Winston, a former affiliate fellow at the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University. While at the center, she studied the impact of such programs on religious colleges and the students who attend them.

In an article in the Nov. 20, 2000, issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education, Winston warns Christian colleges that these “cash cows” are “actually more akin to the Trojan horse.” She concedes programs for nontraditional students have helped colleges financially, allowing them to survive and even thrive, but she charges they also bring “a variety of secularizing trends.” Too often, she writes, Christian colleges downplay their faith-based identity to attract and accommodate adult students. They exchange an education that integrates faith and learning for a pragmatic, market-driven curriculum. Worse yet, they fail to make a difference in adult students’ beliefs.

She calls it “educational schizophrenia — a two-tier system, with one component unrelated to the core identity.” No one would disagree that George Fox University’s degree-completion program is pragmatic. The first three majors it offered all focus on management: as it relates to human resources, organizational.
leadership, and incorporating instruction in information technology. But the program also has both a curriculum and a format that encourages the integration of faith and learning.

Efforts to ensure the degree-completion program fits the University’s mission began when the curriculum was acquired back in 1986. None of the other programs that require working adults to finish their degrees by taking traditional courses at nontraditional times, the George Fox degree-completion program operates on a cohort model — the first of its kind in the region. Students with two to three years of college work through a specific sequence of courses together with the same group of 15 to 20 classmates, guided by a primary instructor.

Right from the start, the University made the innovative program its own. “We added courses that were unique to us,” says Cook. “Christian Faith and Thought” very specifically addresses the Christian faith and how it informs our culture and how it informs us as individuals. We also added a business ethics course that brings into the classroom the perspective of Christian ethics in the workplace.

Also added were a handful of Saturday seminars that allow the University to give more emphasis to a liberal arts component to the curriculum and to explore the influence of the Friends church.

Robin Ashford, of Dunede, Ore., graduated in April with a major in management and organizational leadership. The six-week Christian Faith and Thought course, she says, involved reading from such sources as the Bible and C.S. Lewis, as well as theological discussions and papers she called her “most difficult and most rewarding.”

“There is so much interaction between the members of the cohort,” she says about the months, and the courses are structured to encourage dialogue in a manner which causes us to talk not only about what we would implement when we are learning in our management courses, but also why we make the decisions we do,” she says. “This type of dialogue often times would lead to discussions which were very much faith-based.

Because the course is taught at the end of the program, she says, “a level of trust has been developed between the cohort members which makes it possible to help each other with the difficult task of objectively looking at worldviews and respectfully responding to each other’s personal beliefs.”

Those worldviews can be numerous. Mark Ocker, who has taught adult learners at George Fox for three years and will become the program’s director in August, says he has had cohort groups in which 80 percent of his students had no religious affiliation and little, if any, basic understanding of the Christian faith.

Despite that, he says, there’s no temptation to downplay the University’s identity to attract or accommodate adult learners, says Mark Ocker, director of the department of professional studies. “We let our students know right up front that we are a Christian institution and that we are Christians ourselves. We say that unashamedly.”

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Quick to say no to overspending, vice president for financial affairs Don Millage retires after guiding George Fox through nearly three decades of balanced budgets

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fessor Paul Chamberlain came to

see Don Millage, he was met at

the office door with the same greeting.

“Now.”

The lighthearted welcome became a

running joke for those who often came to

make budget requests of Millage. Even

Fox’s 69-year-old vice president for

financial affairs. It started the conver-

sation off right, says Millage, who re- 

tires this month after 39 years of service, 

a remarkable record of nearly three 

decades of consecutive balanced univer-

sity budgets.

Since leaving Wall Street to take a 40

percent salary cut and the financial 

responsibilities of a debt-ridden college

in 1972, Millage has given George Fox 

nearly 30 years of fiscal stability. His

departure will end a three-decade era that 

saw George Fox’s budget increase from 

$1.2 million to $35 million and its stu-

dent population swell from 443 to 2,630.

Under three presidents and two inter-

im presidents, Millage applied his dry

wit, stress-free devotion, and intense pas-

sion to keeping hundreds of employees

from spending more money than the Uni-

versity possessed. He has been described

as the backbone of the University, but his 

penchant for denying budget requests led

him to come up with a self-composed

nickname: The Abominable “No” Man.

Saying “no” came naturally to Millage, he says. “I learned it young and practiced it often.” Born during the Depression to an enterprising carpenter, Millage spent his teen years working in the streets of southern Oregon towns.

“We never had much in those years. I grew up frugal. It was easy to say no to things that seemed like luxuries to me, because I never had it.”

Five-foot-nine and silver-haired, Millage could stare through his glasses and inspire fear.

Clyde Thomas, director of plant services, recalls the first time he reported to Millage, he brought his office manager of a naval support.

“I was feared far more than I should have been,” says Millage. “When people got to know me, they weren’t afraid of me. But I may have seemed somewhat aloof and cold.”

Dave Kelley, assistant vice president for finance, has worked for Millage for eight years and has seen his soft-

er side. “He cared for his staff not by what he said, but by taking up the slack,” says Kelly. “He wasn’t quick to (offer pleasantries) — that’s not his personality — but he showed care.”

“When he was working, he was pretty serious,” says Karen Bell, assistant vice president for administration. “But on break, he would be funny. Few people saw that.”

Millage’s humor also surfaced when reporting at board meetings and year-end campus meetings. Audi-

ences would roar at the witty commentary he weaved into the budget numbers.

While at George Fox, Millage has also been an active early-morning racquetball player. He occasionally attends Portland Trail Blazer games and holds Universi-

ty of Oregon football season tickets. He has been a fix-

ture at George Fox men’s basketball games since the mid-1970s, serving as volunteer scorekeeper.

“I always knew when it was a game night,” says Bell, “because it was the only time he’d get out of the office on time.”

Sports have been a lifelong passion for Millage. He quarterbacked his Talent high school football team, played basketball at George Fox, and was a star on the baseball diamond, and came off the bench as a basketball guard. In track, he ran the dashes and set a state record for small-sized schools by leaping 20-feet-3¾ inches in the long jump.

After high school, Millage enrolled as a pre-engi-

neering major at what is now Southern Oregon Univer-

sity. Uncertain of his career goals after two years of

classes, he volunteered for the Army. The military sent

him into the Korean conflict, where he saw limited action in a heavy artillery unit during the six months before the armistice. “It was an interesting time,” he says. “Not one I’d want to duplicate.”

Following his discharge from the Army in 1953, he began weekend trips to Newberg to see his high school sweetheart, Virginia Peters, then a student at George Fox. In 1954, she received her teaching diploma, and they were married the next day.

During their years at George Fox, Virginia made the Millage home a hospitable location for office gatherings and a haven for those in need. Their basement was fre-

quently occupied by stranded students, new faculty, and visiting guest speakers. When cancer claimed her life in 1992, the Virginia Millage Memorial Rose Garden was planted to bloom in her honor at the center of campus.

In 1954, Millage enrolled at the University of Ore-

gon. He recollected an accounting course at Southern Ore-

gon that he had enjoyed taking. “I thought maybe I’d be a better accountant than an engineer.”

After Millage earned his degree in business adminis-

tration, he became a CPA with Price Waterhouse in Portland. His career took him to San Francisco and later to New York as national director of professional develop-

ment.

In his 16th year with Price Waterhouse, he received a late-night recruiting call from then George Fox Presi-

dent David LeShana. George Fox needed a business

manager. “My immediate response was ‘no way,’” says Mill-

age, who was 39. But he and his wife began to consid-

er it. They had hoped Don might work at George Fox eventually, and the idea of returning to the West Coast attracted them.

“We finally decided, ‘Why wait for retirement?’” he says.

Taking the post meant a salary drop from $30,000 to $18,000. When he arrived, in January of 1972, he bought his own desk, credenza, and chair as a donation to the college.

He soon found a cardboard box filled with $50,000 in overdue bills. “I didn’t expect to have to spend the first six months talking to irate creditors,” he says. Mill-

age established department budgets that employees could depend on and began delivering the first of many “no” requests.

He brought fiscal discipline to the small campus and put the College in the black his first year.

Vowing that it would be his last day to wear a jacket and tie, Don Millage prepares to leave the desk he bought him-

self and used for 30 years. Described as “the backbone of the University,” Millage leaves a legacy of no-nonsense fiscal responsibility that has enabled George Fox to survive difficult economic times.

“When he was working, he was pretty serious,” says Clyde Thomas, director of plant services, recalling the first time he reported to Millage, he brought his office manager of a naval support.

“His lowest career moments came during the eco-

nomic recession in the late ‘70s and early ‘80s. His fru-

gality became legendary. A tear in the business office

rug was patched with duct tape. Low-set thermostats

inspired shivering secretaries to wear open-fingered
gloves even when typing. One secretary even thought it necessary to use up all the adding machine tape, reverse it, and run it through the other way. Half the bulbs in Wood-Mar light fixtures were removed to cut power costs.

Bell remembers convincing Millage to replace his tattered office chair in the mid-1990s — the same chair he bought with his own money when he arrived on cam-

pus. He used the same desk and credenza throughout his University career.

Even away from work, Millage spends hours crunch-

ing numbers on his home computer. Until eight years ago, he was treasurer of Newberg Friends Church, and until 1999 he managed the Friends’ pastors pension funds. Now he manages nearly 100 charitable trusts for the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends and George Fox.

Retiring with Millage is the elaborate Excel spread-

sheet budgeting system that he created on his Macintosh in the late ‘80s. The mammoth document takes up 700 megabytes, enough to fill up almost 500 floppy disks.

“When I tell people we’ve been managing a $35 mil-

lion budget entirely on spreadsheets, they nearly fall off their chairs,” he says.

Conceding with his retirement, the University is pur-

chasing a management software system and hiring Mike Goin to assume the post being vacated by Millage.

Goin has held similar positions at Whitworth College, University of the Pacific, and West Virginia Wesleyan University.

Millage’s spreadsheets and determination helped steer George Fox through difficult financial times that starved to death two of Oregon’s Christian colleges.

Throughout, his philosophy has been simple: “Balanced budgets should be a way of life. I hope I’ve laid a foun-

dation — in philosophy and reality — that gives the University the ability to grow and thrive.”

— Rob Felton
For the first time, two awards have been presented to George Fox University faculty members for excellence in teaching.

Added this year to the traditional Faculty Achievement Award for Undergraduate Teaching is a new award for graduate teaching.

The doubling of awards acknowledges George Fox’s growth, with more programs serving a wider range of academic needs.

The two winners share in an award-winning passion to help students reach their potential. Winning the undergraduate teaching award is Kathleen Kleiner Gathercoal, associate professor of psychology.

The honors were announced at the annual academic awards chapel, during which Gathercoal and Johnson each received a $2,500 award. Recipients of the annual honors are chosen by a panel of faculty and students.

Gathercoal joined the George Fox faculty in 1993. She previously taught at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. She completed her undergraduate work at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., then earned both master’s and doctoral degrees in development psychology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Among her areas of expertise are perception and memory, face perception and recognition, mental retardation, vision development in infants, and Quaker and (Friends) higher education.

“Openness to students,” said Baker. “She really does,” says Liebscher. “There’s not an arrogant bone in her body, but she’s very confident in what she is good at. There’s a humility there that deeply impacted my development.”

“Every student I know really loves her,” says Rachele Floyd, who also earned a master’s degree in psychology at George Fox and is now in the doctoral program. “In class, she’s very open to taking any kind of suggestions that people have. She’s also very frank in telling us that she’s not an expert in everything. She’s more of a research psychologist, so she’ll ask us questions about the more clinical aspects.”

“She’s very, very genuine,” says Liebscher. “There is a way in which you can throw anything together and make it work, or a way that takes utmost patience and skill and would fashion it in a way that God has gifted us to do,” she said. “Then it’s something of beauty.”

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“Tops In Teaching
Kathleen Gathercoal and Michele Johnson receive the 2001 teaching awards

Michele Johnson, associate professor of business, below, says she tries to avoid set lectures, coming to class with a plan that “lets me move in many directions.” Among the unusual teaching methods she uses are monopoly games with extras like account statements and balance sheets, making pizzas as a way of showing how to determine product costs, and making paper quilts as a business-viability exercise.

CHIJO TAKEDA

Powers Receives Research Award

On Powers, professor of biology at George Fox and a nationally recognized expert on birds, is recipient of the University’s first Faculty Research Award.

The new award was announced during George Fox’s spring commencement. Powers received a $12,000 check to help fund his first book on the ornithology of ornithology specifically related to the physiology of hummingbirds. Powers also authored two chapters for Birds of North America, the chief research resource in ornithology.

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David Howard has long considered music performance and composition a way to reflect God’s creative nature.

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Howard joined George Fox’s faculty in 1968 after several years teaching at his alma mater, Simpson College in California.

Besides teaching, Howard’s most visible ongoing role has been as University organist. He played organ dedication concerts in both Woodland Park and the American CPA Society.

He said Johnson’s leadership in the University’s accounting program has helped George Fox attract the attention of some of the biggest accounting companies in the United States. Because of her efforts, 11 of 15 graduates in the George Fox program have secured jobs with the nation’s “Big 5” firms.

Fendall said those who nominated Johnson noted that she has high expectations of her students, but that she also helps them to meet those standards; that she has been “innovative, dedicated, and creative” in her teaching methods; that she has served with excellence as a department chair; and that her office is “always open” to students.

Julie Lockwood, a senior who is in an internship this summer with the national accounting firm of Deloitte and Touche, is among the students who have benefitted from Johnson’s direct efforts to promote the George Fox program.

“Michele is invaluable,” says Lockwood. “I truly believe that without her dedicated and continuous effort, it would be a great loss to George Fox. Her value is not only as a professor and administrator, but also as a listening ear. She’s always willing to help students who are struggling, be that in accounting or in general.”

Johnson says her classroom approach is probably influenced by the years she spent as a special education teacher.

“I teach by trying to ‘read’ the eyes of students,” she says. “When I have a group in front of me, I’m constantly aware of those who are ‘with me’ and those who are not. I’m always circulating around them and trying to bring them back. I ask specific questions. Or I’ll do something really different, like breaking into song.”

“I try to let them learn in a way that fits their learning style. I like to hear it, some like to touch it, some like to see things. I try to do all those things in a class period.”

“You’re never bored,” says Lockwood. “You really feel like it’s worth your time, with Michele’s classes. If you miss a class, you miss a lot.”

— John Fortmeyer

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Alumni connect with students to help with transitions from college life to the working world

Y our career. Best decision you ever made? A good idea at the time, but not now so sure? What do you wish you had been told before making the choice?

That’s the concept behind Dinner for Eight, a new program developed by George Fox University Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Council. The program asks George Fox alumni to pair up with sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have the opportunity to just dream.”

“People just loved it,” says Chelsea Philips, a freshman from Wilsonville, Ore., who joined three others in a dinner hosted by 1994 biology graduate Gloria Helck Helm at her home near Gresham. Philips hopes the program expands. “We should try next year to have a bigger variety of majors represented, so that people from all different interest groups have a place to go.”

Scott Box, assistant director of alumni and parent relations and a 1999 George Fox graduate, helped establish the program. He said students can go “to an alum’s house and get — not just great food and great relationships — but also career connections and guidance and an opportunity to just dream.”

Philips has been leaning toward a Christian ministries major, and that inclin- nation is strong now that she has heard Helm’s tales of short-term missions work on most of the world’s continents. “At the end of the evening, she (Helm) got all our names and signed up a day each month for us to pray for her and for her to pray for us, so we all could be prayer warriors,” says Philips. “I thought that was cool.”

Trisha Byrd, a prenursing major from Tillamook, Ore., and executive chair of the Student Alumni Council, helped organize the Dinner for Eight program. She took part in two of them, both ori- ented toward careers in nursing or fields related to medicine. Those dinners were hosted by 1994 biology graduate Gloria Krueger, Newberg, and by 1998 biology graduate Amy Gillet, Wilsonville, Ore., and her husband, Kenny, who also is a 1998 graduate and serves on George Fox’s Alumni Board.

Both Krueger and Amy Gillette pur- sued careers in nursing. “The dinners were incredible for a first-time program,” says Byrd. “They answered our questions very well. We were so blessed. We felt right at home.”

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“I am very proud of the program,” says Anne Young, the program’s new director. “I am very proud of the students who have participated and the experience they have gained.”

“I want to spend the rest of my life — not only his being in surgery, but also his training of residents. I got to hear what his family life was like, his values. He’s a neat Christian man and talks about how he works his values into his practice. He’s a great person to model after. We had a lot of good talks.”

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“Hopefully the students came away from our time together with a better understanding of the rigors, stresses, and rewards of medical practice, as well as the training involved in preparing to become a doctor,” says Tim Janzen, who graduated with a chemistry degree from George Fox in 1983 before going on to medical school at Oregon Health Sci-ences University.

“I thought the evening was wonder- ful,” says Rachel Janzen, who said she enjoyed answering questions about what it is like to be married to a busy physi-cian. “I think a spouse who understands the other spouse’s career is a tremendous asset,” she says.

Careers represented in the debut Din-ner for Eight program were financial planning and investment sales, biology, business, teaching, public administra-tion, missions work, nursing, economics, social work, computer engineering, psy-chology, church pastoral work, drama, video production, marketing, politics, and higher education.

Through a similar but different matching of alumni and students, George Fox senior Carrie Breithaupt, a biology major from Portland who wants to go to medical school, spent sev-eral days with Dr. Carl Haisch, in his work in Greenville, N.C.

Haisch, who earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from George Fox in 1969 and later graduated from the University of Washington Medical School, is director of surgical immuno-ology and transplantation at the Brody School of Medicine at East Car-olina University.

The match-up allowed Breithaupt to observe a specialized surgical procedure at Haich’s invitation. About a year ago, Haisch visited George Fox as a guest lec-turer in a class taught by Dwight Kimber-ley, associate professor of biology.

Noting that many students need pro-fessional mentors, Kimberly asked Haich if he might be able to host a stu-dent, letting the student shadow him dur-ing his surgeries and patient care. Haich liked the idea, and Breithaupt not only made the professional visit but enjoyed a four-day stay with Haich and his wife, Luella, a 1968 George Fox graduate.

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Stan Hough ton calls his time as a George Fox student a life-changing experience. “It helped me to understand my strengths and where I really wanted to spend the rest of my life career-wise,” says the 1997 graduate who now teaches in the program that helped him get his degree.

Such testimonials are gratifying to Ocker, the program’s new director. Having been an adult learner himself — and with a widely varied profes-sional background — he identifies strongly with his students and feels a “burning passion” for adult education.

“I have the opportunity to meld experience and theory in the experien-tial learning process,” he says. “That’s another exciting thing — to watch the light bulb go on.”

Facilitating that learning process is what motivates all George Fox Univer-sity faculty, whether they teach in the degree-completion, undergraduate, graduate, or seminary programs. As McNaught explains, “We can take pride in the approach we take to all of our students — the young, tradition-al students still being formed and the older, nontraditional students who bring more complex life experiences with them. The issue is not that a school serves two entirely different popula-tions. The issue is that we, as an institu-tion, stay focused on our mission.”

— Anita Cirulis
Classic Bruins
George Fox University inducts the class of 1951 into the new group

Members of the class of 1951 were the first to be inducted into the Classic Bruins, a new program established by the Alumni Relations Office for all alumni who have celebrated their 50-year reunion.

Instead of meeting during homecoming, the 19 reunion participants gathered commencement weekend so they could participate in graduation. Wearing academic regalia, they led the procession of graduates and were honored during the ceremony.

Reunion festivities began Friday evening with a no-host dinner. Saturday’s events started with breakfast, followed by a campus tour, reception, and banquet, and concluded with the commencement ceremony. Class members also contributed to a memory book that was given to each alum during the banquet.

Volunteers Wanted for Serve Day
Alumni and parents are invited to join George Fox students and employees for the University’s third annual Serve Day on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Last year, members of the GFU community served at more than 50 locations in the Newberg and greater Portland areas. This year organizers hope to provide works to even more sites for a variety of tasks, including painting, cleaning, ditch digging, and yard work.

The day will begin with a kickoff event and commission by President David Brandt — along with a continuous breakfast — on the campus quad. From there participants will join serve site groups and depart to their destinations, where they will spend the day serving in the community. At the end of the day, Serve Day participants will return to campus for a celebration dinner and recreational activities.

If you are unable to take part, please pray for Serve Day. For those interested in volunteering, call Missy Terry at 503-554-2146.

Death Claims Two Board Members
More than six decades of leadership with the George Fox board of trustees has ended with the death of two longtime board members. Ivan Adams, believed to have served on the University’s board longer than any other member, died Feb. 4, 2001, in Newberg at the age of 86. He had been associated with the board for 42 years, from his election in 1947 until his resignation in 1989, and had continued as an honorary board member until his death. He was board chair from 1950 to 1969.

Adams was with First National Bank in Portland for 39 years, retiring in 1976. At the time of his resignation from the George Fox board, he noted he had served with 138 different trustees and, at an average of three hours each meeting, devoted 1,230 hours (more than 30 40-hour weeks) to board sessions, in addition to various other duties as chair.

C.W. Perry, a board member for 22 years, died suddenly Oct. 25, 2000, of an apparent heart attack at the age of 66 while playing basketball. He was elected to the board in 1978 and served most of his years as a member of the Student Life Committee.

Perry was founder and, for 37 years, senior pastor of the Rose Drive Friends Church in Yorba Linda, Calif. He founded the church in a home, with about 40 people at the first service. Today the church has six buildings with more than 2,000 parishioners.

In addition to his service on the George Fox board, Perry gave leadership to Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Dynacom, and Placentia Linda Hospital in California. He spoke for numerous conferences in the United States and worldwide. One of his last ministries was to serve as pastor to the George Fox board at a retreat just weeks before his death.

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Foundation, which the University will receive only if it is successful in raising the remainder needed.

“We’re confident we can reach our goals for both the Stevens Center and Wood-Mar,” Miller says, “but that will happen only if persons who haven’t yet made a commitment to the campaign do so by the end of the year.”

Miller points to the many outcomes of the campaign as reasons to give.

Some are tangible: a greatly increased endowment for scholarships and faculty development; a new, 40,000-square-foot building that will have a major impact on campus; improved information technology systems to better serve students and employees.

Some are intangible: an expanded donor base; better informed constituencies; a reminder of God’s faithfulness.

“It’s not just about having goals met,” Miller says. “It’s about having a change on campus. That’s where we stop short sometimes. We look at the money and say it’s just money, but it’s not. It’s about the things that happen at George Fox University that wouldn’t if it weren’t for reaching these campaign goals.”

Alumni Association Seeks Award Nominations

The George Fox University Alumni Association urges alumni, friends, and students to submit names of people they believe should be considered for recognition of their contributions to church, society, and George Fox University.

To be considered for the 2002 alumni awards, this form must be completed and returned to the Alumni Relations Office by August 15, 2001. Please call, write, or e-mail the Alumni Relations Office at George Fox University, 414 N. Maridan St. #6049, Newberg, OR 97132, 503-554-2114, aphillips@georgefox.edu.
Phyllis (George) Kirkwood (G59) has been named Substitute Teacher of the Year by the Orange, Calif. Sheriff’s Office. She has retired after 27 years as a law enforcement officer with the Marion County Sheriff’s Office in Salem, Ore. He has served on the Salem Area Transit District Board.

Dave Greenwald (G77) teaches science at Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School, Orange, Calif.

Harry Selby (G71) is completing his 10th year at the Orange County Project CDA (Creating Dropout Alternatives), an alternative education program in Corona d’Alene, Idaho. He is building a physical education program at the school for seventh through 12th graders that will include weightlifting and conditioning sports, and physical education classes.

Bob Boyd (G72) is vice president for construction services for Swanson Bank, Los Angeles, Calif. He has been employed by the bank for 16 years.

Stuart Willcuts (G72) is chief executive officer of AirServ International, a Christian organization that works in disaster relief situations by providing support services in air transport, air ground logistics, communications, and other inputs. AirServ operates in Africa and the former Soviet Union.

Guy Combs (G77) is the clearing-house coordinator at Glendale (Calif.) Medical Center. He previously was senior vice president and chief human resource officer at Glendale (Calif.) Memorial Hospital.

John Hebling (G76) is part of California case law. He has filed a suit in People v. Martinez, a Three Strikes case that was appealed and later affirmed by the California Supreme Court. John has practiced law for the last 11 years as a paralegal in the district attorney’s office, Los Angeles County, Norwalk, Calif.

Karen White (G77) is the executive director at San Gabriel Valley (Calif.) Medical Center. She previously was senior vice president and chief financial officer at Glendale (Calif.) Memorial Hospital.

Diane Marr (G90) served as Emily Arnold in the Walla Walla (Wash.) Community College Foundation production of State Fair. The semi-professional production benefited a scholarship program for the college’s students.

Jaco Cobman (G97) is team leader at the Capital Group, Brea, Calif. His wife, Dawn (Napier) Cobman (G98) is children’s minister with University Praise, Fullerton, Calif.

Daiichi Inbo (G97) received a master’s degree in international studies May 25, 2001, from Biola University, La Mirada, Calif.

Josie Smith (G98) is marketing director at The Village at TownePlace, a shopping mall in Corte Madera, Calif.

Stacy Wade (G98) received a master’s degree in education degree in early childhood student affairs in May 2000 from Azusa Pacific University.

Bethany Sonehorn (G99) was crowned Miss Multnomah County in the local Oregon pageant March 18, 2001. She will compete for the state title in July at Asuade.

Michelle (Snyder) Walton (G99) and her husband, Brent, are working at Double K Christian Retreat Center, located in central Washington. Their duties include planning and directing a summer adventure camp for junior and senior high youth.

Lupe Dobbs (GFES00) is a minister with the Assemblies of God churches and is currently planting a new church, Maranatha Assembly of God, in Springfield, Ore. She is also employed full time as the housing coordinator for Willamette Family Treatment Services, Eugene, Ore., where she works with individuals and families recovering from substance abuse.

Erin McKinney (G90) returned from teaching in Wuhan, China, at the end of January and is software implementation clerk/administrator for i2, based in Seattle.

Jason Schlipenot (G00) is branch manager of Vector Marketing’s Beaverton ( Ore.) office. Vector is the retailer of kitchen cutlery and accessories.

Julie Smith (G10) is marketing administrative assistant at Northwest Medical Teams, Portland.

Martty Groff (G90) and Sarah Mast (G90), Nov. 18, 2000, in Newberg.

Jeanne Bellamy (G90) and Christopher Wood (G90), March 25, 2001, in Beaverton, Ore.

Rebecca Bunfill (G99) and David Erickson, Nov. 25, 2000, in Tualatin, Ore.

Pete Macy (G95) and Lindsey Inscho (G00), May 12, 2001, in Newberg.

Shawn Meyer (G99) and Meghan Edwards, Oct. 1, 2000, in Portland.

Trevor Hurley (G90) and Ronda McCay, May 19, 2001, in Rickreall, Ore.

Lindsey Hutchinson (MAT00) and Kevin Warrenep, July 29, 2000, in Portland.

Jamie Johnson (G90) and Erin Oates (G01), May 12, 2001, in Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Britton Lacy (G00) and Michelle Walter (G10), July 15, 2000, in Portland.

Matt Magee (G00) and Kendra Charles (G01), May 26, 2001, in Portland.

Harriette Sackett (G00) and Jonathan Tahor, April 28, 2001, in Portland.

Jeff Votav (G00) and Marrian Stevans (A02), Aug. 5, 2000, in Newberg.

**MARRIAGES**

Denise Darnell (G58), GFES98 and Kurtis, Amend, Sept. 16, 2000, in Salem, Ore.

Becky Drapela (n85) and Scott Lindsay, March 31, 2001, in Vancouver, Wash.

Christine Smith (n88) and Michael Cartwright, July 29, 2000, in Cluernba, Texas.

Paul Brown (G98) and Karen Shadrick, March 10, 2001, in Salem, Ore.

Tommy e. Jeffrey (G91) and Mary Frish, Feb. 10, 2001, in Portland.

TAMMY BAKER (G92) and Douglas Higgins, June 2, 2000, in Salem.

Lisa Pedrotti (n95) and Richard Hutchins, June 16, 2000, in Newberg.

Alex Walker (n96) and Jacqueline MacMil- lan, Nov. 11, 2000, in Montreal, Calif.

Meagan Williams (G96) and Aaron Bozeman, Sept. 23, 2000, in Newberg.

Christina Stenstadvold (GFES) and Steven Johnson, Jan. 27, 2001, in Oregon City, Ore.

Genaowlie (G98) and Ken Smith, July 9, 2000, in Gresham, Ore.

Karen Danielson (MAT98) and James Groat, Dec. 16, 2000, in Coos Bay, Ore.


Monica (Robles) (G93) and Jerry Myres, a girl, Isabella Marie, March 6, 2001, in Portland.

Christy (Matsumura) (G93) and Jeff (G93) Nelson, a girl, Leila Mae, Jan. 14, 2001, in Denver, Colo.

Tom (G93) and Mariyann (Stenberg) (G93) Springer, a girl, Savannah Leigh Ann, April 3, 2001, in Clackamas, Ore.

Cassy (Dupiner) (G94) and Chad Hedberg, a girl, Diane Elaine, June 14, 2000, in Salem, Ore.

Pete (G94) and Amy (Richards) (G94) Susan, a girl, Limnaea Grace, Nov. 1, 2000, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Andrea (Hilchey) (G94) and Allan Williams, a boy, Matthew Charles, April 12, 2001, in Portland.

Trey (G95) and Stephanie (Sabin) (G97) Doty, a boy, Drew Garrett, Oct. 9, 2000, in Portland.

Dan (G95) and Diana (Remmick) (G96) Trombly, a girl, Mary Esther, Nov. 23, 2000, in Ontario, Ore.

Stephanie (Denton) (G96) and Mark Mehl, a boy, Warner Kingery, Jan. 9, 2001, in Portland.

Casey (Waltz) (G97) and Mike Mayben, a girl, Mia Lyn, Oct. 30, 2000, in Medford, Ore.

Cynthia (Tetzlaff) (G97) and Brian Rollo, a girl, Maile Peace, April 7, 2001, in Bellingham, Wash.

Melanie (Pawdrop) (G97) and Peter Medford, a girl, Hannah Grace, March 2, 2001, in Bristol, England.

Jeffrey (G00) and Liana Potter, a boy, Jodosha Elliott, May 2, 2001, in Portland.

Katy (Wonders) (G00) and Mike (G00) Presnell, a girl, Michelle Anne, Oct. 3, 2000, in Tigard, Ore.

**DEATHS**

Velda (Livingston) Sweet (G29), May 13, 2001, in McMinnville, Ore.


Jerry Vaughan (DPS90), Dec. 20, 2000, in Silverton, Ore.


Thomas Millan (MAT95), July 31, 2001, in Beaverton, Ore.

Marcia Stub (DPS96), May 8, 2001, in Hillsboro, Ore.

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Turnaround Time

Tim Hill, NWC Coach of the Year, credits his team for its improved season

What a difference a year can make! The 2000 softball season was a tough one for the George Fox University Bruins. The team struggled to a 6-25 record with a small roster that was depleted even further by injuries, at times having just enough players to field a team.

At the end of the season, Chris Gross resigned after seven years as head coach to devote herself to her full-time job with a pitching machine company.

The reins of the program were turned over to Tim Hill, a longtime Amateur Softball Association (ASA) coach with no previous college coaching experience. Picked to finish seventh in the Northwest Conference (NWC) coaches’ poll, the 2001 Bruins instead became one of the most talked-about teams on campus and around the conference.

The team improved to 16-14-2 and challenged the NWC all season, climbing within a half-game of first with two weeks left, before finishing fourth. Hill was named NWC Coach of the Year for leading the team’s surprise turnaround.

Why such a dramatic improvement in just one year? Laura Steenson, the Bruins’ all-conference pitcher who was 15-10 with a 1.56 ERA and 111 strikeouts, notes three reasons:

“First, we had a stable roster,” points out the sophomore. “Second, we were a lot more intense defensively. I mean, the coaches worked on defense every day and over and over again. As a pitcher, it was good to know I had a defense behind me that I could trust.”

“Third, having new coaches who could devote more time to the program meant a lot. We knew we were in good hands from the beginning.”

Andrewjeski was admitted as much. “I knew before the 2000 season started that it would be my last,” she says. “The coaching was only part time, and my full-time job was tennis to his list of responsibilities this spring, inheriting a team with just two returning players and one senior. With four fresh- men in the lineup, the Bruins posted a 3-15 overall record, finishing eighth in the NWC at 11-22.

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