person would never guess his lyrics, and most wouldn't care to. Only the few, the proud, the headbangers ever venture into such volatile musical areas. Yet here they are, loud, angry, and distinctly Christian:

*"I will lift you up*

*I will praise your  
awesome name  
Praise your name  
For what it's worth  
and nothing less  
Perfect in all things,  
most high God  
Commend to praise  
To adore, to glory  
In something so still...."*

As an avid listener of the notorious evil bands of our day (Korn, Metallica, Rob Zombie, etc.), I have seen and heard things that would send the average Christian running for church. I have seen drumsets set on fire and 666 in red lights across a stage. Many of you would accuse me of being of

God? I've done it, frequently in fact. All of you have. Most of you have made decisions to follow Him, and a lot of you do it more blindly than you should. I say this because we have alienated the very people to whom we should be witnessing.

We are not reaching the homosexuals and the liberals and the skaters (or any other stereotyped group of individuals) because we are too afraid to admit that we too had questions once, and we want nothing to do with it. We figure they're too far gone, and besides, we don't want to be conformed to the patterns of this world.

Let me ask you this: while you're here at George Fox, eating your fat-filled meals, surfing your internet, laying on your cushy beds, where are the non-Christians? While you read the Great Commission in Bible class, and send your dollars sailing into the offering plate, how many unsaved people have you talked to today? Are you experiencing the freedom of Christ by freeing yourself from everything not Christ-like, or are you being Christ to those who need to see true freedom?

If the Bible is true, Jesus was a whacked-out liberal. Can you imagine calling your clergy a brood of snakes? Can you imagine kicking tail in the foyer of the church? Can nobody see that the Christian majority of today has become the Pharisees that Jesus so adamantly spoke against? He wallowed with the poor and touched the lepers.

What do we do? We go to our Christian college, and listen to our Christian music, and eat our Christian food with our Christian forks, while the world goes to hell. What will it take for us to stop our bitter judgment of the world, and reach down to where we once were to bring someone to where they want to be? If we are not aware of the world, our mission field, we cannot identify with them, and they will not listen. I praise God that He is above our pitiful excuse for evangelism.

May we get our clothes dirty that our hearts may be clean, and that we may die capable of telling God that we did our best to reach our fellow man.

### Check out God's opinion on it:

- Galatians 5:1
- Matthew 6:1
- Matthew 21:12-15
- Luke 5:13
- Matthew 7:1-5
- Matthew 28:19

this world. And being raised in a Baptist "church," I understand where you're coming from. I remember the days when the wearers of Marilyn Manson shirts were the enemy. I can recall despising the pro-choicers, and their hateful ways.

I remember laughing with my church friends when Paul Hill bombed the abortion clinic. But you know something? I think Jesus cried while I had those thoughts.

I had a friend in high school whose name was Brian. Brian was your typical pot-head, beer-guzzling, Metallica shirt-wearing butt-rocker. Brian was the nicest guy I met that year. I remember sitting in choir, talking about the latest Metallica album and saying things like, "Yeah, that's a great song, it really points out the hypocrisy of the church today."

With that admission, I could talk to Brian about the God of real love, who would love him more than we "church people" ever could. Do you know why I had that opportunity? Because I liked loud music, and didn't hide from the message of the loud bands.

Honestly, what is satanic about questioning the existence

### Quotables

*I find the television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book. - Groucho Marx*

*College education is a form of training which does not hurt you, provided you study and work hard after graduation. - Anonymous*



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# Associated Student Community shares ideas for new year

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faculty and administrative committees, overseeing the class reps, planning homecoming, and assisting the president in needed capacities."

**Vision for the year:** "I believe it is important to keep our ASC mission statement in mind in all that I do this year. I think we are in an incredibly unique environment with numerous opportunities here at Fox, and I want people to take advantage of this. It is always a challenge to find ways to get everyone involved in the campus. I want everyone to be able to say with pride that he or she is a member of the George Fox community.

"I would like to be able to look back on this year with no regrets. I do not want to miss any opportunities that may present themselves. The George Fox community is stronger than ever. People are

on fire for the Lord and really trying to serve Him and each other. I want to see this awesome attitude continue and grow."

**Nick Willis  
Treasurer**

**Job description:** "Basically, I keep track of all the ASC finances."

**Goals for  
ASC:**

"I would like to improve on the Foxhole idea and improve our SUB building. I would also

like to see the campus grow closer together and have more opportunities for students to get involved, especially those students who feel like ASC is not for them."

**Carrie E. Russo  
Secretary**

**Job description:** "I am

responsible for recording the communication that takes place within the Central Committee and communicating to the student body. I assist in all correspondence done on ASC's behalf. I oversee the campus clubs and maintain communication between the

them to stop by the ASC offices to say 'Hi.'"

**Aaron Dahl**

**Supreme Court Chief Justice**  
**Job description:** "I preside over the school's Supreme Court. We deal with four main areas of concern. The first of these is the actions of the ASC

Central Committee.

A second issue that the Supreme Court deals with is changes to the Constitution.

The third duty is the most visible: running the elections for Class Reps, Homecoming, and for the members of next year's Central Committee. Lastly, we as a Court handle student input on different matters as we attempt to find solutions or proposals to issues affecting the student population."

**Goal for the Supreme Court:** "To be an establishment to which people can bring their problems and ideas. I see several ways the student body can make effective change, and I hope to be a helpful component in bringing about those changes."

**Goal for GFU:**

"I would like to see more involvement by the overall student body. The ASC will only be as strong or as active as the community from which it is composed. What I would like to see is more people seeking the opportunity to become involved. There has been a problem with lack of interest in becoming involved, and I hope to see a change in this for next year. My goal, then, this year is to show people that change can be made, and I hope to get others fired up with their own ideas of how to make things better."

**Krissy Hanson**

**Christian Services Director**

**Job description:** "I oversee several of the off-campus ministry opportunities available to Fox students. There is a great committee of people I work with who are the coordinators of the Little Bruin program (Danna Magnuson), Urban Services (Matthew Henshaw), Community Service (Erin Oates), and Serve Trips (Shelley Yonemura). Primarily, we help Fox students connect with off campus ministries."

**Vision for the year:** "As a committee, we have decided it is our goal to serve and love others just as Christ did when He walked on this earth. In John 13, Jesus demonstrates an ultimate act of love for His disciples by washing their feet.

He even washed His betrayers' feet! That love is something so hard to comprehend! This is the same love that needs to be shared with the surrounding community. We as the Christian body know what it is like to experience God's love, but so many people have never even come close to knowing what it is like to be loved. We desire to serve others through our actions, so they may know Christ and His love for them."

**Jason Kellegan**

**ASC Director of Student Activities**

**Job description:** "To plan and organize events for the student body. These events can include dances, formals, and concerts, among other things. To achieve that, I lead and facilitate a committee that helps make sure these events happen."

**Upcoming activities:** "Some big activities include the 70's dance on Oct. 29, Caedmon's Call concert on Nov. 12, and the Holiday Hoedown at the end of the semester. Also, look for a Bingo Night and a concert that features Hyperstatic Union and Red Letter Legacy. Both bands have George Fox Students playing in them."

**Vision for the year:** "For me personally, I want to focus on two things: one is different and new activities on campus that appeal to everyone, and the second is bigger and better concerts throughout the year. With that, the committee's vision is to plan quality activities which glorify God, bring the school together in unity, and are fun for everyone who attends. Long range ideas follow my own personal goals, which are to buy a sound system that will enable us to feature more concerts and to begin a new tradition of activities. But more than anything, I want to contribute by making this a great year with fond memories and new friendships for the students."

Every student here at George Fox has an opportunity to get involved in ASC. There are a variety of committees, subcommittees, and volunteer leadership positions that students can get involved in. There are open staff positions for the newspaper, yearbook, literary magazine, campus radio station, and darkroom. ASC members stress that their doors are open -- if you have any questions at all, feel free to talk to them. They are more than willing to explain what they do and why they are here. Even if you just drop by to say hi, our ASC loves to talk to and hear from students. So go ahead and get involved -- there's something for everybody!



## Special Editorial

# GFU reconsiders skateboard policy

**Bett Heckinger**  
Opinion Editor

For the last eight years, skateboarding on campus has been formally banned by the university. As new classes come in each year, there is an increasing dissatisfaction with the policy.

Count me among the students who desire a change (though I couldn't stay on a skateboard to save my life!). During the 1998-99 school year I spent several afternoons meeting with Shaun McNay, of student life, to discuss the policy and talk about revisions.

Despite popular belief, there have been no incidents where a high ranking school official was hit by a skateboard. And no, skateboarding is not forbidden because of any stereotype skaters may have been given in the past. In 1991, some roudy junior high and high school students from the Newberg community made George Fox their newest skate park.

And why not? The campus has some great stairs and rails for grinding. This is a university though, and when rails and benches started to show signs of damage, school officials were not too thrilled.

However, when asked to leave, the skaters mouthed off and acted out in a "threaten-

ing" manner. About that time, the university adopted a policy banning all skateboarding activity from the campus.

Today, however, skateboarding has increased in popularity among students and the university is open to change. With the help of Shaun McNay, Carl Ecklund (director of security), Clyde Thomas (director of plant services), and Lisa Leslie (event services coordinator), I drafted a proposal for the board urging them to reconsider the 1991 policy. Among my contentions were:

- The majority of private colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest allow their students to skateboard on campus; George Fox should follow the "industry standard."
- George Fox students are responsible enough to enjoy the privilege of skating on campus and should not be penalized for the misconduct of junior highers..

In an Oct. 4 board meeting, the skateboarding proposal was presented to the ASC by Will Varin. The ASC voted unanimously to support the skateboarding proposal. After a year of meetings and final revisions, the proposal will finally meet the Administrative Council in early November.

club presidents and Central Committee."

**Goals for ASC:** "I feel that the most important thing is for there to remain some continuity between the Central Committee members from one year to the next. If we can remain organized and deliberate about following the standard procedures, it will be easier to train new staff at the end of the year so that they can adequately fill in the positions for next year. Our year of service on Central Committee does not replace the previous years -- it only builds on them. We need to be conscious of the past as well as looking towards the future."

**Vision for GFU:** "For George Fox University to be a Christ-centered community where every member feels valued and loved, no matter where each has been or where each is now. I would hope that each person who comes to George Fox would discover the love and acceptance of God and His people; and, through that, we can enter into the adventure of walking with Him and giving all our talents and gifts over to him. God has allowed each of us to be at George Fox by His own hand of provision. Therefore, I believe that God can use the years at Fox in amazing ways."

**Leslie Sesser**

**Communications Director**

**Job Description:** "I oversee KFOX, the ASC darkroom, Campus Album Project, and the publication of The Crescent, Wineskin, Bruin Directory and L'Ami (yearbook)."

**Goals for ASC**

**Communications:** "Excellence and professionalism in everything we produce, publish and broadcast. I want to see each department serve the George Fox community through its unique characteristics. If students would like to be involved in ASC communication, have them contact me. We are currently looking for more KFOX DJs and Crescent writers. Let the students know that we want

# The 1999 Crescent Staff

Represented by their favorite reptile



## Jonathan M. Roberts

Position: The big, old man on staff

Age: 23

Major: History

Hobbies: Youth pastor, anything Star Wars, picking on hapless layout editors, playing every type of sport and singing (badly) in choir.

Personal Quote: "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God, than dwell in the tents of the wicked."

~ Psalm 84:10 NIV



## Jessica Howard

Position:

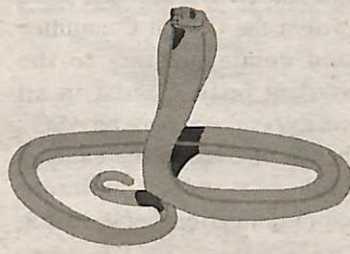
Assistant Editor

Age: 18

Major: Double major in Business (probably International) and Communication Arts.

Hobbies: Basketball, traveling, art, hiking, water rafting, camping, volleyball, piano, writing, and sleeping.

Personal Quote: "No matter what anyone tells you, there's always room in your schedule to fit one more thing in."



## Sarah Sparks

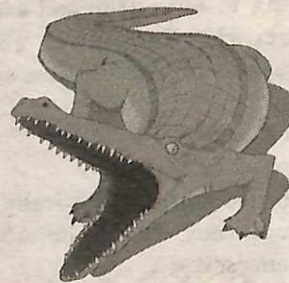
Position: A&E Editor

Age: 18

Major: Biology and Literature

Personal Quote: "I expect to pass through life but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."

~ William Penn



## Sarah E. Dorsey

Position: Layout Editor

Age: 18

Major: Communications, with a Biblical Studies minor

Hobbies: Talking, being random, singing, reading and annoying the big man on staff.

Personal Quote: "I decided what type person I wanted to be, and I pretended to be that person for so long, I became that person."

~ Carey Grant



## Nathan Goff

Position: Business Manager

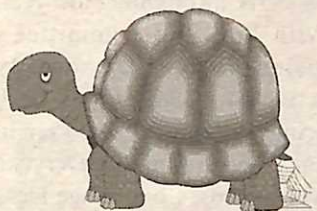
Age: 20

Major: Double major in Computer Science and Business Marketing

Hobbies: Rollerblading, guitar, old cars, sleeping and sleeping in class

Personal Quote: "God's more than words, you're more than this, so what's your direction and where are you now?"

~ Switchfoot



## Serena Brumund

Position: Sports Editor

Age: 20

Major: Communication Arts

Hobbies: Soccer, basketball, softball and photography as well as writing.

Personal Quote: "College has been a challenging time for me and though the days may have seemed dark and gray, I've come to find that if you just trust in Christ, He will reveal His plan for you in His time."



## Bett Heckinger

Position: Opinion Editor

Age: 19

Major: International Studies and Sleep Deprivation Therapy

Hobbies: My passion in life is for God. I enjoy singing, reading poetry, laughing, learning about other cultures, and riding the snow on Mt Hood.

Personal Quote: "Without music, the mind sleeps in silence. Without progression, the soul weeps in mediocrity."

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# GFU faculty presented recital this week to enjoyment of all

Sarah Sparks  
A&E Editor

The faculty recital of Ken Willson was held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20 in Bauman Auditorium. He performed along with Maria Choban as the duet team called "d.u.o."

Willson, assistant professor of music at George Fox, has performed as a soloist in the Portland area, Newberg, and throughout the Northwest. He and Choban performed previously as a duet team in 1994-1995.

Choban recently returned from Greece, her native country, where she spent the last two years researching the 20th century Greek classical composers. She has performed as a soloist throughout the Northwest and in Europe as well.

Willson holds a Doctor of Arts in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Northern Colorado. He also attended George Fox and University of Portland. He has been on the George Fox faculty since 1987, beginning as an adjunct instructor of piano.



Willson and Choban take a moment to relax in front of their favorite instrument.

Choban graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Reed College in Portland.

Willson considers himself a "Concert Artist" and believes that "it is important for a teacher in the arts to also be onstage or before audiences working their craft. It lends

more credibility for students." Currently, Willson is giving a series of "Encounters with..." concerts in which he plays solo, with an actor guest playing the role of the composer or friends of the composer being featured.

The duo of Willson and Choban performed pieces by

American composers including Tomas Svoboda's "Suite Op. 124," Douglas Townsend's "Four Folk Songs," and P. D. Q. Bach's "Sonata Inamorata." They also presented Franz Schubert's "Fantasia in F-Minor." A reception followed the concert in the Bauman Auditorium lobby.

## Let the games begin!

Sarah Sparks  
A&E Editor

The George Fox traditional Theatre Games are coming at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday, Oct. 22, in Wood-Mar Auditorium. This popular event is a competition between improvisational acting teams of students.

Participants often realize acting talents that they did not know they had while performing humorous pieces. Audience members offer suggestions and cheer for their favorite teams. The winners of the games are chosen by student judges, and prizes are awarded.

The games are sponsored by George Fox's improvisational workshop class. The admission fee is 50 cents at the door.

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## “Scrooge” brings a brightened season

Carolina Gervais  
Staff Writer

The actors take their places on stage in front of emerging skeletons of Victorian houses and shop fronts. “One more time please, and I need exuberance!” shouts Becky Chelson, the musical director, as she plays the piano. The actors transform into nineteenth century Christmas carolers as they weave together a medley of familiar carols, creating a crescendo of Christmas cheer. The scene suddenly becomes the party at Fezziwig’s house as the students grab a dance partner and romp up and down the stage, all while belting spirited songs as Chelson plays on.

George Fox University’s fall production of “Scrooge the Musical,” written by Leslie Bricusse, is based on Charles Dickens’ classic “A Christmas Carol.” The forty members of the cast rehearse an average of fifteen hours per week in preparation for the Nov. 11 opening of the show. It also plays the following weekend, Nov. 17-20. Becky Chelson leads the actors in learning the music, while choreographer Sharon Miller directs their dancing. Costume designer Les Bliss creates the old-fashioned skirts and suits that will make the actors look as if they have stepped into Christmas time of the mid-1800’s.

It is director Sandy Shaner’s first time working with the George Fox theatre department, and she brings with her twenty years of acting, directing and choreography experience. Involved for years in the Portland theatre scene as well as teaching workshops throughout Oregon, Shaner is currently teaching acting and dance classes for children. She is also working on writing children’s plays, but maintains, “Directing is my passion.”

Shaner accepted the directing position for

Scrooge because she liked the script and music and because she loves working with young people. Referring to the George Fox actors, Shaner says, “It’s nice to work with talent.” This production will be the West Coast premier of the musical.

Shaner’s goal in directing Scrooge is to remain true to the spirit of Dickens’ work. She sees the story of Ebenezer Scrooge’s redemption as a way to convey the Christian belief of transformation through love, rather than the more traditional aspect of fear. With this portrayal in mind, Shaner made the artistic decision to stick closer to Dickens’ original story by excluding a scene in the musical in which Scrooge visits hell. In a unique interpretation, Shaner will portray the three ghosts of Christmas as metaphors for the three persons of the Trinity, and the character of Marley as a representation of John the Baptist, because the spirits lead Scrooge to the knowledge of the redemptive power of love.

Musicals as a theatrical genre have their own set of challenges and rewards. Cory Morgan, who plays two different townspeople, enjoys the complexity of dance and song that musical theatre provides. Ruth Ulmer, a sophomore who plays Mary, a townspeople, says that one of the challenges of acting in “Scrooge” is that the characters do more simultaneous singing and dancing than other musical productions she has acted in, such as last year’s “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.” Junior Kristen Buhler, who plays Mrs. Fezziwig, notes that participating in musicals “encompasses a greater vulnerability because you are using music and dance, so it often creates greater bonding within the cast.” Ulmer agrees and says their cast has already bonded well, which for her has been the most enjoyable aspect of acting in “Scrooge” so far.

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go exactly as planned. Instead of spending two hours in the chapel, it turned out to be five. Nobody wanted to leave. The extra three hours were spent singing and dancing interspersed with testimonies and prayer.

The highlight of ASC chaplain Josh McPherson’s weekend was the time spent with the upperclassmen, praying for the freshmen and sophomores. He referred to it as “a family taking care of business.” There were no class divisions; every person was simply a child of God. This was followed by prayer for the faculty of the school. The only representative of the faculty at the retreat, Gale

Roid, spoke in front of the students. On behalf of all the staff, he humbly asked their forgiveness for putting the curriculum before the students and for not proclaiming Jesus in the classroom every day. It was events like this that left everyone there in awe of the work God was doing in their lives.

The excitement did not die with the weekend. The campers came back excited about what God had done and what He was going to do.

On Monday, one professor closed his book during class and declared that the rest of the period would be spent discussing the retreat. He inquired of his students how he could better integrate Christ into his

teaching. A volleyball class was spent with 50 students joining hands in prayer.

Several weeks after the retreat, students say that God is continuing the work he began in their lives that weekend.

People are excited about what God is doing on this campus. Every day, prayers are being lifted up for the students, faculty and staff of George Fox University.

The work that began in the hearts of the people continues daily and is being shared with everyone willing to listen. God has an awesome plan for this campus and the individuals here.

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# Women's soccer keeps the pushing the limits

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Since the middle of August, a specific group of girls have devoted their life to something they love with a passion. They've given their time, their bodies, and their minds to bettering themselves and their team. As a result, the GFU women's soccer team currently holds a 8-7-0 record in play and is 4-6 in the conference. In addition to this, the NSCAA voted them seventh in the West Region.

Unfortunately, though, playoff contention is no longer

possible. "Before these two games (with Whitman and Whitworth) we were in third place and these two losses set us back to fifth place, removing the possibility of play-offs," remarked head coach Byron Schenk. Despite the disappointment of not making playoffs, Schenk is happy with what he sees. "I am pleased with the attitudes and efforts of the girls; they're still working hard and committed to improving. We just need to execute the fundamentals better and work on our goal scoring." The season concludes at the end of this month and it looks as though the team will

have some good competition to test these fundamentals. "The last five games of the season are against the top four teams in the conference. I would like to have a five game winning streak, and I believe that we are capable of it," Schenk said.

This weekend the team is at Pacific Lutheran on Saturday and Sunday at Puget Sound. Both games start at noon.

When I spoke with Schenk on the phone, I could sense there was more behind his desire for coaching other than to just to be a coach and to win games. "I like people," he said simply. "I like to see people develop and grow. It's not so much winning the games as it is seeing progress that makes it satisfying."

In my opinion, it's coaches like Schenk that you remember when you look back on playing. It's not the ones who teach that you winning is the only success, it's the one who takes the time to teach you, instruct you, and celebrate with you when you excel in your performance - whether this means you win the game or not.

**Tori Taylor, one of this seasons star players, uses her speed and skill to take on a player from Concordia. This season has been a growing time for players and coaches alike.**



Photo by Elise Barrero



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Putting out their best effort, John Wilson and Kevin Whitaker battle with an opponent for control over the ball.

## Young Fox team learns through tough season

Serena Brumund  
Sports Editor

Manfred Tschan has been coaching men's soccer for "as long as anyone can remember," he said with a laugh. Actually, he's coached since 1988, and he has established a tradition of winning. Over a nine-year span, George Fox has never placed lower than second in the conference, and for the past ten years every season has been a winning season. This year the tradition has been a little more challenging to uphold.

Currently, the men's soccer team is 5-9-0 overall and 3-6-0 in the conference. It is what would be called a rebuilding year. "We lost nine players last year and this year we have no seniors," Tschan remarked. "We do have a young team but I'm not using that for an excuse. There haven't been any games that we've lost real badly in; they have all been games where we were just a goal or two short. It's not impossible for a young team like ours to be very successful."

Sophomore Chris Shields agrees with Tschan. "We've never lost a game that we couldn't have won or played a team that just blew us out of the water. All our wins we've had to work hard for and sometimes the losses were a result of just one mental lapse that came at a crucial time."

Accepting the fact that playoffs is out of the picture, Shields feels as though players on the team haven't given up on playing. "Everyone's still working hard and putting out effort. That's really all you can ask for."

Though losing games is not going to detour Tschan from enjoying other aspects of coaching soccer, it's not some-

thing that has been much of an issue in the past. "The challenging part of this is not losing games but getting off to a slow start and not being able to turn it around. I've had to change major things in the middle of the season which have made it difficult to establish security and stability for both the players and myself."

The team has five games left to chalk up a few more wins. The team cannot afford any more mental or fundamental mistakes if they hope to win.

"Factors that play into winning are good decision making, referees, and maybe even a little luck," Tschan admits. "But primarily, it's how many mental mistakes one team makes and if the opposing team can capitalize on it." Though mistakes both physical and mental are inevitable at some point, a team could take it one of two ways: they could give up or they could bounce back.

"I think that's one of our strengths," says Tschan. "The team is committed, they work hard in practice and games, improving, and learning from their mistakes. Unfortunately, some of those mistakes just keep reappearing."

Regardless of the outcome of the past few games, we all know that the best benefit one can gain from reliving a game of the past is recognizing the things that did and didn't work, and then practicing to yield improvement.

It may not be something you notice on the field in the next game or even the next several games to come, but you will notice it in your attitude and character, and it will reflect to many your love of the game.

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Senior Beth Davis delivers a powerful serve.

## Team shows true character in spite of injury and illness

John Felton  
Staff Writer

After a record year that saw the George Fox volleyball team end the season ranked 10th nationally and compete in its first ever NAIA national volleyball tournament, the Bruins are once again fighting for first place in the Northwest Conference (NWC). As of October 18, George Fox was placed second with a 7-2 record in conference play and 14-5 overall.

When last season ended, head coach Steve Grant said, "We'll obviously have to fill some holes with six seniors

leaving, but at least we know that the nucleus is sound. I'm optimistic about next year and I'm looking forward to the challenges."

That nucleus includes middle hitter Beth Davis and last season's NWC Co-MVP outside hitter Sharon Barnett. Both have earned conference "Player of the Week" honors this season.

Davis and Barnett are getting plenty of help from their teammates. As of October 18, the Bruins were first in the Northwest Conference in hitting percentage (.211), kills per game (14.25), assists per game

(12.33) and blocks per game (3.13).

Not all has gone smoothly for the Bruins, however. Barnett, the team's captain, was out for two weeks with a second degree sprained ankle. Brandy Mailer has been fighting a sore knee all season.

In a partial slump midway through the season, the Bruins dropped three straight matches but bounced back to win the next five. Even without all their players healthy, the team has remained at the top of the conference standings. They hope to repeat as conference champions.

## Cross country finishes with a successful season

Silas Towne  
Staff Writer

Cross country wraps up its season in the next few weeks. It has been a season of both mental and physical struggles to which only a fellow runner can relate. However, these struggles are what lead to success, honor and eventually victory.

Now with the "regular" season in the past, the future becomes much more important. In cross country, there are no conference records and no play-offs. Instead, it all comes down to one race: a race for an extended season.

This year the men's team has been led by seniors Brandon Workman and John Mantalas and sophomore Steve Willmer, who is out for cross country for the first time. The Bruin men had their most impressive showing on Oct. 2, when they raced 8000 meters at Bush Park in Salem. The Willamette Invite, as the race was called, was declared the largest meet in the West just prior to the start.

Several members on the team recorded personal bests during that meet, including Workman, Willmer, senior Scott

Oswald, sophomore Nathan Paisley, and freshmen James Eubank, Michael Owen, Silas Towne, Nick Ryland and Matt Gerber.

The women also had an impressive meet, but it occurred the following week in Tacoma, Washington. The 5000 meter Ft. Steilacoom Park race served the women well with junior Jamie McElwain leading the way. There were personal bests recorded by McElwain, seniors Shannon St. Lawrence and Kasey Burk, sophomores Laurel Starr and Paige Orton, and freshmen Eliana Lilagan and Heidi Coley. Those with seasonal bests were sophomores Rebecca Rising and Kristen Norgaard, and freshman Katherine Burley.

As both teams head into the final races of the year, both hope to move on. The men's team, with five seniors, have the better chance of going on to the next, and final, level. However, this will only be possible with team work, desire, and the right attitude.

To those who find cross country appealing, now is the time to keep your eyes open and get your watch started, because time's almost up.

## An inside look at volleyball standout Sharon Barnett

John Felton  
Staff Writer

Much of the reason the George Fox volleyball team is fighting to repeat as Northwest Conference champions can be attributed to play of a 5'9" outside hitter from Salem Academy. Sharon Barnett, whom coach Steve Grant called "the best all-around volleyball player in my eighteen years of coaching," is in the middle of her fourth and final stellar season as a Bruin.

Blair Cash, George Fox's sports information director, explained the importance of Barnett to the Bruins: "If our team has any hope of post season play, I think we need her. We are still a good team without her and we can still be com-

petitive, but everyone would feel better with her out there." Cash went on to say "she is an inspirational kind of leader. She is the kind of player that makes the players around her play better."

The Bruins got a taste of what the team would be like without her when she suffered a second degree sprained ankle in a match against Whitman College on Sept. 25th. In the two weeks she was out, the Bruins dropped three straight matches before rallying to win their last contest without Barnett.

Beth Davis, another player instrumental in the team's success, has played with Barnett since high school. She said: "She has always been a leader on the floor, both athletically and spiritually. She gels

everyone together because she is playing her hardest and she expects everyone else to play harder too. She's made a lot of difference on the team - you can look at the numbers."

Barnett's list of accomplishments is so long that it fills a full page.

She has been named to the First Team All-Conference every year she has been at George Fox and last season, the NWC honored her with the co-MVP Award.

In her four years wearing the Bruin blue and white, she has also done much to rewrite the school's record books. On Oct. 10 of this season, she broke Cindy Warner's record of 1,270 career kills. Barnett is also less than 50 digs from breaking Warner's record 1,556 career digs.

### More than a Teddy Bear

By this time in the semester, everybody has heard the story of the Bruin Jr. It is one of George Fox's longest standing traditions. There is a lot of confusion, however, regarding the "scoring" for the Bruin Jr.. Basically, the scoring is just a way of keeping track of which class has the most possessions of BJ. The class with the highest score at the end of the year will receive a party paid for by ASC. The scoring rules are as follows:

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| 1500 pts  | Gaining and maintaining control after a legal flash |
| 1500 pts  | Legally flashing BJ                                 |
| -1500 pts | Failure to flash BJ within the 4 week period        |
| -1000 pts | Illegal flash                                       |
| -500 pts  | Poor sportsmanship                                  |
| -500 pts  | Rule violation                                      |

So far this semester, the sophomore class has made a strong showing on the Bruin Jr. front. They have managed to get BJ off campus at both of the brawls. Each brawl was a war of attrition that lasted several hours. Not a brawler walked away without a few battle scars. Be on the lookout for another flash within the next couple of weeks. Will another class make there move and take BJ from the sophomores, or will their dominance continue?

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