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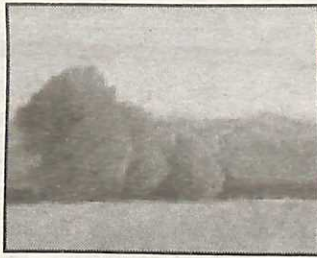
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The Crescent

George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon

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Blood drive to replenish supplies

STEPHEN GIRDNER
Staff Writer

After the events of September 11, the nation as a whole has rushed in to aid the victims of terrorism. Those in the New York vicinity were able to help in a direct way, but thousands across the country have eagerly offered a more indirect service: giving blood and donating to relief efforts.

Though thousands have donated blood and money, the enormity of the destruction and injury has not yet been sufficed.

Thursday
October 11
11:00 a.m.-
5:00 p.m.

Many students at Fox have considered giving blood and some already have.

Though these generousities are appreciated, it may help even more to wait until the Annual George Fox University Fall Blood Drive. This event, sponsored by the American Red Cross, will take place Thursday, October 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Wheeler Gymnasium.

Although many have already donated blood to help the relief effort, more will be needed soon. Blood can only be kept 42 days. What this means is that the sufficient supply that now exists will not carry over to the days and weeks to follow, so a new supply will be needed when the old is depleted.

Consider donating blood at the annual blood drive, and help save some of the lives that were injured in the bombing, as well as the thousands of others who need blood transfusions. One blood donation has the potential to save four lives.

Students can sign up at the table in the Bruin's Den, or by contacting Julie Smith or Christina Davis.

President Brandt announces layoffs

DAVID BRANDT
President

The Board of Trustees has instructed me to take steps necessary to reduce and eliminate the serious deficit in the operational budget in order to keep George Fox University on a firm financial base. We have an accumulated deficit of approximately \$2,100,000 from the past 3 fiscal

years. For the current year due to actual enrollments less than projected in last spring's working budget, along with dramatic increases in utility costs, the University is faced with another deficit of \$887,000 if steps are not taken to bring the budget into balance.

For the past two years we have addressed budget problems by various "tweaking" methods. Program budgets have been cut

and there have been some "across the board" reductions. Such methods erode institutional strength when they are used continuously without considering reorganization. For the sake of long-term financial stability of the University, we have decided we need to take a different approach-- we have reviewed the University's various programs and support departments, which has resulted in reorganization and

consequent reductions of personnel. This reorganization will result in a reduction of approximately 19 FTE positions from the more than 400 employees in the University. Seven of these positions are currently vacant and will not be filled. This reduction in force is not performance-relat-

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Photo by Vickie Hawkins

The Stevens Center dedication took place Thursday, September 20.

President David Brandt and Mrs. Linda Stevens unveil the plaque honoring the late Ed Stevens.

The dedication featured Dayspring and concert choir as well as a number of different speakers.

An award for energy efficiency was also presented at the dedication.

The Stevens Center is in full operation and continues to thrive as a one stop student service center.

Annual medallion search to begin next week

BRANDON WALLACE
Staff Writer

The second annual George Fox University Medallion Search sponsored by the Student Alumni Council (S.A.C.) will be taking place the week Oct. 8 to 12.

The rules for the Medallion Search are quite similar to last year. The medallion is hidden somewhere on the Newberg campus; however, the medallion is not buried and no structures need to be disturbed or climbed to find the medallion.

Clues for where the medallion is hidden will be given out at certain times throughout the week. The first clue will be given out following chapel Oct. 8.

Following the initial clue release, additional clues will be released each day. The early release will take place at 10:55 a.m. at the center of campus where 50 copies of the day's clue will be available. The general

release will be posted on Foxmail at 11:15 a.m. in the Student News & Info folder.

In addition to the written clues, there will also be pictures included with each of the general releases. With the pictures and clues, students will eventually be able to find where the medallion is hidden.

This year's medallion is a two-inch glass circle engraved with the GFU emblem and the current year. The prize money for finding the medallion is \$200. The team or individual who finds the medallion must bring it to Bon Appetit (Klages Dining Hall) between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m., any evening between Oct. 8 to 12. In order to claim the prize, the finder(s) may

be required to execute or perform a "right of passage" (to be determined) by the S.A.C. attendant.

Students are welcome to search for the medallion on their own, but if they want to form a team they are going to have to follow one rule. If a group of people finds the medallion and turns it in, it is up to the group to distribute the winnings among themselves.

The S.A.C. has been working on the Medallion Search for quite some time. Since July, a small committee has been working hard to make this event successful.

"The Medallion Search has been designed to accomplish a few purposes," said Scott Box, S.A.C. advisor. "The S.A.C. desires to enhance the student experience, to deepen a sense of

heritage, and to continue what has now become a yearly tradition here at GFU."

Box wants to make clear what the S.A.C. is trying to accomplish by putting on events like this.

"The S.A.C. desires to use events like the Medallion Search to encourage students to become involved in other annual S.A.C. programs/events such as Dinner for Eight, Turkey Bowl, Senior Salute, and Courtside Chaos. The bottom line is that we want to establish a connection to, and an understanding of, the word 'alumni' in each student's mind before he/she actually become one."

If you have any questions about the Medallion Search, you can call Box at ext. 2130 or via Foxmail. If you want to learn more about what the S.A.C. is or how to get involved, contact Matt D. Johnson, S.A.C. chair. He can be reached at the S.A.C. office, ext. 2132, or on Foxmail.

FEATURE

Class representatives work to involve classmates

BETH TEMPLETON
Assistant Editor

What would you like to see happen this year? What things would you like to see changed?

Tell your class representative.

Class representatives are responsible for planning two class events per semester, creating class folders on Foxmail, and building class pride. Each representative is also required to serve on the Homecoming committee, a faculty committee, and any additional committee of their choice.

The senior class president and vice-president are responsible for coordinating spring commencement, senior chapel, Homecoming coronation, and the Homecoming half-time presentation.

The following students have been elected by their class.

Freshman Class

Megan Hinkle is from Medford, Ore., and still exploring major options.



She has been involved in student government for three years and looks forward to planning and organizing events for the freshman class.

"I don't want to be the one

who makes a difference this year," says Hinkle. "I want God to impact others' lives through my leadership role. I hope that this first year of college will be very memorable, fun, and growing and learning time for all of the freshmen on campus. I am privileged to have a position that I can try and make that happen."



Melissa Matthews is a psychology major from Keizer, Oregon. Like Hinkle, Matthews ran for a class representative position because she loves to be involved and offer ways others can get involved as well. Matthews was an integral part of her high school's student government.

Matthews hopes to promote class and spirit through different activities. She says she is looking forward to all that the freshman class has to offer.

Although no future activities are planned, both Hinkle and Matthews are open to suggestions.

Sophomore Class

Rachel Cook is a biology major from Klamath Falls, Ore.. She sees her position as a sophomore class representative as a way to serve her class and the George Fox community. She was also involved with student gov-

ernment at her high school.

As for upcoming activities for the sophomore class, Cook would like to see singled out make a comeback. She would also like to find out what the sophomore class would like to see happen this year. Cook would also like to see the class folder run the entire year.



Brandon Goff is undecided as far as his major is concerned. He is from Hillsboro, Ore.. Like Cook, he desires to be a servant to the sophomore class as well.

"I would like to plan events that would attract larger portions of my class. I am hoping to get more input from my class as to what types of events they would like. I want to offer my class an escape from the stress of school, even if only for a short period of time.

"It is the time spent outside of the classroom that you will remember for years to come."

Junior Class

David Crisman is a biology major from Tualatin, Ore. He too saw the position of class representative to be a way to get

involved and have fun. He would like to see higher attendance at events.

"Any event can be fun if there are people there and they choose to have fun," said Crisman.



Crisman sees his role as a member of the George Fox community and as a junior class representative as a way of reaching out to other people.

"A buddy of mine who attends a state school told me recently that he wished there were more friendly people at his school like the ones he had met at Fox," said Crisman. "I think it is a cool thing to have our school be known for. The only way I can personally impact this is to be friendly myself."



Carlos Stevenson is a writing literature major from Eagle Point, Ore. Stevenson decided to run for junior class representative at the prompting of Demetri Tsouhantaris, who is now the senior class president.

Stevenson believes each person in the George Fox communi-

ty can impact the lives of the people around them without even knowing it.

"I was talking to a good friend of mine about how we personally impact people that we may not even know. Simple things such as holding doors for others and helping a complete stranger carry something if we see that they are struggling can make a person's day. It can help them have a new perspective on their day and possibly even life. This is how I want to make an impact George Fox and even extend out to our community."

Senior Class

Demetri Tsouhantaris is an international business major with a history minor from Newberg.

Nathan Paisley is a business administration major with concentrations in marketing and management from Salem, Ore.

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Layoffs: university to assist with employment options

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ed for any of the persons affected.

The areas affected are: Bookstore; Events Services; Plant Services; Department of Professional Studies; Financial Aid; President's Office; Advancement; Graduate Student Services; Graduate Admissions; Institutional Research; Switchboard; Mail Services; and Student Accounts.

The persons in the positions being eliminated have been given a choice of working through December 31, 2001 or concluding their employment on October 12 with a month of severance salary. In addition, the following items apply:

1) The University is offering to provide a tuition scholarship for these employees or any dependents currently eligible and enrolled at George Fox University for the completion of an undergraduate degree program

at their current benefit level.

2) These employees will receive any remaining accumulated vacation pay.

3) All other University policies related to employment, such as compensation and/or benefits, remain in force. If the University rehires these persons in another position within one year, any accumulated sick leave will be restored and vacation benefits will accumulate at the current rate, if the new position entitles the person to those benefits.

4) These employees will be eligible to apply for Oregon state unemployment compensation subject to the state's regulations.

5) For a period of one year, through December 31, 2002, these persons may request to be included in the pool of employee candidates whose applications receive preferential consideration before off-campus candidates are considered for any University position for which these persons feel they have the required quali-

fications.

6) The following services will be provided all these persons if they elect to utilize them:

a) A reference letter explaining that the job was eliminated as a result of a position reduction process that the University carried out for financial reasons from either me or their area vice president, depending upon the employee's preference.

b) The Human Resources Office will contact these persons during the next year regarding any on-campus job openings that may occur.

c) The staff in Career Services will assist these persons with resume writing, interviewing skills, developing networks for employment opportunities, and the assessment of personal vocational interests and skills.

d) The University will grant these persons up to seven additional days of paid leave from work during the next three months to use in job search and

interview activities.

I believe this reorganization to be necessary for George Fox University to move into the future with strength and confidence. During the past years of unprecedented growth we have added positions without streamlining the institution.

In the past six years, enrollment has grown almost 28 percent while the number of employees working at least half time has increased over 44 percent. With the volatility of enrollment the past several years, we must reposition the University to remain financially strong and be as flexible as possible.

In this repositioning, we realize that some services will be reduced. While some of us will be asked to do different or additional tasks, the intention is not to simply reassign the work done by colleagues who will not be here in the future.

We will be helped in this regard by the new computer sys-

tem, which will allow more efficiency in many administrative areas. It is also intended to improve our communication between persons and offices.

The decisions bringing us to this memo have been difficult. With these actions we do not anticipate further reorganization or job elimination for this academic year. I have appreciated suggestions from various departments and individuals. These suggestions were helpful in the thinking process and some have been implemented in the decisions that were made.

George Fox University has a great legacy of growth due to innovation and entrepreneurial behavior. I am counting on such activity continuing to bring us to an improved level of financial strength.

Please continue to pray for the mission and wellbeing of George Fox University and all the persons connected with this institution.

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A Tribute to Rebecca McLeod

1959-2001

A Memorial

SHONNA BILYEU
Contributing Writer

We had this rabbit that was really scared and frantic and clawing everyone who tried to hold it until Becca held it to her heart and it calmed down and nestled it into her. That's the way she was with wild trembling spirited things. It was no different with me.

After a lifetime without a mother, forging it all out on my own, never letting anyone touch me or tend to my wounds, especially not a woman, there she was. God coming right through her hands, through my tangled hair, through my wet salt water clothes and wild bramble armor. There she was. If anyone else had touched me the way Becca did, I would have come up swinging or bolted out of there faster than any deer.

It was different with her. You couldn't resist her because she really did love you, not the way people always throw around, not even knowing what they're saying or pretending. With Becca it was all on the table and she loved you for her own. She would have fought or died in the street for us at any given moment and we never wondered about it for a minute either.

She always knew when I was sick before I would tell anyone. I never would have if she hadn't just known by looking at me either. She wouldn't stand for what they told you in the emergency room if it was wrong or if

it scared you into thinking God couldn't come through on a promise either...because she knew first hand that he would and they were wrong.

She didn't have secrets the way other people do.

If anything that happened to her would make you strong or brave, she shared it.

Becca was one of the only people you could just tell the whole truth to, without holding anything back, because she was never going to feel sorry for you or doubt how God was speaking.

She listened way too close and noticed him way too much for any of that. She knew everything that happened to me was making me strong and changing me to gold inside for him, no matter how strong the pains came or how horrible it sounded out loud or looked on paper. It wasn't anything to pity someone over, because it was a gift to be his special one. She knew that because it happened to her the hard ways too. It was how he used her and taught her and how she understood him.

She was not the kind of woman or Christian who only wanted the one her soul loved when he was pleasant, or would only feel his happiness. She loved him the way you feel the passion that drives him and pains him, what makes him unpleasant or terrifying for you, his suffering...and you weep at his bedside

and ache to bring him water and touch all the places that are bleeding. So she could understand human suffering. She could take a little more of him than most of us can handle because she was so hard headed and tender spirited. So he gave it to her. Most of us will never understand what went on between them.

I could always tell Becca my dreams or my pictures of Jesus because he talked to her the way he talked to me. There is no one to tell those pictures to that can understand the way she could. She is irreplaceable. I could call her in the middle of the night just to read the lines of a poem to her I found what he was saying in, because I knew she would hear it as much as I did.

She was a gifted and diligent teacher you couldn't get out of learning from. She taught me more about being a woman, a friend, a wife, a mother, a vessel to carry God no matter how broken...she left what she meant to teach me burned into my heart. I can never forget those lessons or be the same for having loved her or known her love for me or him or anyone. She loved me and Jake and JJ with her whole self and vulnerability. She loved us enough to yell at us or throw something across the room and hit us with it if we were out of line.

She loved us this way she would take in or pray for or do anything for anyone we brought

to her because if we loved them, they were also hers. She asked us the questions that made us say all the true things.

I can not even begin to write about how she loved Mark and Ian, but I can tell you it changed everything I thought or did not believe in about love or marriage or family. Looking through old pictures, you can see her spirit and Mark's spirit on this mountain when the sun is going down and they are holding each other in the wind. It means everything you can't say and the world tries to take away from you.

She is always with me by the water, in her white dress, looking up from touching her hand to it exactly the way I am and we see each other and could laugh for how much we both understand.

Before I can even feel how God is hurting, or when his people die, or there is a holy war no one is noticing, she is there, before battle or mourning, sending up the tremolo. She is always in my house, in the fields I cross that only I can see the buffalo, in the way the paper whites will always smell like horses, in Mark's hands anointing me for what's coming, and the fire flashing up in Ian's eyes for the kind of man he will be in this world, that is her same fire, that no one and nothing can ever take out of him.

It is not a thing of men or earth, what thing Becca really walked in. It wasn't limited or bound to earth the way most everything else is. Death could not, nothing could ever extinguish it.



Obituary

Rebecca McLeod, a half-time professor of history at George Fox passed away early June 21 at Providence Medical Center in Portland, as a result of having apparently taken excessive medications the previous evening at home. She was 42.

Rebecca's husband, Mark, is an associate professor of philosophy. Both joined the George Fox faculty in 1999. They have a son, Ian, who is 11.

Rebecca had struggled with severe pain from several ailments, including lupus. She was first taken to the Newberg hospital, then was transported to the intensive care unit at St. Vincent's in Portland. She had stabilized during the early morning hours, then took a turn for the worse at 4:30 a.m.

Rebecca joined the faculty at George Fox to teach a variety of history courses.

"She added much to the George Fox community," said Robin Baker, vice president for academic affairs. "Students in her history courses valued her commitment to her discipline, her enthusiasm for teaching, and her love for them."

"This past semester one student in her course commented: 'Becca is an amazing person, a true inspiration. Taking courses from her has greatly impacted my educational experience.'

"Her students also valued greatly the fact that she cared so deeply for them both in and out of class."

Rebecca held masters degrees from Yale University and UC Santa Barbara, and a bachelor's degree from Trinity International University. Prior to coming to George Fox, she was a visiting assistant professor of history at Westmont College.

A memorial service for Rebecca was held June 26 at Newberg Free Methodist Church. The service was led by evangelical Episcopal clergy who are associated with Mark.

Reflecting Rebecca's great pride in her Native American heritage as a member of the Potawatami tribe, the service incorporated many aspects of Native ceremony.

Mark and Ian request that any contributions in her memory be given to the Rebecca McLeod Memorial Fund at George Fox.

Lupus attacks body tissues, causes inflammation

DAVIDA BROWN
Editor-in-Chief

Lupus is a chronic inflammatory disease. It can affect various parts of the body, in particular the skin, joints, blood, and kidneys. More than 16,000 people in America are diagnosed each year with lupus; an estimate of 500,000 to 1.5 million people in America have been diagnosed with lupus.

To understand how lupus affects the body, it may be necessary to have a brief human biology review. The body's immune system makes proteins called antibodies that protect the body against infection by viruses, bacteria and other foreign materials called antigens.

In autoimmune disorders like lupus, the immune system becomes unable to distinguish between antigens and its own tissues. In lupus, the body then makes antibodies that act against

its own tissues. These "self" antibodies then react with the tissue to form immune complexes. These complexes build up and cause inflammation, pain, and injury.

There are three types of lupus: drug-induced, discoid, and systemic. Drug-induced lupus is usually caused by complications with certain heart medications. The symptoms usually fade when the medications are discontinued.

Discoid lupus is always limited to the face, and is characterized by a rash on the face, neck and scalp. It can be diagnosed with a biopsy of the affected area that will show abnormalities not seen in the unaffected area. While serious, it is not usually seen as life-threatening or disabling.

Systemic lupus is by far the most serious. It can affect almost any organ or system of the body. No two people with systemic lupus will have identical symp-

oms. Those with systemic lupus may experience "remission" periods, in which few symptoms are evident, and "flares," when the disease becomes more prominent.

Common symptoms of systemic lupus include arthralgia (achy joints), fever above 100 degrees, arthritis, extreme or prolonged fatigue, skin rashes, anemia, and kidney involvement. Less common symptoms (ones experienced by less than 50 percent of systemic lupus sufferers) include photosensitivity, hair loss, abnormal blood clotting, seizures, mouth or nose ulcers, and fingers that turn blue in the cold.

The causes of lupus are unknown, but it is clear that both environmental and genetic factors are involved. Some of the environmental factors may include: hormones, ultraviolet light, extreme stress, infections and antibiotics. There is no

known gene which is thought to cause the illness.

Although lupus often occurs within families, rarely will patients have a close relative who already has or will develop lupus; less than five percent of children born to individuals with lupus will develop the disease.

Lupus is often referred to as a woman's disease. While both men and women are affected by lupus, women are affected nearly 10-15 more times. This difference may be caused by hormonal factors.

Lupus can occur at any age and to any ethnic group, although people of African, Native American, and Asian origin develop the disease more often than Caucasians. This observation has yet to be explained.

Lupus cannot be directly treated, it can only be controlled.

100 Day Memorial
for Becca McLeod
Oct. 15
Includes a Native
Ceremony, a talk by Richard
Twiss and an open floor
memorial for Becca.

OPINION

*From the Pen
of the President*

J. Crew stole my mid-semester break

JEFF KIRKSEY

ASC President

We'll here we are with mid-semester break just around the corner. Now I can imagine some of you are thinking, "Oh yeah!"... and others like me are thinking, "What? We have a day off?"

While the rest of the nation had Labor Day to plan exciting excursions, we like to do things differently here. I, for one, have friends that have done some exciting stuff on their breaks, but, alas, I've done a lot of nothing!

But, I want you all to rest assured that I am not the most boring student on campus. In order to prove this fact I've decided to fabricate my best mid-semester break ever. So here it goes.

"Ok, Jeff, now show me that ruggedness. Great. Great. Hold that pose there. Fantastic!" Oh, the trials of being a male super-model. I can't believe J. Crew flew me to Paris during this three-day weekend. It's always, "work this, work that," when am I going to get any "me" time?

Just as I was about to storm to my trailer from all the pressure, she walked in. She was unlike any woman I had ever seen. My head was a tornado of emotions. Who was this woman and why did God choose me?

Wait a minute, wait a minute. I know what you're thinking, and you couldn't be more wrong. This was Brunhilde-- our new chief photographer. We can just say the one thing she really had going for her besides her thick German accent was her sheer ability to intimidate.

My friend Joey, you know the guy from "10 Things I Hate About You," had told me of a photo shoot he had with Brunhilde. I can distinctly remember him saying, "Jeff, having her as your photographer takes all the joy out of multimillion dollar contracts." I had never put much stock in Joey's comments, so I decided I could do this. Brunhilde didn't seem that bad.

Just then I heard a shrill whistle. I turned around and ran smack into a chin. She blew the whistle again and then began to bark orders into my hair, completely ruining my gel job. "Give me some space," I muttered. Bad idea. It was at that point Brunhilde flared her nostrils and decided it would be better to scrap the photo shoot and make my J. Crew cover appearance a still-life oil painting.

For the next 24 hours I sat while Brunhilde painted my likeness. Any move I made was met with a command to sprint to the Eiffel Tower and back-- Brunhilde took a taxi, tweeting her whistle the whole way.

I've never been to boot camp, but I have been to Paris with Brunhilde. I'll never forget that fearful mid-semester break.

Did I mention my oil painting on the cover of J. Crew was fabulous? It was.

Well, there you have it. Have a great mid-semester break! Au revoir!

Road construction nearly done

STEPHEN GIRDNER

Staff Writer

The orange cones and construction workers have been out in force on Highway 99W for some time now, and most of us are anxious for them to leave. The good news is that the end is in sight. The project, which started early this summer, is scheduled to be finished soon and its completion is definitely welcome.

"[The contractors] are pushing us to finish by the 30th of the month," said Tom Hinkle, who is working on the fences and barriers on the sides of the road. "After that the government starts charging them \$1600 a day. That is why we are working around the clock."

While being able to work 24/7 is beneficial for the construction contractors, it is unpleasant for the students who live right next to the road.

"It was really bad the first week," said Adam Moore, a senior who lives in the Woolman Apartments. "But you get used to it and it is not so bad."

"The jackhammer is the worst," said Ben Friesen. "It gets annoying at night when we are trying to sleep."

The jackhammer also annoys Danna Magnuson, a senior who resides in Fell House.



Photo by Luis Dawber

Construction Chaos: Students await completion of Highway 99W road work, scheduled for October 30.

However, she is glad the work is being completed. "I said three years ago, when I was a freshman, that this road needed to be fixed and they are finally doing it."

Others, like freshman Peter Crackenberg who has lived in Newberg all his life, do not see the need for the roadwork. "They did it to speed up the traffic going through town," he said. "But now the traffic is just going to get backed up from Dundee, so it won't help much. They should have put in a bypass."

The Oregon Department of Transportation did consider that idea, but opted for the cheaper project of offering Highway 99 a facelift. The biggest change they made was to take out the light at the River Street intersection and

reroute the road to take out some 90-degree corners. Along with this change, they are working on making the road as a whole look better with sidewalks and fences.

If you are tired of the construction, you do not have long to wait. It should be done by Oct. 30, and at that time, you can enjoy the nice sidewalks, smooth road, and the absence of orange cones and construction workers.

I personally find those cones very annoying. Every time I drive a different lane is blocked off when I come back than when I left.

I wonder how many people are being paid to juggle cones around? Whatever number, I wish they would focus on doing whatever necessary to get the job finished before Christmas.

Another view of the terrorism

FLORA RICHARDS

Guest Writer

I am an international student from Costa Rica. I know what it is like to deal with many of the injustices other countries face such as poverty and governmental injustices. My country does not have any armed forces and is typically a peaceful country. I have not understood the threat of terrorists until now.

The disaster of Sept. 11 was truly saddening. I felt fear for the United States and for my family. My grandma was staying in Manhattan for a few weeks visiting a friend, but happened to be in Connecticut that Tuesday. My

cousin, however, was five blocks away from the Twin Towers that day—too close for comfort.

I was disappointed and stunned by how people who all live on the same earth can show such selfishness. I was very confused as to why someone would want to do such a terrible thing to so many innocent people, to another country.

Even when I think about this today, three weeks after the disaster, I cannot comprehend the cruelty, the damage, the costs or the lost dreams. I cannot understand how so much good can be destroyed so easily by the selfishness of another.

I am very proud to say I am

an American (even if I am just a North American). I now know what patriotism means. The United States has pulled together in the midst of this awakening and a great part of the world is joining us in the same positive ways.

Most importantly, I have finally acknowledged that my life is NOT in my own hands. I have no control over what happens in my life or in the course of history. I hope anyone affected by this was stimulated with a new sense of brotherhood. God has not given us a spirit of fear. Fear is what will conquer us if we live in it. Live for today and pray for the future.

LETTERS to the editor

Dear Editor,

In the September 12th regular meeting of the Newberg Ministerial Association, a Minute of Appreciation was approved, and I have been asked to write and express the deep gratitude of the churches of Newberg for the recent Serve Day observed by the university.

To all the students, staff, administrators and faculty who participated we say, "Thank You!"

We appreciate the multiple tasks performed on behalf of our congregations and the community. Further, we appreciate the sig-

nificant example this sets before all of us. And we appreciate the opportunity to get to know some of the GFU community on a personal basis.

We can't presume to speak for the Lord, but as for ourselves, we want to echo the Lord's words and say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

May God continue to bless you and guide you as you serve Him.

On behalf of the Newberg Ministerial Association,

Dick Sartwell

Senior Pastor

Newberg Friends Church

Dear Editor,

I found out a couple days before we were supposed to move in that one of the girls I had planned to live with, also one of my closest friends, was backing out.

As if this didn't seem bad enough, we were to receive a transfer student to fill the empty space. "How could anyone take Jenna's place?" I asked myself.

Little did I know what God had in store for me. He had a plan to bless my other roommate and I with a very special girl named Jessica Baynes. She is a sophomore transfer from

Pepperdine University and is going for her athletic training certification.

At first I wondered if she would understand my other roommate and me as we are a little out of the ordinary, but I had no idea just how she would fit in.

Now I see that change and new people are nothing to be afraid of, but rather something to look forward to because new friends are a gift from above that could last forever as long as we both go to heaven and everything...

Alison Butler

Sophomore

The Crescent encourages Letters to the editor.

Send us your tasteful and concise letters, poems, thoughts and other creative messages concerning any topic and they may show up in print.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Erin Newberry
Opinion Editor

CROSS X FIRE

RELIGION: characterized by fear?

Christians devoted to rules

RYAN BLANCHARD
Guest Writer

For as long as I have been alive, I have been surrounded by the nets of religion, and the people that follow it. For most of that time, I have been one of them. Until recently.

I would like to propose something that is not a new idea to many, but is to me, and perhaps some of you. My proposition is that religion is not a good thing. There are abounding reasons to support this claim, but as space is limited, I will start with one: the reason of fear.

As a general rule, religions worldwide consist of a set of rules, or many sets of rules, which its followers are to obey, and which draw punishment if they are broken.

Devotion to these rules is critical, as they are usually set up to be "the one and only truth," set down by this god or that, and must be followed at the risk of angering God/the gods.

To Christians, this is clearly the Bible, which they claim is the inspired word of God, infallible in its message, and rarely questionable in its interpretation. God spoke, thus it is so. Those who disagree with it, and/or disobey it, are knowingly trampling on the commands of God, and will be aptly punished at the judgment.

And therein lies the problem. As much as Christian pastors like to claim that their religion is one of joy, peace, happiness (pick a fruit, any fruit), in reality, Christianity comes down to fear. If I don't

do this, God will punish me. If I don't believe this, God won't accept me, and if I don't do this AND that, I will be sent to hell because of my rebellion.

I won't argue against the concept of hell at this time, mainly because I think it so ridiculously contrary to the idea of goodness, that one must be either be horribly fooled, or in love with sadism, to believe in such a thing.

Fear drives the Christian religion in more than just personal behavior. Dissenting denominations are hated and feared because they are different. Homosexuals are feared because they are "despicable," and "an abomination" to God.

People with different musical tastes are feared for their opinions, as are different races, people with alternative clothing styles, and above all, the dreaded non-Christian. After all, to leave the faith for the world, one must be crazy, right?

Why would someone choose heaven over hell? I'll tell you why people leave the faith: it's because they think life is more important than that question. Fear should not be a motivation to do anything. I think that if people would abandon religion, and allow people to be people, the peace they seek for the world would become much more attainable.

But if history is any indication, Christianity will continue to thrive on the fear of the devil, fear of the world, and fear of the God that they claim created them both.

Christianity based on love

RON DAVIS
Guest Writer

According to some, religion, specifically Christianity, boils down to fear. Not love, joy, or peace, but fear. Christ functions not as a reconciler, but as a placebo. Christianity is linked to a morality arbitrarily defined by God; the Bible functions solely as a perfect rule-book and truth cannot be found elsewhere. All of these beliefs have some connection to our fear, and we should never make decisions based on fear.

These observations correctly describe some Christians, but it would be just as crazy to say: because a group of public educators is hostile to religious students, public education is determined to destroy Christianity.

Such gross overgeneralizations and alarmism infect Christianity; unfortunately, these arguments are ironically replete with the same.

First, a belief in arbitrary morality is not biblical. In fact, a solid interpretation views morality as God's wisdom and love played out in practicality. Scripture should be viewed as a guide, pointing in a direction. Any such guide has dos and don'ts.

Further, the Bible is meant to be descriptive of the prescriptive. Properly understood, it describes an unfolding relationship and understanding of God with the world and, despite people's confusion on the way, God's ultimate revelation in the person and character of Christ.

Reconciliation within God's plan of fellowship, which fulfills the human purpose for existence, should be

proclaimed. Scripture is a picture of this proclamation.

Next is the issue of fear. To begin, making decisions out of fear is not always bad. It only takes a moment of imagination to see that fear is sometimes a healthy motivator. The cliché is wrong: we have more to fear than fear itself. Imagine a day when evading negative consequences has no bearing on your decision—oops, now you are dead!

You could simply change your perspective on each decision. "I want to stay on this side of the road so I can get there"—not "I want to stay off that side of the road so I don't die."

A mature understanding of Christianity is similar. While I do not think it is evil to be motivated by fear, it is not the best way, and God wants the best for His people. We should be driven by our desire for reconciliation, significance, life.

A world loaded with transcendent value (which is what Christianity claims) is one of ineffable beauty, deep passion, boundless love, crushing grief, fulfilling relationships, deep desire, and a real significance beyond our highest aspirations, not fear-driven don'ts.

Abandoning religion will only move people into another description of the world. It will not transform them, only give them new frameworks for justifying their depravity. Allowing religion, specifically Christianity, to conform one to Christ will bring peace beyond the sheer abandonment of religion. Forget Christians for a second, and remember Christ. His transformation can bring peace.

PEOPLE POLL

"Would you fight for the United States of America?"

Is there a time for peace and a time for war? Do we always turn the other cheek?

Are the Christians of today expected by God to fight for the country we live in, even if that involves taking the life of another?

Is it our duty to support the country in peace and war?

Do we fight?

Do we protest?

Do we give peace a chance?

If called upon to fight in combat for the freedom and rights of the United States of America...

What would your answer be?

"No. Even though I love my country, God is the giver and taker of life; I could never bring myself to assume that role."

Martha Ruth Eisele
Freshman

"It would be unpatriotic and irreverent to those who have died in past wars protecting the freedom and sovereignty of the United States for me to NOT fight for my country."

Trey Merrell
Sophomore

"NO!! I wouldn't violate Jesus' command to us, simply because my government says to."

Peter Crackenber
Freshman

"Just as generations before us have taken up arms to defend freedom, I would proudly do the same."

Greg Eisenzimmer
Sophomore

"Yes, I would. I think we all should defend our country, and I believe I could do it."

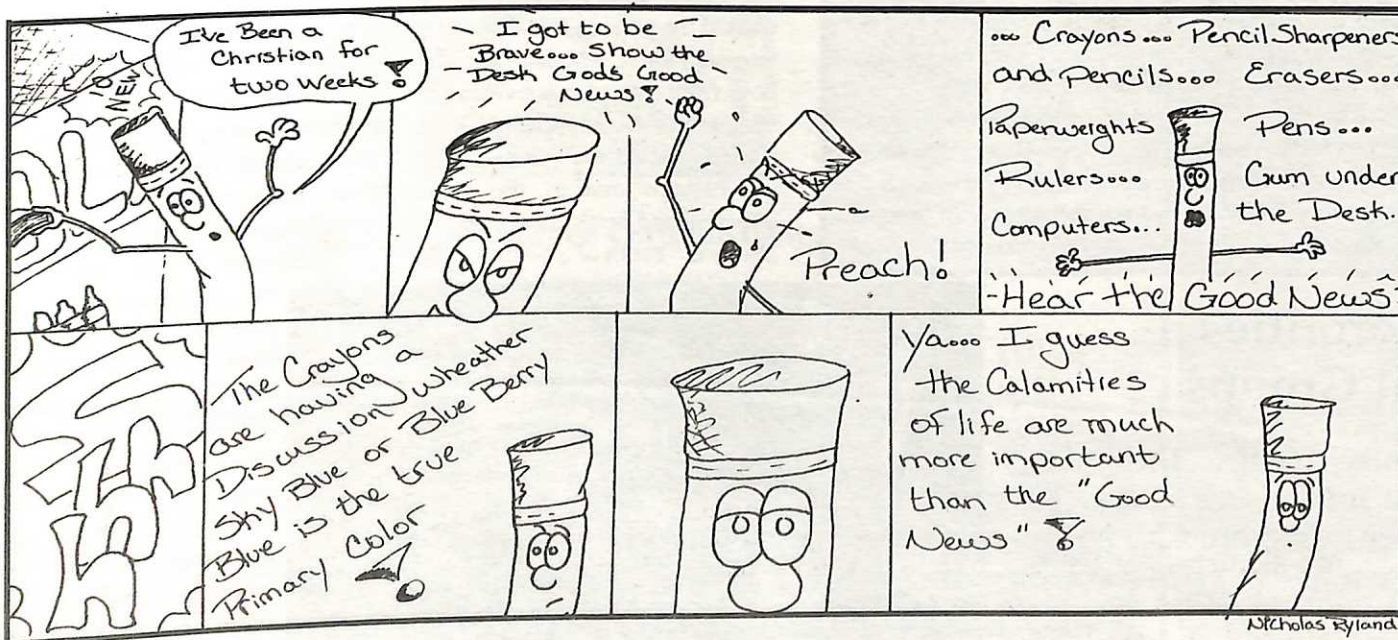
Erin Hoke
Sophomore

"Knowing what we know about the horrors of war, it would be hard to fight. But, to continue to pass on the freedoms we enjoy, I would be ready to take up the call."

Justin Loh
Senior

Out of the students and faculty surveyed...

YES...	72%
NO...	28%



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Controversial musical, *Gypsy*, sweeps the stage

REBECCA DUPREE
Staff Writer

The night of September 25 was a memorable one for many of George Fox's theatre students. Over half of the students in introduction to acting courses came together to witness a preview of Portland Center Stage's musical performance of *Gypsy*. However, what originally caught the attention of many students was neither the atmosphere nor the quality of the musical score: It was the fact that *Gypsy* is the story of a stripper.

Some of you might be wondering, "What were George Fox students doing at a musical with strippers in it?" "Why are they paying money to go watch smut?" These would be excellent questions if the true focus of the production was to show off partially-clad female bodies. Set in the 1920s, *Gypsy* is actually the bittersweet story of the life of Gypsy Rose Lee, her struggle with her mother, and, in turn, her own identity.

Throughout her entire childhood, Louise (*Gypsy*'s real

name) was overlooked for her talented and pretty younger sister June.

Her mother, the overbearing Mamma Rose, pushed June into the spotlight until she had driven everyone else in her life away through her obsession with making her daughter a star. She then focused in on the older child, telling Louise it was her turn at fame. She still couldn't measure up to June in her mother's eyes, and their vaudeville act ended up in a burlesque house, the lowest of the low.

Desperate for a shred of fame, Mamma Rose tells Louise to fill in for the star stripper of the establishment.

It is at this moment that Louise, now Gypsy Rose Lee, steps out into her new life. *Gypsy* finds that she can be good at something and finds her own worth as a human being.

Even though there is an undeniably vulgar scene when Gypsy first meets the strippers, it is not the focus of the play and is there primarily for comic relief. Based on Gypsy Rose Lee's memoirs, the musical revolves around Mama Rose and



picture from www.pcs.org

the transformation of the downtrodden Louise.

If the writing itself was good, the acting in this production was even better, especially Susannah Mars' performance as Mamma Rose.

Her over-the-top passion and obsessive energy captivated everyone present, taking the audience to the absolute heights of Mamma Rose's determination, as well as the maniacal depths of her frustration with *Gypsy*'s independence and success.

Kate Schindle gave a very good performance as the shy, untalented Louise, but was lacking in power

when she transformed into *Gypsy*. Some of Louise's shy characteristics still showed through as she was supposed to be "wowing" us with her new-found charisma and confidence. However, this performance was only a preview, and her energy may improve over the course of the run. All in all, the talent was incredible, and the show well worth the money.

As bizarre as it may sound, I, a George Fox student and devout Christian, highly recommend this musical production, strippers and all. Despite its crassness and scantily clad actresses, *Gypsy* moved me to the core.

Gypsy runs through Oct. 21 at the Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway at Main in Portland. Evening performances run Tuesdays through Sundays and matinee performances are offered 2 p.m. Sundays and noon Thursdays.

Ticket prices range from \$12 for those 25 and under and \$16-\$44 for general admission. Tickets can be obtained through the box office at 503-274-6588. General information is available at www.pcs.org.



Artists among us: musician and movie man, Ben McReynolds

MEGAN MCCOY
Staff Writer

Ben McReynolds is a familiar face around campus. He has participated in Dayspring, Concert Choir, musicals, and the Fox Film Festival. This talented musician from Union, Ore., plays the trumpet and piano, sings, and composes music for his original films.

As a junior film production major and music minor, Ben hopes to attend UCLA graduate studies in film. Eventually, he plans to produce epic adventure films based on Biblical values or present the Gospel in other countries through films.

Although he is not sure which country he will go to, Ben says he would love to be a missionary in Russia.

Ben's passion is for people: to see them grow, bear fruit, and live a full life. In addition to his numerous campus activities, Ben helps lead worship at Gospel Chapel and assists with the high school and junior high youth groups. He says the members of the youth group are helping him master the art of skateboarding

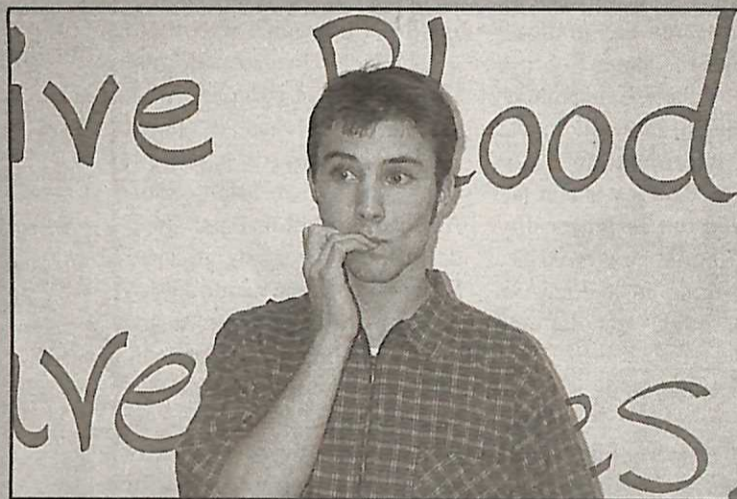


Photo by Luis Dawber

Ben experiments with needle-free blood donation.

at the local skate park.

Ben says his hero is his father because of his wisdom, strength, and determination. One of his favorite memories is when he visited the Philippines for two weeks with his father to attend missionary and pastoral conferences. While there, Ben had the opportunity to preach at a local church with the help of a translator.

Although he does not have a favorite musician or movie, Ben loves Keith Green, Michael W. Smith, *Braveheart*, and

Remember the Titans.

Ben values his time and believes that he should use his talents as best he can without being distracted by tangents. In his spare time, Ben hopes to add another dimension to his film, *Blindman*, which he made for last year's Fox Film Festival. *Blindman* is a musical telling of the biblical story of Jesus healing a blindman by applying mud to his eyes. Ben wants to add scenes of modern city slums to provide a glimpse of people's spiritual lives today.

P.O.D.'s sound evolves on new release, *Satellite*

KENNETH DAVIS
Staff Writer

P.O.D.'s new album, *Satellite* seems designed for fans of their last release *The Fundamental Elements of Southtown*.

The CD starts off with the hardest tracks first, but then, as if to bring the listener along on the band's evolution, the album begins to lighten-- but it's not a pop album. P.O.D. is still a rock band and "Satellite" is very much a rock album, but their sound has become more polished and refined.

Part of what makes *Satellite* work is the passion P.O.D. injects into each track. The fervor of the boys from the south is evident in "Set it Off," the opening track, or "Alive," the album's first single. Perhaps one of the most affecting and better songs on the album is "Youth of a Nation," the

band's dedication to the victims of the Columbine tragedy. The song even invokes the spirit of Pink Floyd's "The Wall" as a chorus of children joins the track about four minutes in.

One might be tempted to call the album toned down or even more of a pop album, but P.O.D.



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is by no means a pop band. Even though in comparison to *Southtown*, *Satellite* may sound slightly lighter in tone, it is still a rock album, and perhaps even more intense for the zeal the band brings to each song.

Although it may never find the enthusiastic reception among hard rock fans that *Southtown* did, P.O.D.'s *Satellite* is still a strong album that P.O.D. fans will enjoy, and is accessible enough that it may engender its own fan base among slightly more conservative listeners.



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The Bruin Break Room

Home of quick and easy recipes for the busy college student

VALERIE DORSEY
Staff Writer

#1 Peanut Butter Cookies

Makes 12 jumbo or 24 standard sized cookies

The reason these cookies earn their title is twofold: first, they contain "one" of each ingredient, and, second, they are the best tasting peanut butter cookies ever. This recipe has been passed down from my grandmother, Roberta Dorsey.

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg

Combine all ingredients. Drop by teaspoon or tablespoonfuls, 1 to 2 inches apart, onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-12 minutes, or until set and lightly golden brown.

Deli Wraps

Serves 1

This is a tasty sandwich that is easy to take with you!

- 1 flour or corn tortilla, original or flavored

(or use any other flatbread or 1 pita pocket)
2-3 tablespoons of tub-style soft cream cheese: garden vegetable or chive and onion flavored

1-2 tablespoons sliced olives or chopped (and drained) marinated artichoke hearts, or other

favorite canned veggie
1 teaspoon oregano, basil, Italian seasoning, or other favorite herb or spice

2-4 slices "real" or vegetarian luncheon meat slices

2-3 slices Swiss, Monterey Jack, cheddar, and/or any other varieties of cheese

1/4 to 1/2 cup chopped salad mix

Lightly moisten flat bread with warm water. Spread with flavored cream cheese and then sprinkle evenly with sliced olives (or other sliced/chopped veggies), and desired seasoning. Press down lightly. Arrange meat slices on top of mixture, then cheese slices, and finally, salad mix. Carefully roll or fold tortilla firmly. Eat immediately or wrap in plastic wrap, refrigerate, and eat within 2-4 days.

Recipe is obtained from the cookbook "Maximize Your Meals, Minimize Your Cooking," copyright 1998 by C. Johnson & Sons, Inc.

Corner On Creativity

This poem was created as a simple act of experimentation. My friends and I decided to take advantage of my desire to write poetry. After some brainstorming, they described a situation and left me to paint it in words. Thus, the following is inspired after those brown spots in the grass that most people acknowledge as dry, ugly, and in need of remedy. With this poem, I share with all of you the true definition of those impurities in life we so often dismiss as a mistake.

Imperfectious Grass

She encounters the day...
A monotonous morning muffled with noises.
These noises are distractions of laughter,
conversation, and tears that she no longer acknowledges.
She has become an expert of solace.

Walking through the courtyard
Her feet fail to find the next step,
For the simple act of moving forward
Is something she has forgotten.

The crisp sunlight breaks through the trees,
The light illuminates the drowsiness of her soul...
For beyond the clutter of life
She detects a beauty on earth she had given up hope of
ever finding.

Far off in the distance she unravels creation.
And somehow this mistake, this misfortune speaks to her...

A tiny patch of imperfectious grass,
Lay brown and dry of all hope.
It is too lost to absorb that green reflection that paints the
rest of the world.
It sits untouched, unloved and ugly,
Amongst the palette of a colorful world.

Behold its ability to be a mistake, an imperfection
A hiccup in the cycle of life it has suddenly shattered.

For today someone was watching.
Her green eyes absorbed its abnormality.
Her compassion and grace embraces its addition.

And today she awakens to a truth lodged deep within...
Each morning she has journeyed through the day,
Invisible to a vibrant picture...
Her naivety allowing her to believe she too was untouched,
unloved, and ugly.

But bless this glorious dawn.
For in this unique little brown distortion she has found
pleasure.

And somewhere up towards the sky her head looks up to
see her God—
Enthralled, amazed, and immensely in love.
For the daughter who once found herself a mistake,
Forward moves shimmering in the sparkle of his loving
eyes.

— Kelly Bilinski

If you would like to share your original poetry, short stories or artwork with The Crescent readership, please contact the A&E Editor, Carolina Gervais via Foxmail.

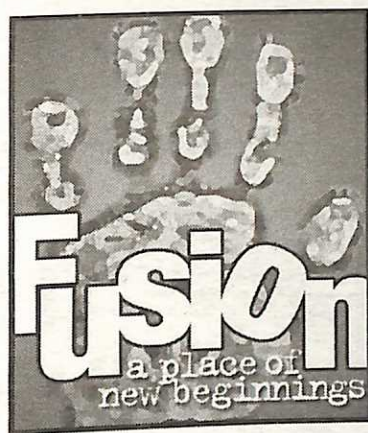
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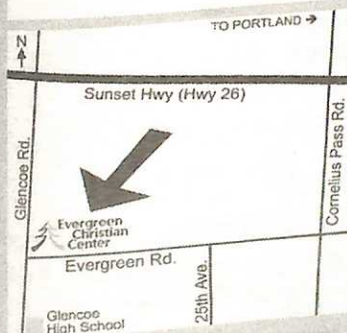
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Studio tour brings harvest of art, natural beauty

CAROLINA GERVAIS
A&E Editor

When was the last time you stepped out of the "George Fox bubble" and explored the communities of Yamhill County?

While you may occasionally get into Portland to enjoy the sights and sounds of the big city, I'm betting you rarely, if ever, have taken the time to hunt out the entertainment opportunities closer to campus.

Yamhill County is rich with art, and the next two weekends provide the perfect chance to experience it firsthand, through the Art Harvest Studio Tour. Sponsored by the Arts Alliance of

Yamhill County, Art Harvest Studio Tour coordinates the many visual artists in the area to open up their homes, studios, and galleries to the public.

For only \$5, you can purchase a tour admission button, found at any of the studios on the tour.

This button is your ticket into all 26 artist's studios to view firsthand how the artists create their work.

Participants are encouraged to talk to the artists, look at work in progress and finished art, and even buy a unique piece to take

home (if your pocketbook will allow it.)

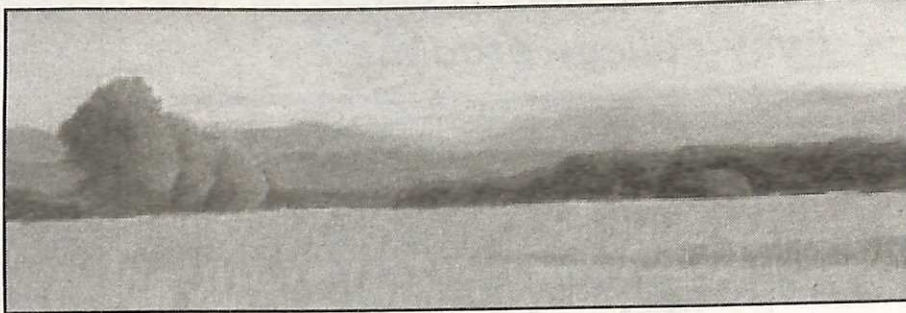
visiting studios or spread the visual pleasure out through both

yards of the county during this colorful time of the year.

While you enjoy the natural beauty of the region, you'll see the work of talented potters, photographers, painters and printmakers.

As you appreciate the scenery, you'll understand the source of inspiration for so many of these artists.

A complete catalog of artists with a map to their studios can be obtained at Portland Art Media store, Graystone Gallery, and other sites listed on the tour website: www.artharveststudiotour.org. You can also call Diana Anderson at 503-474-1120.



Picture from www.artharveststudiotour.org

Pastel painter Susan Day is one of 26 artists whose work will be available to view on the Art Harvest Studio Tour

The tour runs Oct. 5-7 and Oct. 12-14. Your admission button is good for all of these dates, so you can spend a whole day

weekends.

This is a terrific opportunity to grab a friend and tour the scenic hills, farm fields, and vine-



Orson Welles plays media mogul Charles Foster Kane in the 1941 classic.

Classic movie of 1941, *Citizen Kane*, stands the test of time

EVAN DICKENS
Staff Writer

To attempt to write an actual "review" of *Citizen Kane* would be foolish of me.

Sixty years of history, countless critics, and the AFI's recent 100 Greatest Movies of All-Time list have established this film as the greatest ever. Another review means nothing; it's just another voice in the crowd, singing the praises of this landmark movie. My goal in this article is to explain why the film is viewed in the light that it is.

Citizen Kane was the brainchild of a young and brash Orson Welles, the new Hollywood golden boy of 1941. He brought together a group of rookie actors from his Mercury Theater and collaborated with a hard-drinking personal friend, Herman

Manciewicz, to write what is almost universally recognized as the greatest screenplay ever.

The movie begins with the death of Charles Foster Kane, a beyond-wealthy media tycoon who dies after uttering a single word: "rosebud." A team of investigative journalists then start interviewing key figures from Kane's life, trying to uncover the meaning of this single word.

The movie opens with newsreel obituary footage to summarize what is publicly known about Kane's life; then, as the lead journalist conducts more interviews, the story is retold with more details. It was an incredibly innovative storytelling style in 1941 and still is today.

The movie was based on the life of William Randolph Hearst, a real-life media tycoon consumed by his own wealth and lust for material possessions. Hearst attempted repeatedly to have every copy of the film destroyed by RKO Studios, but to no avail.

Orson Welles starred as

Charles Kane in various stages throughout his life, in an incredibly versatile performance. Welles, besides co-writing, also directed the movie, which features some truly dazzling filming techniques, including the immortal series of shots leading up to the revelation of the meaning of "rosebud."

This ending makes the entire movie worthwhile and wraps everything that has gone before into a nice package, while at the same time leaving room for discussion. It is clear what rosebud is, but not so clear what it psychologically represents. For the viewer, making this decision is half of the enjoyment.

The other half, of course, is simply in enjoying the incredible technique of this movie, which achieved a level of brilliance that most every critic would agree has never been approached again. *Citizen Kane* is so much more than a movie; it is a piece of American culture, and no self-respecting movie fan should go without viewing it.

Rush Hour 2 brings second rush for fans

CAROL BLACKBURN
Staff Writer

"Do you understand da words dat are comin our of my mouf?"

Obviously, we do if we know that Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan are once again hitting the screen with "kung fu" and "black trash."

Compared to *Rush Hour 1*, there's a lot more of James Carter's hormonal impulses and Inspector Lee's parrot-like imitation of black man slang. However, the martial arts and other action sequences leave nothing to be desired, and even

the plot makes sense.

The opening sequence is a helicopter view of rural China. With a sweeping motion of the camera we are thrust into the city of Hong Kong. Who would have thought that within this city, the beautiful Zang Ziyi from *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* could take on so many disguises as well as kick Lee's butt while wearing high heels.

She blows up the American Embassy in Hong Kong, and thus starts the adventures of our two beloved heroes who, ironically, happen to be singing along to the Beach Boys' hit "California Girls".

Lee is caught up in a case to entrap his late father's partner, Ricky Tan, who also happens to be a Triad crimelord. To make matters worse, the United States Secret Service decides to wrench control of the Embassy investigation from the Hong Kong Police and once again tells Lee to stay out of the way (see *RH1*).

No deal. Lee wants Tan. However, in *RH2*, we start to see Lee's emotional side as he struggles with how to deal with Tan. And Tan makes it worse by treating him as his best friend's son, both running a guilt trip on Lee and patronizing him. To complicate matters, there is an attempt on Lee's life and he thinks that Carter died instead.

I won't tell the rest of the story because you have to see it for yourself. However, I must say that the outtakes were the best part of the show.

All in all, it is a must-see movie for *Rush Hour 1* fans; for everyone else, see 1 before 2 because it will make more sense if you do.

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It's official: Michael Jordan comes back to the game

JOHN FELTON
Staff Writer

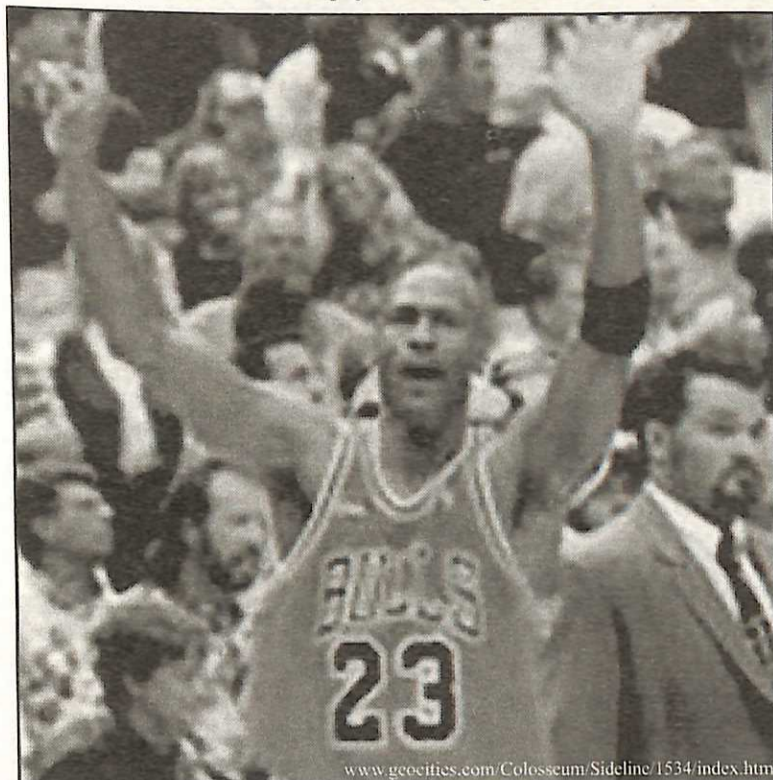
We've all heard the words before. Wasn't it just six and a half short years ago that the words, "I'm Back" reverberated around the free world? Well, it's déjà vu all over again for Michael Jordan, arguably the best basketball player ever to put on little short pants. Tuesday, Sept. 25, he, told the basketball world through a news release the words we were all so anxiously awaiting: "I am returning as a player to the game I love."

This time though, instead of vying for championships with Phil Jackson and Scottie Pippen, he'll be fighting for respectability with Richard Hamilton and Kwame Brown, a player who is about five months removed from his high school prom. The NBA need not worry that the new league powerhouse now resides in the nation's capital. The Washington Wizards have never struck fear into the hearts of opponents and they need more than Michael Jordan to bring them to contender status this year.

Washington will probably not make the playoffs this season, and if they do, it would be as a seventh or eighth seed. The team that won 19 games last season would need to have better records than last year's postseason teams Philadelphia,

Milwaukee, Toronto, Orlando, New York, Miami, Charlotte and Indiana and greatly improved Atlanta and New Jersey teams. Jordan in his prime would have a hard time taking Christian Laettner, Tyronn Lue and Popeye

The second part of that statement is of the most importance. With Jordan, the Wizards will be greatly improved and will contend for a playoff spot in his second season with the team. His sheer presence on the floor will



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Jones very far. Now, at 38, the task is nearly impossible. As fierce of a competitor as Jordan is, he has come to grips with this truth.

On Sept. 10 he told CNN's Marty Burns that he had "matured" and learned that "winning isn't always about championships. What's wrong with helping kids find their way, teaching them the game?"

make the players around him better. He simply will not allow mediocrity from his teammates.

Washington also received a boost when Jordan the general manager performed a favor for Jordan the player earlier this year. By dumping the huge salaries of Juwan Howard, Rod Strickland and Mitch Richmond, the Wizards now have salary cap room to sign quality free agents

next off-season. Most players in the NBA would jump at the chance of playing alongside Air Jordan. In three short years the Washington Wizards should be a respectable franchise. When was the last time you could say that with a straight face?

The Wizards suddenly are exciting. I guarantee there will be many games this season when MJ reminds us of the good old days. He'll put on a show for Madison Square Garden on opening night. He'll scorch the Bulls for 30 or 40-something and remind them they should have never broken the team up after '98. His duels with Kobe Bryant, Vince Carter and the other young stars of the league should be a feast for hungry basketball junkies. His competitive fire will burn once again as he takes on world's best athletes.

Many fear that they will be forced to watch Allen Iverson or Bryant embarrass an older and slower Jordan one-on-one. Jordan, however, will not play off-guard as he did before he retired. He will primarily play small forward and the new rules allowing zone defense will allow him greater security when guarding quicker players. Jordan is also an incredibly smart player. As soon as his athletic skills began to diminish, he worked to use his strength and positioning as much as possible.

Old No. 23 isn't fooling himself. He wouldn't come back

if he didn't believe he could still compete at the highest level.

He is not coming back for the money. Estee Portnoy, a spokeswoman for SFX, Jordan's management agency, has said that the veteran's minimum \$1 million he will receive will be donated to relief agencies working with the victims of the terrorist attacks on Washington and New York.

He is simply coming back because he loves the game and wants to play it with the world's greatest players. Jordan has always been the ultimate competitor and apparently life away from the hardwood isn't nearly as exciting as he thought it might be. After dominating the NBA for 13 seasons, who can blame him if he now wants to take on Father Time?

Will the legacy of Michael Jordan be ruined by this second comeback? No. If Jordan has an awful season (and he won't), NBA commissioner David Stern will not take away his five league MVP trophies. He'll still get to keep his college championship, six NBA championships, two Olympic gold medals, 10 scoring titles and the countless other accolades he compiled over the span of this amazing career. He will always be one of the greatest players of all time. So why not let him enjoy one last fling before he rides off into the sunset for good? Just one more for old time's sake.

Women's soccer team struggles but competes fiercely

ABBY RINE
Staff Writer

After a week of practice and no games, the Lady Bruins bounded back into competition against the Pacific University Boxers.

The first Northwest Conference game for the Bruins remained scoreless until the 51st minute, when Pacific scored off the hands of Bruin goalie Cori Wulf. Ten minutes later, Pacific doubled their lead when a sideline kick found the corner of the net. Defender Jill Steinfeld, known for her skillful passes, cut the lead to 2-1 after hammering her first career goal past the Boxers' goalkeeper. A third goal from Pacific late in the game sealed their victory, leaving the Bruins with a 3-2 overall record.

Three days later, the Bruins met the co-favorite for the NWC championship, the University of Puget Sound Loggers. Thirty seconds into the game, Logger midfielder Tera Anderson took a shot that sailed over Wulf to begin a lead the Loggers would keep the entire game.

Before the half ended, the Loggers had pulled ahead by four unanswered goals. The intense opposing defense kept the Bruins down to only three shots,

compared to the Loggers' 32.

Goalie Wulf ended the game with eight saves, and Carice Fell with an additional three.

After a harsh loss from Puget Sound, the Bruins fought a successful battle to redeem themselves against Pacific Lutheran

Melissa Tittle, a substitute defender, nailed a loose ball into the net and bumped the lead up 2-0. PLU snuck in their only goal off of a corner kick in the last minutes of the game, but it wasn't enough to save them from a loss. The Bruin's ended their three-game losing streak with a

ence match. Taking the lead with three unanswered goals in the first 20 minutes, the Wildcats figured their victory was already in the bag.

However, the Bruins refused to go down without a fight.

The second half opened

goals that the Wildcats put on the scoreboard.

The game ended with a final score of 4-3 in favor of Linfield.

The next day, the Bruins hit the road to Willamette where the Bearcats defense held the Bruins to only two shots the entire game. The opposing offense was strong, taking thirty total shots on goal. Thanks to goalkeeper Wulf, the final score was only 2-0, giving the Bruins a 4-5 record for the season.



Photo by Vickie Hawkins

Junior Cori Wulf dives for the ball during a recent women's soccer practice.

University. The game remained scoreless until the second half when Gloria Blackwell scored on a rebound shot from Sara Oates. Later,

final score of 2-1.

Returning to the field to challenge the Linfield College Wildcats, the Bruins came up one goal short in their fourth confer-

with two goals from Oates and one more from Linfield. Brooke Pitner added the Bruin's third and final goal. The Bruin's tried, but couldn't match the number of

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SPORTS

Bruins attempt to earn respect throughout the league

SCOTT BURKHART
Staff Writer

Imagine the dismay the Bruins must have felt, finding out they were in second to last place (seventh) when the Northwest Conference Preseason poll came out.

Sure, you can say that the poll was only what other coaches thought in the conference. Or you could have told the Bruins that it didn't matter what other people thought about this year's squad, the only thing that mattered was what the Bruins thought about themselves.

Maybe you would have joked around with this year's squad, telling them the only place they could go from here is up. The only message the Bruins listened to this year was the one they were telling themselves. That message was the Bruins had something to prove and nothing was going to get in their way.

The Bruins are earning respect right and left from just that, proving nothing is going to get in their way. The Bruins began to prove their prowess in a tournament in Whittier Calif., in which they walked away with the tournament championship, losing only three games in all four matches.

The Bruins are proving their defense is a force to be reckoned with and deserves respect. They are surprising conference teams by leading the Northwest Conference stats. Mindi Cotner leads the conference in digs with 4.97 per game and Nicole Bostic is just behind her in second place in the conference with 4.44 per game. Shelly Shultens currently leads the conference in blocks with 1.42 per game.

The Bruins are also putting up great numbers offensively,

with Shelly also leading the conference in aces, as well as Brandy Mailer putting up the tenth highest hitting percentage in the conference with 2.93. The Bruins are defensively leading the

and Puget Sound number 10.

The Bruins have beaten Colorado College (3-2) who was ranked number 10 in the west region, as well as recently beating conference teams such as



Photo by Pisey Sok

Nicole Bostic goes for the kill as Shelly Shultens looks on.

Northwest Conference in digs with an average of 22.6 per match as well as leading in blocks with 2.83 per game. Statistics certainly say a lot for the Bruins defense and offense.

The Bruins are shocking teams en route to an 8-2 record. In Conference, the Bruins are 1-1 at home and 1-1 on the road. The Bruins only losses have come to conference opponents Whitworth (0-3) and Puget Sound (0-3). These are the two teams picked to go one and two in the conference and both were ranked nationally, with Whitworth ranked number 6

PLU (3-1), Linfield (3-0), and Willamette (3-1).

On top of all of this success, the Bruins have been ranked number 16 in the nation in the recent Division Three national poll for volleyball, as well as 6 in the Far West Region. How is that for a little icing on the cake? All this recent success isn't bad for a team that was picked to finish seventh in the conference.

If the Bruins don't have the respect of other teams yet, they should soon. They are certainly earning respect with their performance on the court.

The truth is, the Bruins are not playing like a team picked to finish second to last in the conference. The Bruins are playing like a squad that will give teams like Whitworth and Puget Sound a run for their money come play-off time. The Bruins have several away games against Lewis & Clark Oct. 3 and Pacific October 5, before they return to Miller Gym Oct. 10 to play a non-conference match with Warner Pacific.

Thus far, the Bruins are proving to be tougher than everyone else in the conference expected. But the looming question remains. Have the Bruins earned any respect yet? I think that teams have already begun to look at our Bruins as not being the walk in the park they expected.

The Bruins are surprising a lot of people with their performance this season. Even themselves.

UPCOMING GAMES

A Wed. Oct. 3 vs. Lewis & Clark 7:00 pm

A Fri. 5 vs. Pacific 7:00 pm

H Wed. 10 vs. Warner Pacific 7:00 pm

A Fri. 12 vs. Whitman 7:00 pm

A Sat. 13 vs. Witworth 2:00 pm

H Wed. 17 vs. Willamette 7:00 pm

**VOLLEYBALL
PLAYER
PROFILE**



NAME: Brandy Mailer

HOMETOWN: Honolulu, Hawaii

AGE: 21

BIRTHDAY: November 2, 1979

MAJOR: Athletic Training

WHEN DID YOU FIRST START PLAYING VOLLEYBALL? When I was 5 years old

TEAM GOALS:

1. "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." Ecc. 9:10
2. Be better today than we were yesterday.

TEAM OUTLOOK: High performance and consistency will take us to the National Tournament

FUTURE PLANS: Become a paramedic/firefighter or paramedic/lifeguard.

UPCOMING RACES

A Sat. Oct. 6 Willamette Invitational Salem, Ore.

A Sat. 13 Pacific Lutheran Invitational Tacoma, Wash

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Cross Country finishes 2nd & 4th in Pacific Invitational

STEPHEN GIRDNER
Staff Writer

The Bruin cross country teams only had one meet in the last two weeks, but they made the most of it.

The teams traveled to Forest Grove, Ore., for the Pacific Invitational Sept. 22 for the Pacific Invitational.

The annual Bear Fete Invitational, which is usually scheduled for this date, was cancelled due to Coach Cook's brief hospitalization.

The Pacific races were considerably shorter than usual, with the men's race only 5,000 meters and the women's only two miles.

Wes Cook was feeling great for the meet, though, and so were his teams.

The girls came away from the meet with a second place trophy, and the men finished fourth.

The women's team finished with 43 points, sharing second place with Warner Pacific, only eight points behind meet champion Pacific.

The men finished with 63 points, only one behind Warner Pacific, 10 behind Pacific and 30 behind Clark College.

Beth Moyer led the women's team and finished third among college runners in the race with a time of 12:26.

Rebecca Rising was

next for George Fox at 12:34 for 5th, followed by Ashley Crisell at 13:21 for 9th, Dana Cavaliere at 14:12 for 12th, and Sarah Jertberg at 14:38 for 14th.

Leading the Bruins was Matt Burg with a time of 16:14, earning him a second place finish among college runners. His supporting cast consisted of Nathan Paisley at 17:37, 11th; Kris Clifton at 18:12, 14th; Rob Gaslin at 18:51, 15th; and Chris Kelley at 21:18, 21st.

The team took last weekend off in preparation for the Willamette Invitational. The next meet will be held at Bush's Pasture Park in Salem 10 a.m. Saturday Oct. 6.

Men's soccer wins three of last four games

AARON SCHMAUTZ
Staff Writer

If opposing teams are still checking the George Fox Bruins off as a walkover, they had better reevaluate their opinions. After demolishing Walla Walla College Sept. 14, the Bruins have continued to roll over opponents. It is now apparent that the underrated Bruins are not to be taken lightly. The Pacific Boxers were the only team to open the season ranked below the Bruins in the preseason. George Fox was hoping to start off league playing strong, and they showed it on the field.

Brian Erickson continued his stellar leadership on the field, and scored the only goal of the game in the 32nd minute. After

favorite, University of Puget Sound. George Fox hoped having the game on the home pitch would help them continue their momentum. Again, the Bruin defense was the decisive factor in the game.

Even though the Bruins were outshot by the Loggers 26-10, the only shots to find the net were Bruin tallies. Ron Besser played stellar in goal, recording 10 crucial saves.

Coach Manfred Tschan was impressed with his team's play.

"Obviously, our defense has turned it around in a big way. Ron Besser has been both brave and focused, Chris Waters have provided the leadership, and Andrew Paine and Jon Miller have adjusted to their new positions. Maybe the biggest difference has been the defensive play

people on me, now however, we have Merrick, who is amazing with the ball for them to be keeping an eye on, so that opens stuff up for me. If the opposing team focuses on Merrick and I both, it is an opportunity for us to open up bigger spaces for the other forward and midfielders to attack and score more goals themselves. Either way, whatever gets the check in the win column."

Riding off their three game win-streak, the Bruins next suited up against the Lutes of Pacific Lutheran. The game was once again a seesaw battle, but it was the offense that stepped up in the clutch for the Bruins in this match. Both teams played heroic defense in the first half, with neither team recording a shot on goal. The Lutes finally broke the wall on a perfect corner kick

be decided with how we do on the road, and if we can stay focused and maintain our game plan of good defense."

If this game was a sign of things to come, then the Bruins have a lot to look forward to. For the fifth game in a row, the Bruin defense completely held the opposition in check. Besser only had to stop four shots in goal to record the shutout for the Bruins, while their offense continued to produce new heroes. Sorenson and Derek Dougherty both scored to beat Linfield for the first time in six tries, and to ensure that Fox still had a hold on the conference lead.



Photo by Vickie Hawkins

Goalie Ron Besser in action: Besser has proved to be a valuable asset this season.

Erickson's unassisted score, the Fox defense locked up the field and allowed virtually no shots on goal. The match was a physical one, with 28 fouls called along with 5 yellow cards.

Erickson was impressed with Fox's resilience on the defensive end.

"The main thing that has helped us win the past few games is the fact that we are disciplined in defense. I can't say enough about the way our team has played defense. As far as the rest of the season goes, we take one game at a time. Our league will never be an easy one, so we need to come out and play our best, most disciplined game every time we step out on the field. If we do that, who knows what can happen."

The Bruins next match was against the NWC preseason

of our midfielders. They have shown great discipline, great patience, and a great work rate," said Tschan, after the game.

The Bruin goals came on a penalty kick by Merrick Brownlee, and an insurance score by prolific goal scorer Erickson. Erickson, who is leading the conference in goals scored, gave much credit to his teammates.

"I don't really know if it has changed all that much this year from the beginning of the season until now. Last season, I was sort of a marked man also and this year it is about the same. I always have a man tighter on me that I did when I played as a freshman and a sophomore, but last year and this year with higher amounts of goals scored, things haven't changed all that much. Last year it was an honor to be respected enough by the opposition to assign one or two

early in the second half. Erickson would not see his team's winning streak end, however, as he tied the score off an incredible pass from Brownlee. Nick Chapman provided the decisive score minutes later, and the Bruins ended their home stand at first place in the conference.

Before their game against cross-town rival Linfield, midfielder Max Sorenson gave his outlook for the rest of the season.

"The season so far has been great and we've been focused on playing strong defense. We're staying compact and moving our feet so we don't get beat by the dribbler. The team as a whole is staying focused but we still need to keep more possession with the ball and execute on free kicks more effectively. For the rest of the season the team needs to stay encouraged and play hard for the full 90 minutes. The season will

MEN'S SOCCER PLAYER PROFILE



Photo by Vickie Hawkins

NAME: Bryan Erickson

HOMETOWN: Chehalis Wash.

AGE: 21

BIRTHDAY: Nov. 16, 1979

MAJOR: Fitness Management

WHEN DID YOU FIRST START PLAYING SOCCER?

When I was in kindergarten, about 5 years old.

TEAM GOALS: Ultimate goal: winning the NCAA Division III National championship. Goals to reach that goal: win each game, one at a time like it is the championship, until the championship.

TEAM OUTLOOK: We have a well-rounded team. All 18 guys that suit up are able to hold their own if they are called upon, and each of us know our role. The team unity is great and as long as we keep our solid defense up and are able to keep on learning and improving as the season goes, we'll do well.

FUTURE PLANS: I really don't know. The one thing I do know is that God wants me to finish up here this coming semester but after that...I am looking forward to seeing what doors He will open and what He will have me doing for Him.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Volleyball at Pacific University 7:00 p.m. MID-SEMESTER HOLIDAY -NO CLASSES-	6 Cross Country-Willamette Invitational, 10:00 AM Women's Soccer at Whitworth, 12:00 p.m. Men's Soccer at Whitworth, 2:30 p.m.
	- Missions Week -					
7 Women's Soccer at Whitman College 12:00 PM Men's Soccer at Whitman College 2:30 PM	8	9	10 Volleyball vs. Warner Pacific, 7:00 p.m.	11 Career Services Internship Fair	12 Auxiliary Luncheon, 12:00 p.m. Volleyball at Whitman, 7:00 p.m.	13 Volleyball at Whitworth, 2:00 p.m. Cross Country-Pacific Lutheran Invitational Women's Soccer vs. Willamette, 12:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Willamette, 2:30 p.m. Hoover Symposium XIII
14 Women's Soccer vs. Linfield, 12:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Linfield, 2:30 p.m.	15 100 Day Memorial- Becca McLeod	16	17 Women's Soccer vs. Pacific University 4:00 p.m. Volleyball vs. Willamette University 7:00 p.m.	18 Peace Supper 6:00 p.m. "Japanese anime and sushi" night, 6:00 p.m.	19 Theater Games, 7:30 p.m.	20 Volleyball vs. Univ. of Puget Sound, 7:00 p.m. Women's Soccer at Pacific Lutheran, 12:00 p.m. Men's Soccer at Pacific Lutheran, 2:30 p.m.
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	- Quaker Heritage Week -					
28	29	30	31 Career Services presents speaker Don Asher on "Getting into Grad School."	1	2	3
	- Woolman Forum -					
	- Career Services Grad School Emphasis Week -					

The Crescent staff would like to cover events, clubs, and people on campus. If you know of or are involved in planning or organizing an event, or if you would like an article written about a program you are involved in, please contact Davida Ankeny Brown or Beth Templeton via foxmail, or by calling The Crescent office at ext. 3011.

Mediation club seeks to resolve conflicts on Biblical standards

LISA DELZER
Staff Writer

"Mind if I speak with you for a moment?"

How many times have you heard this statement from a friend who needed a listening ear? Or sat through a gossip session with your buddies, learning the latest news about what Bobby did to Joey? Or the way Donna glared at Georgia on her way to Bon Appetit? Have you ever thought,

man, I wish they'd get over that? Maybe it's time you considered being a mediator and helping your peers solve their conflicts.

Ever been involved in peer mediation? Curious about what it involves? Imagine a method of problem solving that provides a practical application of Biblical peacemaking. By creating a neutral place where people can meet and discuss their differences, the Mediation Club works toward

mending the rifts that occur in the George Fox community.

In helping to solve the little issues that develop around campus, we can create a more unified university. Everyone has experienced the loud stereos, messy rooms, and smelly socks that cause arguments, and without communication, these differences can quickly turn into knock-down-drag-out fights.

Since gambling is outlawed on campus, the WWF of campus

life isn't quite as much fun! And for those unfair term paper grades, not too many professors are ready to don their boxing gloves and jump into the ring.

With a mission statement following Christ's examples of peace and resolution, and a goal to promote servanthood among campus mediators, the Mediation Club strives to present a neutral ground to resolve conflicts.

Whether you have experience in mediation or not, feel free

to become a part of this great opportunity to serve the campus of George Fox University. As this year progresses, look for flyers about how to take advantage of this peaceful problem-solving venture-- removing possible bias from R. A. mediation and inventing creative solutions, the club is here to serve.

If you have any questions regarding the club, its purpose, or mediation in general, contact Lisa Delzer at ext. 3800.

JOY Services fosters friendship between students, older youth

ADRIENNE DORSEY
Copy Editor

With the many opportunities to volunteer and serve in the community at George Fox, JOY Services is sometimes the forgotten ministry. JOY, which stands for Just Older Youth, is a ministry that allows students to get to know local senior citizens while lending them a helping hand.

Wendy Noyes, who coordinates JOY, describes the ministry as a chance for students to be encouraged and strengthened while they serve seniors.

JOY includes the Adopt-A-Grandparent program, which pairs a student with a senior to befriend and visit with for a couple hours each month.

"The church is to help those over 60 who have no other means of support," said Noyes, a senior Chemistry major. "I look at JOY as fulfilling part of that tiny aspect of the church."

JOY sponsors monthly work days through Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, where volunteers spend one Saturday afternoon a month serving the elderly by doing yard work and house-

cleaning.

Parties at the local senior care centers will also be held once or twice a semester, where students can simply chat and get to know the seniors.

JOY is very flexible for students who wish to help out but have limited time. The work days with Interfaith are usually only two to three hours long on Saturdays, and students do not have to go every month, Noyes said.

"My goal for JOY this year is to continue and modify the successful programs from last

year," Noyes said. "I would also like to organize activities with more of the local care homes."

Often, students will provide a listening ear for seniors that don't have many visitors. Students can chat with the seniors about their experiences at George Fox, their church, play board games, and listen to stories about what George Fox was like many years ago. It can be a time of sharing and blessing.

"We bring smiles and willing hands to older people who might not get them without us," Noyes said.

Currently, Noyes is looking for four to six students to serve on the JOY committee. The committee will help plan and organize events with the local senior care centers and help with the Adopt-a-Grandparent program. The time commitment will typically be about an hour a week, varying on the upcoming activities to prepare for.

Students interested in volunteering or applying for the JOY committee may contact Noyes at ext. 3009 or via Foxmail, or sign up on the bulletin board outside the Christian Services office.