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Around the World know what's happening

Iraq faces conflict

On Wednesday, as the newly elected members of the Iraqi constitutional assembly met for the first time, explosions rocked the capital. The meeting lasted about an hour, but ended without a coalition government being formed. Many different people groups in Iraq have to resolve conflicts on important issues before a coalition government can be formed.

Gay marriage

A California judge ruled Monday that withholding marriage licenses from gays and lesbians constituted discrimination and was unconstitutional. This ruling allows same-sex couples to marry, but both sides predict that there will be a long court battle first.

Climate threats

The British government told environmental and energy officials from 20 countries on Tuesday that climate change was a top issue and a threat to economic activity. The Bush Administration says the science behind these claims is disputable.

Blood drive

The spring GFU Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, April 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium. One hundred and fifty students, faculty and community members are needed to donate to help blood-needy patients of the Northwest. Sign up to donate or volunteer by calling the Health and Counseling office at x2340.

GFU title bid stopped short

Lady Bruins win one, lose one in Virginia, ending best season ever

DAN BENNETT
Sports Editor

The George Fox Lady Bruins' trip to Ashland, Va. did not end the way George Fox wanted it to.

After defeating the St. Benedict Blazers in the "Sweet Sixteen," the Lady Bruins fell to sectional-host Randolph-Macon in the "Elite Eight" round of the NCAA D-III Tournament.

The loss ended the Lady Bruins' nine-game winning streak as well as their season. For the year, George Fox finished with a 22-6 record and a Northwest Conference title.

The Lady Bruins' national tournament journey began on March 5, when George Fox crushed Chapman (CA) 86-55 at Miller Gym. Two George Fox players had monster nights, as senior Liz Clark scored 12 points and grabbed 20 rebounds while freshman Katy Campbell scored a career-high 18 points off the bench.

The win pushed the Lady Bruins' ahead to the "Sweet

Sixteen" round of the National Tournament, the first time George Fox had been there since 2001.

For their two sectional games George Fox traveled 2,800 miles to Ashland, home of the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets.

The Lady Bruins first sectional game was against St. Benedict (MN).

George Fox jumped out to a quick 14-5 lead, but the hot outside shooting of the Blazers gave them a 40-34 lead at halftime.

GFU bounced back in the second half behind the stellar play of NWC Player of the Year Kim Leith, who had 16 of her 25 points in the final 20 minutes



BRIAN RURIK

HOME COURT ADVANTAGE: Sophomore Robin Taylor looks to cross-over a Chapman defender on March 5. The Lady Bruins beat the Panthers to earn a trip to the "Sweet Sixteen" in Virginia, their first visit since 2000

as George Fox defeated St. Benedict 74-69. Liz Clark added 23 as the Lady Bruins advanced to the "Elite Eight" for the first time in school history. The Lady Bruins also became the first

Northwest Conference team in men's or women's basketball to go that deep in the national tournament.

Unfortunately for the Lady
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Forensics team sets GFU record

ANN DORN
Assistant Editor

The George Fox Forensics team earned the second place "Overall Quality" award at the 8th Annual National Christian College Forensics Invitational in Riverside, Calif. in the best-ever tournament in GFU history last weekend.

About 150 competitors from Christian universities around the country participated in the tournament.

Suzanne Almeida placed first in novice extemporaneous speaking and placed sixth in novice poetry. Paul Southwick received fourth in open persuasive speaking and Blakely Spillar took sixth in novice after dinner speaking, while James Thompson won second place in novice persuasive speaking. Almeida and Southwick made it into octa-finals in debate, and Thompson and Southwick placed among the top debate speakers at the tournament.

"I'm very proud of our team," said team captain Southwick. "We only sent four people down, but they did phenomenally."

As a team they made it to the finals in 60 percent of the events they entered.

"We've really been stepping up our practices this year," Southwick said. "We've had a



COURTESY PAUL SOUTHWICK

GOOD SHOWING: Four members of the debate team brought home several awards in early March. (From left) Paul Southwick, Suzanne Almeida, Blakely Spillar, Jacki Harris and James Thompson

coach, Jacki Harris, who's really encouraged us, as well as support from the department."

Southwick said the team has gained a great deal of well-deserved confidence from their successes.

"It gives us a sense 'though we be small, we be fierce,'" he said. "With a lot of practice you can excel."

Members of the team will have a significant chance to excel next December when they will travel to Dublin, Ireland to compete in the highest international speech tournament for any university. The team will

battle debaters from universities including Cambridge, Oxford and teams from universities in Africa, Asia and Europe in the World Parliamentary Debate Tournament.

Southwick, who graduates this year, has accepted a part-time job next year at GFU as director of forensics as he prepares to apply to law schools. He will travel with James Thompson and Blakely Spillar to the event.

"A win at the world's tournament is a win from the best of the best," Southwick said. "It'll be really intense."

Crescent now online

After decades of print-only copies of The Crescent, the GFU student newspaper is now available online.

Opinion editor John Middleton has been the driving force behind going live with The Crescent, which is complete with color photos. Middleton, who ran unopposed for ASC Communications Director, views it as an opportunity to extend the usefulness of the paper.

"It's now accessible by alumni and parents and those who can't normally access it," Middleton said.

Middleton has posted every issue from the 2004-05 year so far in PDF files.

Middleton, who edits the opinion pages of The Crescent, thinks they are important "because it allows people to be creative and voice their opinions in a well-thought-out manner."

He is also glad to be able to share the paper with his parents.

"They don't have to wait a month or so before I go home again," he explained.

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NEWS



MOLLY BOYLE
Columnist

Molly's random thoughts

Our scene opens up with a man in an outhouse. He has just finished his "business" and is now preparing to head back into the world. Aside from the mild fumes of fermenting bodily excretion and three very annoying flies overhead threatening to attack him at any second, this particular outhouse visit has been an overall positive one for the man.

He was not forced to wait in line for an exceedingly large amount of time, and, unlike his last port-a-potty visit, there were no pesky teenagers that decided that it would be fun to tip it over with him in it. It was a positive experience indeed.

Positive, that is, until he realizes he has no means of cleaning his hands. You see, one fatal flaw in the design of outhouses worldwide is the seemingly blatant exclusion of sinks of any kind. Perhaps a few of the more "high-tech" outhouses will be equipped with hand sanitization boxes, but they are always empty. It seems that sanitation is not a top priority for the "Human Waste Disposal Efficiency Engineers."

What is the man to do now? He can not just ignore the fact that he has just used the restroom and has not washed his hands. That is disgusting. Perhaps he can rub his hands around in the grassy field adjacent to the outhouse. That will surely get the germs off!

Thinking this is a brilliant idea, he tries it. It doesn't work. It only serves to stain his hands slightly light green. What now? He is out of options. Or is he? He suddenly remembers that he always carries a bottle or seven of Purell Hand Sanitizer. This is the solution to his sanitization problem.

It's Saturday afternoon and you are sitting in the middle of Pioneer

Courthouse Square observing the eclectic ness of the locals. Directly to your right, you notice about four or five elderly men engaged in intense games of chess with teenagers that live on the streets, and to your left a seemingly deranged man dressed in rags is pushing his shopping cart and shouting words unintelligible to the sane ear.

As bizarre as each of these scenes is to you, you notice an even more absurd sight right in front of you. A middle aged man dressed to the hilt approaches a 20-something woman who is dressed like a bat (black bat-esque make-up and wings and bat ears and everything), and strikes up a conversation with her. She reaches out her clammy, pale, gangly hand to shake his. After realizing that he forgot his Purell Hand Sanitizer at home, he hesitates for a moment or two, but reluctantly reaches out to her. The feeling of her cold, moist, disgusting hand in his is almost more than he could bear. You can see it on his face.

This would have been an opportune time to have his trusty Purell Hand Sanitizer ready to whip out. Not in front of her of course, that's just rude, but after the encounter. Sensing his disgust, you offer up yours. He is eternally grateful.

Not only is Purell Hand Sanitizer fabulous for either of the two scenarios above, but it is also wonderful to keep on your desk. If you are lazy, like me, you don't always want to get up and go to the bathroom to wash your hands if you feel the urge or are about to eat something. It is much more convenient to have a few bottles on your desk. They even have some with lotion in it in case you need to moisturize and cleanse your hands. It's brilliant!

"I'm pretty much flippin' sweet. I'm also alone and desperate. Extension 3481. No female respondents please." –Molly

War in Iraq: perspectives

JESSICA TROUT
Editor-in-Chief

Four panelists met Tuesday at First Baptist Church in McMinnville to present "The War in Iraq: Christian Perspectives Two Years Later." The four speakers presented an optimistic view of the situation in Iraq while speaking from their own unique stances on the appropriateness of war.

Presenters included Dr. Bill Apel, professor of religious studies at Linfield College; Dr. Colin Saxton, General Superintendent of the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends (Quaker); Lt. Colonel Richard Lightfoot (United States Air Force, retired); and Dr. Mark Hall, professor of political science at George Fox University.

Each speaker took a different position regarding the use of violence as a response to threat: Saxton took the "pacifist" position of the historical peace churches; Apel explained the model of non-violent resistance to evil; Hall spoke on the "just war" views often associated with Roman Catholic, evangelical and mainstream Christianity; and Lightfoot took a stance that supported a somewhat more aggressive approach to international relations.

The presenters were asked to explain their position and then tell how their thinking had evolved over the last two years. Saxton began the evening

by saying any doubts he may have had regarding the inappropriateness of violent opposition had been obliterated by the last two years. He drew on biblical history to demonstrate a call for peace to God's people. He further admonished Christians to become active participants in peacemaking.

Apel moderated the position of peace by saying that war was necessary in some situations, but that he opposed the war in Iraq on just war principles and has not changed his mind. Apel presented some questions he said were raised by the war that pointed to a lack of solid information about the war itself and said Christians have a responsibility to better inform themselves.

Hall, who took the just war position, said Christians are called to be peacemakers, but that just war theory allows for the necessity to make war. He said, based on the information available when the Bush Administration decided to go to war, that the war in Iraq did not meet the two criteria of being a last resort and of having a "reasonable chance of success." Hall emphasized some of the positive effects of the war, citing the removal of Saddam Hussein, the elections in Iraq and the removal of troops from Saudi Arabia.

Lightfoot, the last speaker, began by saying he viewed the Bible not as a book of peace,

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Lamm to resign end of this year

Gregg Lamm announced his upcoming resignation March 9 during chapel and later in a Foxmail posting, ending 14 years as campus pastor at GFU.

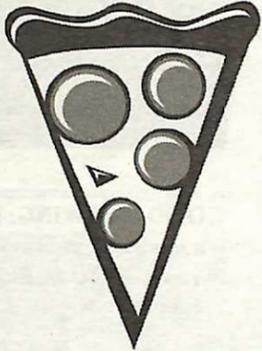
During that time Lamm said his duties have gone from being mostly pastoral to mostly administrative, and noted he does not feel this is the best use of his abilities.

"God has brought me to the place where I understand and believe that while I love the students I work with, this is no longer where my heart and my gifts can be best connected with His purposes," Lamm wrote in the posting.

Lamm said he has no idea where the next chapter of life will lead him, but God has made it clear he will be pastoring a flock of believers. In the meantime, Lamm asked for prayer for his co-workers Andrea Crenshaw and Karlyn Fleming.

"They have many transitions ahead of them and I invite you to ask God how He would want you to support them through this time," Lamm said.

Lamm said he would be willing to give The Crescent an interview once he gathers his thoughts.

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CAC program continues amid student and staff speculation

AUBREY HOOVER
Reporter

Concerns about the future of the Computers Across Curriculum (CAC) program are being voiced all around campus. Since the late 80's the CAC program has put laptops in the hands of incoming George Fox students to better equip them for the academic challenges of college life. With all the recent changes around Fox, some students are apprehensive about the adjustments the CAC program may be facing in the coming years.

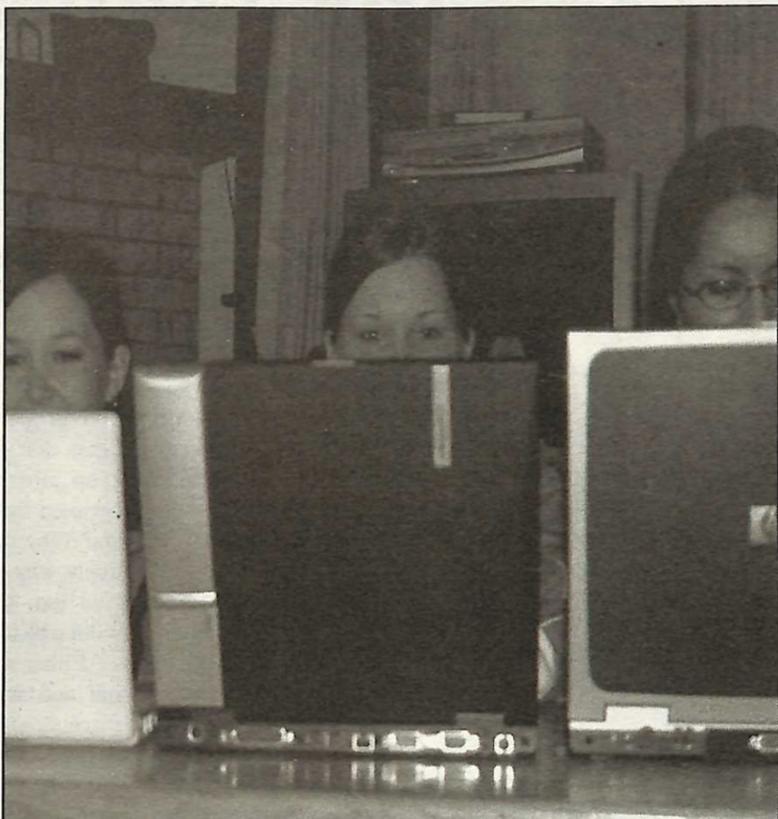
Recognizing concerns, Russ DeVore, the director of user services in the Institutional Technology department, acknowledges that such a change would transform the face of the entire GFU community. DeVore said he wanted to reassure students that changes to the CAC program are "not even on the table" and that laptops will still be provided next year. According to DeVore, plans to adjust programs like CAC are made years in advance and are widely announced when a decision has actually been reached. For now he is glad that students are actively discussing these and other issues.

"We want students to continue to feel that they can ask questions and express concerns," DeVore said.

In the meantime, students like ASC President Matt Cox continue to enjoy the rich technological culture that has been established on campus, "I enjoy my lap top; our lap top culture is great!"

Student Daniel Duran, who also works in the IT Department, remains optimistic about the changes to come.

"I think students need to be patient, we have implemented so many new systems to help students over the last year that things will continue to rapidly



MOLLY BOYLE

improve," he said, explaining there's no doubt that eventually things will change, it is only a matter of when and how.

The administration may plan to modify the program; instead of buying and issuing laptops to the students, the university will disburse vouchers so the students can purchase the technology of their choice, saving money. The extra funds would be used to increase classroom and campus technology, items like multimedia, cable TV, wireless internet and free printing. The new focus of the program would be the growth of technology around the entire campus.

Students are weighing the pros and cons of the situation, visualizing how George Fox would look with such a change. Sophomore Ramie Mount is optimistic about such a change.

"They [the university] don't get huge academic discounts. We're still talking near \$1,000-1,500 per computer, per student," Mount said. "Wasn't the last incoming class 400-500 students? That's nearly three fourths of \$1 million. If they can cut this down a little and apply the money elsewhere, it could do some amazing things."

Others are concerned about what the change would mean for students individually. Stephen Radley pointed out: "Not everyone comes into Fox with a good computer. Most don't, seriously. This CAC program is a boon."

Jeff Vander Stoep commented, "CAC makes sure that everyone has an adequate computer, and professors know that everyone is able to do their homework, and what software they can pass out."

When students arrive at Fox, their laptop is included in their tuition expenses, a program Cox calls an "equalizer".

In addition, students can call or visit the IT Department with problems they may have concerning their computers, but all this could change. Cox expressed his concerns about serving students should the program be modified.

"I fear that IT's effectiveness will be greatly reduced...the more products a service department works with, the more difficult it is to serve effectively," he said. "The University is concerned with trying to find a balance of options, costs and overall effectiveness...and also keeping itself flexible as new technologies are implemented. In five years what is on the desk or in the hands of students will look very different."

Vander Stoep also has a strong opinion. "Not everyone is a computer science major," he said. He also expressed concern that most students would not be able to deal with problems that came up with a computer not supported by the university and said he appreciated that the university would take care of unexpected defects in the hardware at no additional cost.

Radley has an insider's perspective as one of the students working in the IT department.

He said, "I can definitely see how our effectiveness would be reduced. It helps if the pre-installed software is completely standardized within a class, meaning if a student needs to have their hard drive wiped and the computer restored, we can pull it off in a matter of minutes. And problems are easier to pin down if we know the computers like the back of our hands."

Blessings for the journey

With Pastor Gregg Lamm



How faithful-ness makes a difference

Have you ever sensed that God has plans for you that are different than what you're doing – or not doing – right now? Okay. Now what will God need to see happen in you before entrusting you with this new chapter of ministry? Asking these questions and getting answers from God makes all the difference, because without understanding God's calling on our lives, we end up committing ourselves to all the wrong things.

In 1975, when I was a junior in high school, I went to the U of O and took a vocational test. I answered a bunch of questions and a computer the size of a caboose spit out two punch cards that were supposed to tell me what jobs were "just right for me." And the two jobs I ended up matching with were bartender and belly dancer. I chalked it up to computer error, but was frustrated that I paid \$12.00 to find out what I already knew: I was confused.

I just wanted to know where I was supposed to fit in. If we're honest, we'll all admit that at different times and in different ways, we've struggled with our callings; we've struggled with finding out where and how God wants us to fit in His plans. So what will it take for us to come to the place where God is able to set us apart to do the things He's called us to do?

I believe the answer comes when we begin to look at what it means to become faithful people.

Here's what Webster's says about the word faithful: "Full of faith, especially in God. Steadfast in keeping promises. Steady, firm and dependable in allegiance or devotion." Does that sound like a description of your life, or of you in the ministries you're involved in?

If not, how about the opposites of faithful that Webster lists: "fickle, aloof, insincere, uncommitted, floating instead of anchored." I believe God wants to transform us from being "fickle, aloof and unanchored" in our faith ... to the place where we're "steady, firm, dependable and steadfast." How does that happen? God knows, we're not born faithful people. In fact, being faithful is

the total opposite of everything our sin nature wants for us. But God calls us to discover what it means to be faithful people.

In The Good News Translation, Prov. 20:6 says, "Everyone talks about how loyal and faithful he is, but just try to find someone who really is!" The King James Version says, "A faithful man is hard to find."

God wants us to be faithful to Him and to one another because God is faithful to us. Think of the last time God failed you, or the last time God was the reason you felt alone or disconnected. God is always near us. God is always present. God is always willing. Hey, I'll be the first one to admit that sometimes this doesn't seem true. But through the years I can tell you that I've found that it is. And the more I seek to become a faithful man, the more I see the benefits and blessings of that commitment.

In First Timothy 1:12 Paul write, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service."

Notice, Paul says that what brought him to the place of effective ministry was faithfulness. He says that when he was faithful, he was "appointed to" Christ's service. It wasn't faithfulness that brought about his calling as an apostle. It was faithfulness that set him apart to begin living out that calling. And so in our vocations, in our homes, with our money, in our relationships, in our church, at school, with our roommates - in what ways are we showing ourselves to be faithful?

We can't be faithful and live in the future. Faithfulness is a present-tense thing. We can't sit still today because of what might happen tomorrow. We can't say, "God, You know, I'd love to be faithful to You today, but I think that this other door of life and ministry might open up for me tomorrow, so I can't really commit to anything right now." Faithfulness is a "now" thing.

Zechariah 4:10 says, "Do not despise the day of small things...do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin" (NLT).

If God can't find you or me faithful today, why in the world would He open up new doors of ministry for us to walk through tomorrow?

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OPINION

Pranks reflect corrupt culture

TRADITION NOT A VALID EXCUSE FOR CONTINUATION

KRIS KILLAM
Editorial

As I am avoiding homework and sleep, there are wild things happening outside of my window. These occurrences are happening in the name of Tradition.

Once again, the seniors (and others) are ganging up on the arrangement of tents outside; once again, the pranksters show their commitment to their acts of group humor by throwing water balloons at the Juniors Abroad students.

When one removes the lens of humor, can she see what is really at work in these deviant, presumably funny events?

There have been three major prank events that I have seen happen on campus this year. Each one has interesting implications to it. Two prank events even happened the same evening.

The first two prank events happened during the Shrek II movie-on-lawn night. One can recall the naked men that circled the audience. That same night, some people also decided to launch water balloons from the top of the Student Union Building.

Sociologically, what do these events imply? Why is it acceptable for naked men to streak across the lawn? Would it be acceptable if a group of women were to do the same? Is this a way for men to exhibit their personal freedoms and exhort others to view their free, beautiful bodies?

I left the Shrek II movie a bit early that evening, after being hit by a water balloon.

**HERE'S
JOHNNY**



JOHN MIDDLETON
Opinion Editor

As a World War II enthusiast, my favorite movie is "Saving Private Ryan." Recently, a friend of mine suggested watching the HBO series "Band of Brothers." So far I have gotten through part four of the 10-part series. I absolutely love it. However, I'm not going to review it, because that's what the A&E section is for.

There was a quote in one of the parts that really stuck out to me. A private named Blithe is

loosely. I felt dirty, wet and angry.

Is it fair that only a few people have the advantages of height, resources and determined mindsets to succeed in their pursuits?

This simple prank (throwing water balloons from an elevated height) seems to reflect a culture in which these are, honestly, main issues and problems. The people at the "top of the ladder" have the power, are in control of the situation and can hurt and laugh at the people below them.

I am forced to consider the war that is going on right now between classes within our education system. Does social justice involve respecting people of different classes and education levels? Why does a senior have a domineering role against a freshman?

Many people learn to say that "because I was treated this way as a freshman, I am going to treat current freshman the same way." Is tradition a valid excuse for the continuation of system which is corrupt and unfair at its core?

Although pranks are often laughing matters, I think it is as reasonable appropriate to laugh as it is to analyze and question our own actions.

There are a variety of people on campus: those who are seniors, those who are sophomores, those who are sleeping in tents one night of the year and many others.

Should we not care about every single person and treat each other in a manner that exhibits respect? Pranks seem to be primarily about oppression, domination and tradition rather than love and laughter. Think twice next time before launching a water balloon at your equals.

Living life as if already dead

scared. He hasn't fired his weapon yet. He likes his foxhole. It's comfortable there. No bullets can hit him there.

One of his superiors notices this. He advises Blithe how to view the war situation; how to be a good soldier. He states that the best soldiers are the ones who realize they are already dead.

These soldiers aren't afraid of death. They're prepared. And, oddly enough, they are living life the fullest! These types of soldiers are the ones that get medals. Real courage doesn't come from being afraid of a bullet hitting you. It comes

from taking the enemy head on.

Think about that. The soldiers living life to the fullest are the ones that view themselves as already dead. What if we did that? What if we realized that, gosh, we're as good as dead anyway?

Do you think we'd experience a huge wave of apathy, even greater than what is already currently in place? Or do you think maybe we'd see a lot more living going on?

I would like to think the latter. We wouldn't have to worry about stretching out our life a few extra years; which, by the way, I think is pure baloney.

Although iPrism helps, it is incomplete

IPRISM APPLIES ONLY TO THE STUDENTS - A DOUBLE STANDARD?

ADAM GRAY
Editorial

A few months ago I had a conversation with someone I respect a great deal. The said individual related to me a few thoughts concerning a better way to combat pornography on our campus, and much of the following stems from that conversation.

According to a reliable source in the Institutional Technology (IT) department, a program written specifically to target traffic to pornographic websites would only have to be 10 percent accurate to identify a porn addict. With NetReg, the means are already there. It would be simple to implement a program to trace pornographic websites and then follow the trail to the source.

Using this information, a trusted advisor could then contact the person. The first contact would be done in such a way as to not provoke a defensive reaction, perhaps an e-mail expressing concern and a desire to provide help. Maybe an in-person meeting would follow, with love and concern expressed and a warning given.

Perhaps then, the third offense would be cause for disciplinary action, determined by those involved in the situation. As another viable option, the University provides sex-addiction counseling for any student who wants it. For some entangled in pornography, counseling may be the only way to escape.

The only question that remains is if the GFU administration is willing to go to such lengths to redeem its students. The ability to track web traffic is already in place, it is a simple matter of actually using it. Perhaps it would create uproar; some would certainly call it an invasion of privacy. However, is it really an invasion of privacy if it is thoroughly advertised that traffic to pornographic websites is monitored?

Additionally, one must ask if the difference between an internet filter and a monitoring program is all that immense. Certainly, the latter provides the same "crutch" as iPrism. The idea of someone finding us in our sin is one we are all adverse to, and may provide the same wall for some people as the barrier of iPrism.

The difference comes in the result,

for with the former the confrontation ends at a screen declaring the site blocked. Who among us would regularly view porn if they knew they would be caught - not by a program, but by Mark Pothoff?

Interestingly enough, the administration is keeping a double standard concerning iPrism. The filter initially covered the network that the faculty and administration uses. It was removed, one can only assume due to the inconvenience it caused.

Are professors, staff and administrative officials immune to the temptation of pornography? Do the accidents that give such good reason to keep iPrism know the difference between faculty and student computers? Why do the same standards not apply, why are students held to a criterion that the implementers are not willing to follow?

Either make the decision to go all out and aspire to lasting change, or place all of campus on an equal level. A filter is a fine idea, but it should be broad-based and not focus on a specific segment of the GFU population.

Many quality people in our administration care about the well-being of Fox students. I call on these people to do everything in their power to help not only students but also everyone affiliated with the university to draw close to Christ.

I am fully aware that the solution offered is not perfect, nor developed enough to be an adequate resolution. My purpose for writing is merely to broaden thinking on this issue. The filter has been in place almost an entire school year, and I believe not enough evidence has been offered to claim that it is ultimately ineffective.

iPrism is not the answer to the pornography problem. It is a perfunctory solution and nothing more. Personal contact, relational confrontation, responsibility for the consequences of the freedom to act - these are the ways to elicit change.

Redemption is fundamentally why Christ spent time on this earth. "Go now and sin no more" is not an instantaneous process, it is a daily struggle and we are instructed to fight it - not alone, but as a body of believers.

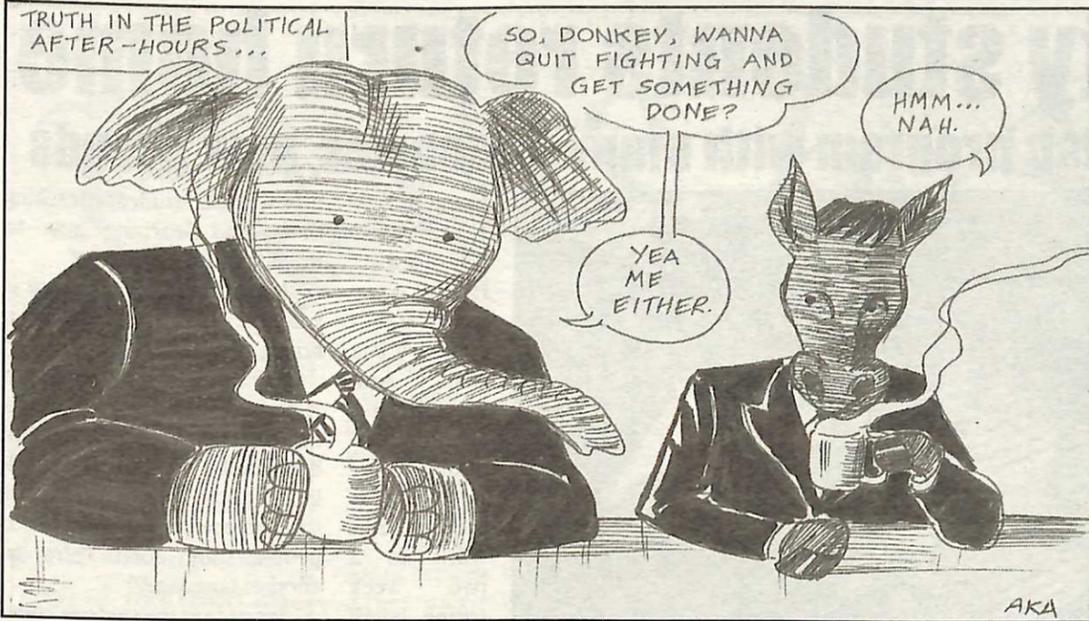
This was the second of a two-part series on the iPrism filter.

dying, all of sudden you have more time?

I just see that as odd. When you imagine how rich your life would be in that year, why would you want to live differently? Why should we stretch out that potential richness over a 10-year period instead of say, one year?

It's like eating a dry roll with plenty of butter, jam and honey right next to you. You can use all the butter, jam or honey you want, so why settle for a plain roll? Or why settle for a mediocre amount? Eat up - live life. Because, admit it: you're already dead anyway.

OPINION



Our justification of sin is a ridiculous effort

SOME EXAMPLES INCLUDE THIS: 'EXCUSE ME WHILE I SIN - IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD'

TYLER LACOMA

Editorial

People love to make up reasons for what they do. I've seen it in the classrooms, in the halls and across the campus. Much more than once, students, friends, even faculty have stood up to defend their right to be amoral.

Whether it is cussing, drinking, listening to what music we wish or watching what movies we want, it is as though we cannot create cop-outs fast enough, we are so eager to hold on to our freedom.

The strangest excuse is: "I see it as a way to reach other people, to relate to the world. If I can help other people through this, it's all right." Do we think that somehow our witnessing, as Christians, is helped by our cussing, our occasional beer or our fascination with dark movies?

Perhaps if we display our racism a little more, we can reach those folks in northern Idaho. Perhaps, in the next heartfelt Chapel we have, the speaker should throw out a few expletives to the crowd so he can relate with his audience. Or what about, "I'm sorry, but I'm going to go surf the net for a while, because I need to relate to those struggling with porn..."

How far dare we take this? If it's ridiculous there, why isn't it ridiculous now? Is our sin "justified" before Christ and God because we want to know about it?

We are dancing on the edge of the line, seeing just how far we can reach out into the darkness without stepping into it. And we're wrong.

I am the same. I read my own words and feel the hot streak of conviction inside. Like the dozens of people around me, I jump up with my own plotted-out excuses. However, there is still something that says it isn't right, and most people can feel it.

Take cussing (ahem, obscene language), for an example. Ask a firm believer in both Jesus and cussing if they think little children should be allowed to curse whenever they want, and most will answer no.

Why not? Why not teach the kids their four-letters in school? Why not look for a church where the pastor cusses as much in the Sunday pulpit as we do Monday morning? People then start arguing in circles, because that's the only direction you can go. Down deep, I'm afraid such reasons never make sense.

We good Christians also have a special talent in finding our reasons in the Bible. It is ridiculous, the

things people can prove with their verses. Is someone saying we shouldn't cuss? "But there in the Gospels, Jesus is cussing out the Pharisees, see? Look, whitewashed tombs, sons of hell, right in Matthew! If it's good enough for him, it's good enough for me."

Someone telling us to never drink? "Look at all the references to drinking in the Old Testament, and how we should enjoy it! Wasn't it Christ who did the water to wine thing?" And the Bible doesn't even say anything about movies! We have it made!

In truth, Jesus was the one who had the most disagreeable solution for sin in the Bible: Cut it off. Making our love of the world into a holy cause is inventive, and stupid. We are called to reach people by our example of purity, not by dabbling in the same things they do. We want our darker music, darker habits, darker motives, so much, so desperately, to be okay. But they aren't.

And about finding reasons for them in God's Word? It doesn't matter. If, by some cosmic choice, those passages were not in the Bible, we would have found other excuses there. People can always find excuses. But that's not what the Christian life is about.

From the Pen of the President



MATTHEW COX
ASC
President

I have only devoted one previous column to the business of ASC. This will be my second such column.

At the beginning of the year the ASC Central Committee committed itself to analyzing every department project with a standard of maximum service for every dollar and labor hour. This commitment generated several exciting goals.

As I report on these goals, I hope it is clear that any accomplishments have been the result of numerous students working within ASC. It should also be clear that what is discussed here represents the quantifiable highlights. Memories at events, camaraderie at a brawl and spiritual growth at Over the Edge can't be quantified but are invaluable.

Our first goal concerned the expansion of our service to commuter students and to multicultural initiatives. To this end, Moore House (the old Foxhole) was transformed into the Commuter Student Lounge in early October and has been getting numerous visitors each day.

Thanks to a commitment from Student Life, the commuter lounge will remain open next year. I hope the university will continue to recognize the necessity of this space and its service to a growing segment of our community.

I believe similar strides have been made within multicultural initiatives. Since October, the first ever ASC Multicultural coordinator has been working with Student Life to advance multicultural issues. While the position is still in its infancy, I consider it an indispensable investment and a necessary statement.

Our second service goal concerned the strategic expansion of several programs including the Foxhole, all campus retreats and Serve Trips. Regarding the Foxhole, ASC treasurer Troy Snyder's nearly at-cost pricing has resulted in a nearly 40 percent increase in patronage.

Our all campus retreats served over 350 students this year and, for the first time, our serve trip program has been forced to turn away students due to an over abundance of applicants.

This quantifiable growth has not come without side affects. The Foxhole is nearly out of chairs and the other furniture and equipment is the subject of regular abuse.

It's worth stating here that continued abuse and neglect may jeopardize the low coffee prices you currently enjoy. In other areas, program growth has resulted in increased costs.

Next year's Serve Trip budget could exceed \$15,000. Next year's All Campus Retreat budget may total over \$10,000. I consider these programs worthwhile expenses.

Beyond programs, this year's ASC Central Committee has developed an unofficial but noteworthy stance on multiple campus issues.

First, we have stood against the installation of cable television in living areas. It should be said that cable television was only the subject of speculation and discussion; no actual programs have been defeated.

The typical defense of cable is the espoused anti-bubble affect of news programming. This is about as rational as justifying a six line highway through Yellowstone Park because of its potential weed control benefits.

Cable would have several "anti" affects on our campus. Cable's presence would be anti-social, anti-cardiovascular, and anti-academic. The only possible benefit would come in the form of freed up dorm space resulting from flunking freshmen. I for one don't feel that "ESPN Sportscenter" and syndicated episodes of "Friends" are worth the trouble.

The 04-05 Central Committee has also been committed to creating opportunities for real dialogue. "Its Your Life Week" was a result of this commitment. Considerations are already being made for the next "Its Your Life Week."

It is my hope that these and other discussions can continue and prompt students to take a proactive, informed and Christ-centered stance on numerous issues.

Finally, we have continually stated that Chapel exists for students. As such, the needs of students should be considered first with the needs of all University departments second. The flip side of this ideal is that students must be the first to support chapel, seek truth and come alongside our Campus Pastor in prayer.

Well, that's it. My second and hopefully last strictly business article. I suppose I have avoided these topics because they are the secondary issues of life. The real issues are far more profound.

Fortunately, we still have one month to attend to those issues together.

Dr. Dobson was misquoted about Spongebob

FRED SMITH

Guest Editorial

I am responding to the Spongebob article that appeared in the Feb. 4 Crescent. I was glad to read the February Focus On the Family newsletter from Dr. Dobson; he stated that he was misquoted and his brief comments at the gathering were not intended to express concern about Spongebob, or any other cartoons.

His concern was their use in a video aimed at young children. A video which he felt, though appearing harmless, was motivated by a not-so-harmless agenda.

In the newsletter he stated, "Let me say it again for emphasis: Every individual is entitled to respect and human dignity, including those with whom we disagree strongly. The problem is not with acceptance or kindness, certainly

But kids should not be taught that homosexuality is just another 'lifestyle,' or that it is morally equivalent to heterosexuality. Scripture teaches that all overt sexual activity outside the bonds of marriage is sinful and harmful. Children should not be taught otherwise by their teachers, and certainly not if their parents are unaware of the instruction."

The next to last paragraph of the Dobson newsletter had this comment: "Attention!! After the above letter was written, U.S. Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, sent a very strong letter of rebuke to the Public Broadcasting System, denouncing the use of federal funds to produce and distribute materials for children wherein cartoon characters were used to promote homosexual ideas and purposes. She wrote, 'Many parents would not want

their young children exposed to the lifestyles portrayed in the episode.' Thank you, Mrs. Secretary!"

I have a first grader who has a Spongebob shirt and sometimes watches that cartoon on television; I have watched it with her a few times and although I didn't get much out of it, it did not cause me to send up any red flags. I am glad, however, that she doesn't have to watch a video created by an organization of questionable intent and then sign a tolerance pledge.

Of course, the organization that produced the video has denied any wrongdoing and allegedly removed much of the controversial content from their website. It boils down to whom you believe. At this point, I believe Dr. Dobson.

NEWS

Meio University students return home

Students end intensive English program with many memories, new friends

ANN DORN
Assistant Editor

George Fox University is nearly ready to say goodbye to the third group of students from sister college Meio University, who will depart today for Okinawa, Japan.

The 15 students have been at GFU since late August, the same time the majority of students arrived for the beginning of school. The Meio students visited last semester and part of this semester as required by their major.

"Most, if not all, want to be ESL [English as a Second Language] teachers when they go back," said Ron Parrish, an ESL teacher at GFU who has worked with the Meio students.

Associate professor Stephen Templin was born in Calif. and has lived in Okinawa, Japan for the past seven years, with his wife, who is from Okinawa. He teaches at Meio University.

"The intense experience of actually living in the country of the target language—I think that's really how you learn a language," Templin said.

Meio University student Ayano Kinjo said she is looking forward to going home, but will miss GFU.

"I have many international friends here, and the teachers are very good," she said. "They have energy."

Parrish talked about having American roommates, that contributed to their learning and the education of their American counterparts.

"All that stuff makes a bonding that is really good for both sides," he said.

Kinjo remembered what it was like to arrive as a new international student in August.

"I was nervous because it was all English and I couldn't listen well and I couldn't speak well. Every day I was nervous," she said. "I asked, 'could you speak slowly?' many times."

Kinjo said she has improved her English skills. However, there were still challenges—the rice was either too sticky or too hard, and most of the students gained weight.

In addition, Kinjo did not agree with the practice of requiring the Meio students to attend chapel.

"We are not Christians and sometimes I thought 'I don't need to go,' because it's very



REBECCA RHUMAN
FAREWELL: Miriam Voth and Mai Shimabukuro, left, review assignments from a group project for their TESOL class

boring for me," she said. "But I liked the songs—only the songs."

Kinjo thinks about teaching middle school English, but said she would really like to teach grade school children and be a positive first exposure to English.

"I want to teach well, because they are learning English for the first time," she said.

Shunta Hirakawa said he has enjoyed making friends at GFU, but the homework has been challenging.

"The George Fox students have been very kind and friendly, so I made friends easily," he said.

The best part about going

home to Japan? "Food," Hirakawa grins. "Maybe sushi. And meeting friends and family." He is looking forward to a two week spring break before continuing his studies to be an English teacher.

Some of the Meio students have been enrolled in Introduction to Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), taught by Martha Iancu, joining 11 typical GFU students in completing nearly the same coursework and the same group projects.

"They've brought a completely unique perspective for American students," Miriam Voth said. "We can ask questions directly about culture issues, and I think it's good for them because they can hear English speakers."

Voth said the experience of being in class with the Meio students has made her more likely to become a teacher of ESL.

"I've really enjoyed interac-

tion with the students, teaching them and learning how to teach," she said.

Iancu said the experience is valuable for the diversity it brings to campus.

"They're roommates with American students, they interact with them, play intermural basketball," she said. "The challenge for these students is to get together the courage to speak to people they don't know in another language."

Iancu said the students come here to learn and speak English and meet American students, but the cultural differences can be hard to overcome.

"When they get here, it's difficult for them to enter in. Japanese culture is a group-oriented culture and they have a tendency to stick together. Their biggest challenge is stepping outside of their group and developing relationships with American students."

However, Iancu noted that if Americans went to Japan, they would be likely to do the same thing.

"This group has been wonderful in terms of being willing to take risks and enter into relationships with people," she said.

Iancu said teachers have incorporated more assignments that require students to interview roommates and other projects.

MarCom sets awards record for district

ANN DORN
Assistant Editor

When Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Rick Johnsen opened his e-mail in mid-February, he had no idea he was about to find out the Office of Marketing and Communications carried away a record number of awards.

The department had entered a contest sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, submitting materials developed during the 2004 calendar year.

"Many of the participants in the competition weren't even sure who George Fox was and where we were located, so this was a very nice coming-out party for us to introduce ourselves," Johnsen said.

George Fox University was up against major regional institutions including the University of Portland, Portland State, the University of Washington and others. No other university has ever won grand gold awards in three categories.

Out of 15 submissions, the MarCom department won the

Grand Crystal "best in show" award, three grand gold, four gold and four silver awards, including the top award for package and admission materials out of 443 entries.

The MarCom staff members, along with university officials, were the first to know when Johnsen sent e-mails that same evening.

"They're feeling very good about themselves and the work they have done," Johnsen said. "This has been a very long and arduous process throughout this year."

Johnsen mentioned the controversy surrounding the logo change and how it can be difficult to hear criticism from students or staff.

"Any time you replace something that's been around for 30 years, whether it's a good mark or not, it's beloved and it's been a part of the culture for such a long period of time," he said. "The mark that we were replacing wasn't inherently bad, it just wasn't effective and that makes it doubly difficult."

Johnsen was hired by the

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—Rick Johnsen

cabinet and President Dave Brandt as part of an emphasis on improving the school's image.

"There was a lot of support for what was going on before the awards even came," Johnsen said of his peers at the university. "I think the staff has felt a very genuine support from the community for the decisions and the direction that we are heading."

Nevertheless, Johnsen is pleased with the recognition and says there has been a sense of respect that comes from the vote of confidence of a third party.

"This is somewhat affirming," he said. "I believe marketing is a subjective science and an objective art. Marketing

is designed to generate results and responses. The awards [we won] are a great indicator that on a subjective level the stuff we're doing is very highly regarded by peers and colleagues in the industry. Objectively, tangible results are the admissions numbers which are coming in for next year, and that is very significant."

Enrollment numbers promise to be higher than ever with a 24 percent increase in applications and 47 increase in tuition deposits compared to this time last year. Johnsen called it an exciting time for the university.

"We don't design these things to submit for award consideration, we do this to generate responses regarding George Fox and for students who want to come here who get to find out about who we are," he said.

Prospective students who will be affected by GFU marketing live in areas previously not highly targeted, like Southern California and the Midwest.

"In order to have a more

national presence, we have to position ourselves in a way that's effective for that audience as well," Johnsen said.

He said it was important for the marketing message to remain "true to who we really are."

"I think that the most assuring thing is that people who have seen the materials feel that they're genuinely reflective of George Fox," Johnsen said.

Johnsen said there are still some additional award submissions in which he has not received any news, and the MarCom department could potentially garner more awards.

Johnsen attributes the success of the department to a collaborative process and emphasized the university's overall achievements.

"The athletic team's (successes) give us national exposure without question. When you win a national championship, you get recognized for that," he said. "The result that we're starting to see now is the admissions numbers are really starting to spike."



Ring by Spring

By Kathryn Russo

Quick figures

- Percentage of students who are married at Multnomah Bible College: one third
- Average age for men at marriage now: 26.7 years
- Average age at marriage for men in 1970: 23.2
- Average age at marriage for women now: 25 years
- Average age at marriage for women in 1970: 20 years
- Number of students who have taken the "Getting Ready for Marriage" class offered through the Health and Counseling Center: 268 over the past 11 years
- Married undergraduate students in the United States: 8 percent

The air is growing milder. The evening's darkness arrives later and later with each passing day. Today I even noticed tiny sprouts of daisies and buttercups among the damp winter soil. Spring is making a sneak preview these days. And if there's anything more noticeable than little spring flowers popping up throughout campus, it's the widespread infestation of—you guessed it!—spring diamonds.

Each year it can be expected: the shrieks of uncontrollable joy, emitting from all four corners of GFU campus, from the glossed lips of newly elevated fiancées. Donning diamonds large and small, these shrieking undergraduates act as the official harbingers of spring, while the ring-less are left to glower in disbelief (What? You've only been dating two months!), or are called into active bridesmaid duty. Either way, it can be a trying time to be a single Bruin come spring.

But if you expect this to be another "I hate ring-by-spring" rant, I'm about to disappoint you. This spring, I happen to be numbered among the shrieking fiancées. A year ago, I was on the other side of the fence.

Cynical and ring-less, I too rolled my eyes at the news of each newly engaged couple. I often found myself thinking, "Yeah, that's gonna last" and "Geez, they're practically

strangers." And the greatest thing was that my pessimism was permissible (say that five times fast)! It wasn't difficult to find someone to share in my cynicism—every other "single" person seemed to be just as disgusted.

At the time, I didn't realize that my scoffing might be hurtful. In fact, I was pretty sure that I had every right to demean another couple's relationship. Any tiny display of publication affection was up for scrutiny. And when public affection was lacking, I snickered and rudely anticipated an imminent break-up.

Pretty immature, huh? I didn't realize the gravity of my actions until I got into a serious relationship myself, and the tables were turned on me.



Suddenly I was one of the love-sick puppies that I had so scornfully looked down upon. Suddenly it was my relationship on the examination table. I can't tell you how many times my fiancé and I have heard, "Leave room for the Holy Spirit, you two!" or "Make sure you can fit a Bible between the both of you." Well, I'm sure

there were times when these jokes were fitting for the occasion (c'mon, we're not stoics), but if I had a dollar for every time I heard those phrases, I'd have enough money to buy big, honkin' Bibles for every lovesick couple. Heck, I'd have enough money to buy stock in Zondervan.

All jokes aside, I do realize that most jabs were mainly friendly in nature. And I'm all for good-natured joshing. But somewhere along the line, the jokes started to cut a little deeper. Curious strangers would ask, "Are you engaged?" months and months before I actually was. In spring of last year, I inadvertently found out I was on a "list." This list included the names of everyone who was expected to get engaged by the end of the school year. I guess it's kind of the female alternative to Fantasy Football, you know?

It wasn't that I found any of these particular events hurtful. I just couldn't understand

why suddenly others were so preoccupied with my personal affairs.

Find out your name is on someone's "list," and you'll feel a little more like a statistic than a human. I wanted the news of my engagement to be met with joy and goodwill; not a big black marker that crosses my name off some impersonal



inventory. (And by the way, my fiancé purposed in the summer, long after the dwindling of spring ring season, thank you very much).

Being engaged is wonderful—I'm not going to lie to you. However, few people realize that it is a stressful period in life, full of positive and negative changes, deep struggles and humbling self-revelations.

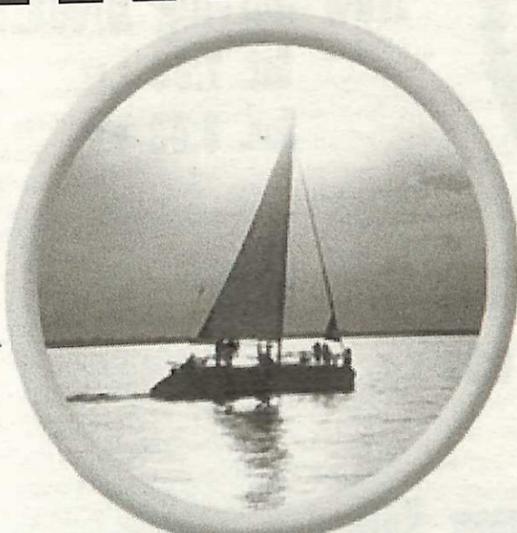
Sure, we may look cheery on the outside, with our clasped hands and diamond rings, but the road ahead is full of unknowns.

Sky-high divorce rates, student loan debt, cranky in-laws—all of these ugly realities weigh us down. The odds of marital bliss are against us, for sure. The last thing young couples need is ridicule and contempt.

Sure, our lovey-dovey eyes might be a little sickening, but that'll fade away as the bills, the kids and the love handles start to roll in. In this special yet stressful season of life, we need all of the prayer, strength and support we can get.

Or not...

By Charity Edwards



Sunset Adventure

All right, I admit. As an 18-year-old, I fully expected to have a "significant other" by the time I graduated. But here I am 22 years old, 43 days away from graduation, and not a prospect in sight.

For nearly four years, I've watched my girlfriends go through crushes, "special friends," boyfriends, fiancés, break-ups, weddings and all the drama that comes along with those things. I've watched the cycle so many times, I feel like an expert on the subject.

After the "special friends" stage, my twitterpated friend will announce that she and her man are "together." Then comes the PDA. I mean, who hasn't been the lucky person to sit right behind chapel-cuddlers, stand in

line for the Bon behind lip-lockers, or tried to study in a lobby with makers-out on the other couch?

The next thing I know, I never see my friend any more. She and her new best friend somehow disappear off the face of the campus; either that, or I have to invite her honey to all of our activities. You know what it's like to have to save two seats in chapel, make sure there's an extra seat in the car or give up your weekly chick flick – or watch it alone.

If the happy couple stays together, the ring comes next. And more PDA. You thought pre-engagement was bad? Hoo-boy. Kissing wherever they are, holding hands all the way up to the door of the lady's classroom,

skipping chapel to cuddle.

Don't forget the drama. The boyfriend-arguments, the two-hour-long phone calls to Mom to hash things out, the future-in-laws-hate-me days.

Now, I'll admit that not all couples are that bad. Some of my friends get annoyed about being on someone's "ring by spring" list. Some of them look at me and sigh when I tease them about the PDA.

But we little single people have to have some way to amuse ourselves. Apparently, having a "significant other" is all the rage, so until I get one, I'll just have fun watching the people who do.

Then again, maybe I'm just jealous.

A&E

Taking the Off edge

CONTEST TIME!

So, in case you didn't know, Western Baptist College is changing its name to Corban College. (Corban is a Greek word that means "A gift devoted or consecrated to God.") That got the editors of this column thinking...If we could change the name of our beloved university, what would we change it to?

I mean, does it ever bother you that the initials of George Fox University are GF? Well, it goes along with the whole idea of "the ratio." And what about FU – never mind, we won't go there.

Then we thought...why should we come up with a list of alternative names or nicknames for Fox? Let's ask the student body! After all, George Fox exists to serve students, right?

So here's how this will work.

Step 1: Come up with a new name for GFU.

Step 2: Email GFU's new name to chedward@georgefox.edu, or send it to #5616.

Step 3: Wait to see if you are in the list of winners in the next issue of The Crescent.

If the editors think you are good enough – excuse me, think your submission is good enough – you might just get a prize. Something along the lines of Bruin Den flex points.

In case you're still wondering how this works, we've compiled a list of alternative names for other colleges. Maybe you've heard some of them, maybe you haven't. Enjoy!

Corban College
Western Baptist College

Portland Bridal College
Portland Bible College

Sinfield University
Linfield University

Or, what about these alternative names for Fox?

College of the Clock Tower

Arkouda Kavgas Penepistimio
(Greek for "Bruin Brawl University")

DTR-U

Dave Brandt University

Fobitsiaris University
(Greek for "Quaker")

The Administration of George Fox University does not support or condone this contest in any way. Let's just say the editors are...surprising them.

GFU band, choir and Chehalem Symphony serenade students and community

BRIDGETTE HARMON
Staff Writer

Friday, March 11, George Fox's music department put on a stunning display of musical talent and spiritual depth. The symphonic band, energetically conducted by Pat Vandehey, set the tone for the night with "March from Symphonic Metamorphosis" by Paul Hindemith.

Following the march was Mark Campbell's inspiring "Movement for Rosa," based on the life of civil rights heroine Rosa Parks. A nice counterpoint to Campbell's stirring piece was Percy Grainger's lyrical Scottish air, "Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon."

Finally, the band drew the audience into a time of worship and reflection on Christ's ultimate sacrifice with David R. Gillingham's modern tone poem, "Lamb of God."

Accompanying the strangely compelling music was a PowerPoint presentation of various artists' renditions of Christ through his various stages of suffering, his death on the cross, his entombment and his glorious resurrection, ending with the eternal joy of heaven.

Even Mary Kate Harmon, 6, was able to understand and appreciate the message of the music through the PowerPoint images, said Mary Kate's mother, Katy Harmon. Thunderous applause filled the auditorium in response to "Lamb of God."

After a short intermission,

the Chehalem Symphony, conducted by Bill Hunt, took the stage. They performed Sinfonia No. 3, a witty piece by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, the son of the famous Johann Sebastian Bach. After their piece, they remained onstage as the George Fox Concert Choir took their places behind the orchestra.

The combined orchestra and choir, conducted by Loren Wenz, then performed a beautiful rendition of Schubert's "Mass in G." Beginning with the Kyrie and moving into the Gloria, Credo, Sanctus et Benedictus and Agnus Dei, the musicians moved through all of the elements of a traditional Catholic mass. Katy Harmon, a Catholic, said the music was, "very moving and spiritually deep. I felt connected to the heavenly host during the 'Holy, Holy' [Sanctus]." Harmon's husband, Paul, a Protestant, agreed and added, "During Schubert's 'Mass in G,' I found myself completely lost in the music and the message it was conveying."

Contributing to the Mass were seven incredibly talented soloists. Heidi Korver sang the "Christe Eleison" solo in Kyrie; Christina Grieve and Josh Strickler had a duet in Gloria; Jenny Miser, Andy Isbell and Casey Kanen sang a the delightful Benedictus trio number; and Stephanie Lilley soared to the high notes in Agnus Dei, accompanied by the rich baritone of Tim McFarlan.

Following the "Mass" was Renee Clausen's arrangement of "Nunc Dimittus," which the choir sang in the English words, "Now let thy servant depart in peace." The final "Amen" ended the performance, and the auditorium was once again filled with thunderous applause.

Several members of the

ed like each section of the choir sang out with just one voice. It was really, really beautiful." Others remarked on the choir's clarity and warmth of tone as well.

The music department of George Fox has seen significant growth since even the beginning of spring semester, according to director Loren Wenz. If



BREANNE REEVE

GEORGE FOX BAND MEMBERS PLAY IN BAUMAN: The George Fox band and choir, accompanied by the Chehalem Symphony, focused their performance on The Passion of the Christ in their Friday night performance in Bauman Auditorium

audience, including the Harmons, John and Debra Orr, and Rob and Linda Booth, commented afterwards on how remarkably unified the choir was. Debra Orr said, "It sound-

they continue to improve beyond even where they are now, the Spring Concert in April should be a truly spectacular event.

Tegan and Sara plan trip to Portland, release new CD

ASHLEY STALLMAN
Staff Writer

Tegan and Sara, a pair of adorable twins, collaborated in 2003 to start recording for their fourth studio album "So Jealous" which was released in September of 2004.

The Canadian Tegan and Sara duo has always been a rough "home style" genre with demos-recorded-in-the-living-room type of sound. Both twins wanted to stay true to their roots even when their future albums would be recorded in Mushroom Studios under the supervision of both Vapor and Sanctuary Records.

They started their song writing separately so both of their creative sides could flourish independently before collaborating together for the final music and lyric combination.

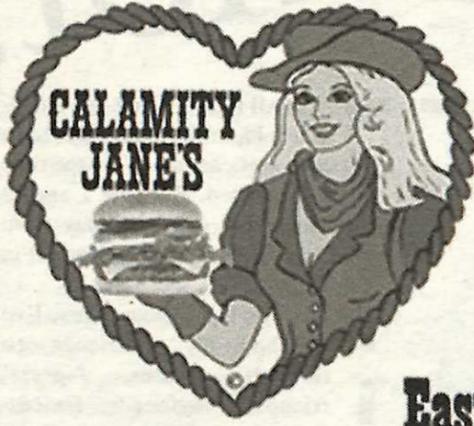
Even other members of their band recorded their individual parts alone. Rob Chursinoff (drums), Chris Carlson's (bass) individual work laid the foundation for the vocals, guitar and organ parts from Tegan and Sara.

Although they have three

previous self-produced full-length albums, "So Jealous" is their most recent and just one more expression of their contemporary techno beat, urban folk style, originally influenced by artists like the Indigo Girls and Ani DiFranco.

The upbeat record has a new creative spin with smooth vocals and interesting drum lines. The twins mix pop, a dash of electronic techno and warm folk to create a style all their own, bringing satisfaction to a wide range of music lovers.

Check out the album and if you like what you hear, you can buy tickets to their next show in Portland on March 26 at the Aladdin Theater. They will also be in town opening for the Killers April 21, a show that is already sold out.



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Doug Shaupp, a coauthor of "Being White," was on our campus last week. Perhaps you went to his lecture or he visited your class. Or maybe you didn't get the chance to hear him speak or read the book. So here's a quick synopsis of what "Being White" is all about.

The purpose of this book is to talk about white people and where they fit in our multiethnic society, specifically the parts of North America that are dominated by White Anglo-Saxon Protestant culture.

Both Shaupp and Paula Harris are involved in the ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and they use numerous biblical references as well as personal narratives to go through the five major "stages" of "the journey of a white person into multiethnic community." These stages are "encounter," "friendship," "displacement," "white identity" and "just community."

Shaupp and Harris talk about the concept of 2-D and 3-D glasses. As a part of the

majority culture, we can choose which "glasses" or perspectives we want to see through. This is a privilege that many people of other races do not share, because they are experiencing firsthand the built-in racism of our society, whether that means being the only non-white person in a classroom or a target of racial profiling.

Harris and Shaupp also note that Jesus specifically pointed out to the Jews "an intentional model of God's people reaching out to others across cultural boundaries." For example, in his sermon in Luke 4:25-27, Jesus specifically notes there were "many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

Another powerful story is the story of Maria, a Latina female student at UCLA. At the end of a fall conference by a Christian campus group, Maria stood up and said, "Does anyone else here care that I am just about the only Latina person here?" Doug explains that within a white majority culture, we have a tendency to ignore these pleas, these calls to reach out to minorities. We are comfortable

because we are no longer blatantly or violently racist. As whites, since the problems are not as obvious to us as they once were, we think that there are no longer problems.

Shaupp and Harris argue convincingly against this reasoning. They point out that racism has now become much more subtle, and that apathy has allowed it to stay that way. In fact, they write that the main form of racism is simply ignorance. When we allow the struggles or problems of minorities to go unnoticed, we are only contributing to them.

Harris and Shaupp urge us to become intentional in our acts, looking to help those who have been marginalized because of their race. They ask, "How does it feel when someone defends your cause? How can you do this for others?" This was the cry of Maria; she felt that those around her were not helping her cause, her ministry to others. She was asking for their help in reaching out to the people of her race.

In "Being White," it is made clear that this is our obligation not only as people of different ethnicities, but also as Christians.

Entertainment News: DVD releases, 'Star Wars' trailer and movie madness



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THE RING TWO: Naomi Watts returns as a reporter, this time in Astoria, Oregon

JESSICA TROUT
Editor-in-Chief

"The Incredibles" DVD made over \$80 million in sales the day it came out. Included in the DVD is the feature length movie, an all-new animated short "Kari The Babysitter" and the Academy Award-nominated short "Boundin'." Also contained in the DVD are "incredibly-blunders," or bloopers.

"The Ring Two" opens today and follows the story of

the reporter Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) from the first movie as she copes with the reappearance of the video while visiting the Astoria, Ore.

Also opening this weekend is Disney's "Ice Princess," with Joan Cusack and Michelle Trachtenberg, who plays a high school girl who struggles to become a skating champion despite her mother's dreams of Harvard.

One of the most anticipated and dreaded movies of the year is "Episode

III of Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith." The full-length trailer was released last week, and can be found online at www.starwars.com.

And finally, just because fans everywhere love to be reminded, the sixth installment in J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series is due to appear in bookstores July 16. Fans of the young wizard can pre-order their copy of the book online or through their local bookstore.

Second release for band Kings of Leon

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Staff Writer

Kings of Leon. Never heard of them? Neither had I until this past Christmas break. I spent my vacation relaxing

from homework and browsing the aisles of Easy Street Records, most likely one of the top record stores in all Seattle. Casually perusing through the store with some CDs already in hand, a CD on display with

interesting cover art caught my eye.

Surprisingly enough, it was the first album (originally released in 2003) from a band called Kings of Leon. Unfamiliar with this somewhat new artist, I picked up the written review by a staff member of the store to acquaint myself. The short paragraph showed promising future for the band and I put their name in the "get to know this artist" music file in my

mind. Shortly after my encounter in the record store, I listened to their second full-length album, "Aha Shake Heartbreak" which recently released in 2005. A band consisting of three brothers; Caleb (lead singer, rhythm guitar), Jared (bass), Nathan (drums) and cousin Matthew Followill (lead guitar) comes together in one album to discuss what they say to be 90 percent personal history, 10 percent wishful thinking.

The record is laced with raw energy gained during the 18 months of its creation that took

place when the band was gaining heavy popularity in the UK. It steers away from the deep and emotional style from their debut album, "Youth and Young Manhood," with lyrics about fast living, worldly pleasures and traumatic evenings. The NME described this difference in albums by saying, "If 'Youth and Young Manhood' was the party, 'Aha Shake Heartbreak' is the hangover."

Although originally from Tennessee, the band moved out west to record in Los Angeles with producer Ethan Johns, the producer for both Ben Kweller and Ryan Adams. Both Kings of Leon's albums were recorded live, with no overdub to obtain a raw and natural element to match their musical style which is definitely one all their own. Although they possess a somewhat odd drum beat, their classic rock style comes out in their use of guitars and vocals. I have to admit, their style surprised me at first, but I quickly became accustomed to the spontaneity, and I applaud them for creating a modern wave of funk and southern 70's rock and roll.

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SPORTS

In loss, Leith adds to personal accolades

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Bruins their next game was against Randolph-Macon, boasting a 28-1 record and a 22-game winning streak, the longest in school history.

Behind the home crowd, the Yellow Jackets defeated George Fox 63-51 to advance to the "Final Four," sending the Lady Bruins home after the greatest basketball season in the university's history.

Kim Leith became the ninth player in George Fox history to score 1,000 career points, finishing with 19 points to give her 1,004 in just her third season, good for eighth all-time. Liz Clark added 11 points and got 11 rebounds in her final game and fellow senior Kellie Thomas contributed 11 points in the loss.

The Lady Bruins jumped out to a quick 11-point lead, but the Yellow Jackets swarmed back and held a 32-29 at the

break. They would never again trail, although George Fox did cut the lead to one point early in the second half, but after that, the Lady Bruins got iced cold from the field.

George Fox shot a season-low 25.8 percent for the game, including an astonishing 17 percent during the second half. After the game, head coach Scott Rueck, who ended his ninth season with George Fox posting a 165-67 career record, credited Randolph-Macon's defensive pressure as key to



BRIAN RURIK

BEST FINISH EVER: The Lady Bruins' "Elite Eight" finish is the best effort ever by a NWC team defeating the Lady Bruins.

Leith was named to the sectional's All-Tournament Team, averaging 22 points per game in the Lady Bruins' two contests.

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- "Dodgeball"
- 62) Wax on. Wax off.
- "The Karate Kid"
- 57) You can do it!
- "The Waterboy"
- 49) I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure.
- "Chariots of Fire"
- 37) I don't hate Balboa. I pity the fool.
- "Rocky III"
- 11) If you build it, he will come.
- "Field of Dreams"
- 7) There's no crying in baseball!
- "A League of Their Own"
- 4) Juuuust a bit outside!
- "Major League"
- 3) Show me the money!
- "Jerry Maguire"
- 1) Yo, Adrian!
- "Rocky"

From the Cheap Seats



DAN BENNETT
Sports Editor

Take me out to the ball game: a defense for the love of baseball

Several years down the road the George Fox community will still be talking about 2005. After all, this year brought about the revival of the men's basketball program, the showcase of the women's dominance in basketball as they made it to the Elite Eight in the nicest March weather in years.

George Fox students are slowly coming out of their dorms, eyes squinting from the sun, and realizing that summer is quickly approaching. And the fact that summer is quickly approaching means one thing: college baseball and softball are in full swing, and Major League Baseball is right around the corner.

I wrote this on a Saturday. It was 2:30 in the afternoon with a temperature of 70 degrees, a slight breeze and not a cloud in the sky. Having just returned from watching the George Fox baseball team in action against Whitworth, I became overwhelmed by our national pastime.

In the midst of my studies, I headed over to Morse Field to catch a glimpse of the 2004 national champs in action. By far the best decision I've made all week.

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the seventh inning with runners on second and first and facing a 2 out, 3-2 count, freshman Ryan Fobert took the Whitworth pitcher's offering over the left field wall, giving the Bruins a 3-1 lead.

Boy, have I missed enjoying the brilliance of baseball this winter.

But not everyone agrees that baseball is brilliant. Some people will complain that the game moves slowly, that there is not as much action as in other sports, that it is boring. My response to that? I totally agree with you. And that's why I love baseball.

Actually, let me clarify something. I guess I would agree with the first two statements, but in no way do I think baseball is boring. In fact, saying that baseball is boring comes across as heresy to me.

True, the games do move more slowly. But doesn't that mean you have more time to enjoy the game, a

game which could conceivably go on for hours? In baseball, there is no time limit. You play until each team has had nine chances to score more runs than the other team. It seems to me that for a national pastime, baseball could not have gotten farther away from American values, which teaches strict time management. A baseball game could potentially go on forever.

Again, it is true that baseball is not nearly as action-packed as basketball or football. But is that a bad thing? American culture has taught us that if it doesn't have excitement it isn't worth watching. That, in my opinion, is simply a fallacy. Is listening to Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony exciting? Not necessarily, but does this mean that it is automatically not worth experiencing? Of course not.

Baseball is to classical music as football is to hard rock. Baseball is to "War and Peace" as basketball is to "The Da Vinci Code." All are good but are good for different reasons. Baseball is the antithesis of fast-paced, non-stop, high-octane American sports. I would dare to say that baseball is one of a few original pieces of Americana, right along with apple pie and country music (just so you know, I love the former and can't stand the latter, but you have to take the good with the bad).

To truly appreciate the game of baseball takes effort and a concentration on the finer details of the game. Baseball is an art form. Once the effort is applied and a deeper understanding is accomplished, going out to the ballpark and catching a game will take on a whole new meaning.

So get out there and support GFU baseball and softball. And after the last final is over, try and take some time to go to a local ball field and experience this piece of the American phenomenon for yourself. It can be going to a holy shrine of baseball, such as Yankee Stadium or Wrigley Field, or heading down to the local youth league. It doesn't really matter. It's all baseball, after all.

March Madness '05: Four picks to win the Big Dance

Illinois Fighting Illini

ANDREW HERR
Staff Writer

Yeah baby! It's time to skip class, skip work, make up excuses for girlfriends and find the nearest television to vegetate in front of for the best basketball that only comes once a year. It's better than Christmas, Hanukkah, birthdays and, dare I say, Thanksgiving. It's March Madness, and time to watch Illinois keep on rolling.

The selection committee did their part to protect top ranked Illinois, placing the Fighting Illini in the Chicago bracket, as they should, along with North Carolina, Duke and Washington as number ones. North Carolina, a known powerhouse capable of slaughter and unthinkable comebacks, should go far into the bracket, with a possible slip up against Florida or Villanova in the third round. Duke, proven to be North Carolina's equal, could make a similar run. Look for Duke to go far, a solid final four pick.

Washington takes the most overrated place in this year's bracket. Washington struggled through the Pac-10 tournament with close wins over Arizona State and Stanford. Look for Washington to struggle (falder?) against Pittsburg in the second round.

I hate to jump on the bandwagon, but who will knock off Illinois before the Big Game? Arizona? The Arizona Stoudamires, I mean Wildcats, a possi-



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NEARLY PERFECT: After posting a 32-1 regular season record, Dee Brown and Illini press forward for the national title

ble number one seed before the loss to Washington, are scary because of how streaky they are.

The only scare for Illinois comes in the form of a very solid Oklahoma State team in the Elite Eight. Any team which comes out of the Albuquerque bracket should be fresh fodder for an OK St. or Illinois, who badly beat Wake Forest earlier in the year. Illinois, both well-rounded and consistent, will win this year's NCAA Tournament. Log it.

Arizona Wildcats

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Coming off a tough loss to a very talented Washington squad, the Arizona Wildcats will regroup and put together a run that ultimately concludes with a national championship. The Cats have the longest current streak of NCAA Tournament appearances with 20 and are long past due for a championship.

Granted, Arizona is a streaky team with a loss to Washington State (who, by the way, was 12-16 at the time) lingering over their heads. But this is March baby (sorry, but everyone has to refer to Dick Vitale. come March)! And anything can happen, especially with arguably the best 3-point shooter in the nation, Salim Stoudamire, and one of the top five big men in the nation, Channing Frye, on the team.

In the Pac-10 tourney champi-

onship, Stoudamire hit seven three-pointers and finished with 37 points. Stoudamire has the ability to take over a game, which is a crucial element for a championship team.

As a team, the Cats have the firepower, athleticism and talented post play to compete with run and gun teams to defensive-minded teams. As a number three seed, Arizona doesn't exactly have a cakewalk to the final four, but who does?

My bracket is set up with Arizona facing a tough Oklahoma State team in the sweet 16, then Illinois in the elite 8, and Wake Forest in the Final Four. Insurmountable odds? Definitely not, because if the Cats play as a team with Stoudamire leading the way, which they will, they will be cutting down the nets come April 4 in St. Louis. Heed my words of wisdom, brothers and sisters: Arizona over Duke 85-82. You're my boy, Lute!!

Washington Huskies

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Staff Writer

The surprise number one seed in the tournament this year is the University of Washington. Suddenly slipping in at the last moment, the Huskies and their fans are riding high. Though many fans in the nation are betting against UW winning the national title, there are good reasons to believe that Washington can challenge anybody they play.

The first reason UW has a chance of winning it all is because of its depth. Washington is very deep and they have to be in order to play the style of basketball they play. Their fast pace of play leads to easy baskets and a lot of points. Four players on Washington average double figures in scoring. They are second in the nation in scoring at 86 points per game, trailing only North Carolina in that category. Their scoring ability along with

their pressure defense makes Washington a very hard team to handle.

Secondly, in Nate Robinson they have a legitimate star who can take over the game at anytime. Especially if they are close in the final minutes, Nate Robinson will do everything in his power to get the win. His size creates problems with people because he is so quick with the ball. He can shoot a three over you or take it to the basket and challenge the big men. If Robinson gets hot in these next few games, teams will have a lot to worry about when they play Washington.

Washington is well deserving of their number one seed. They will most likely get their first test when they reach the sweet sixteen when they play Louisville or Wake Forest in the elite 8. It looks to be a great March once again, and Washington fans have a lot to look forward to.

Oklahoma State Cowboys

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It's March Madness again, the time of year when a large majority of Americans participate in a friendly office, online or dorm pool in hopes of picking the national champion and claiming the coveted prize. Of course no one here at George Fox bets on college games, but for all of you non-student, non-faculty, non-administrative readers, I have the answer.

This year, the Oklahoma State Cowboys will lasso the national championship. Eddie Sutton's team is primed and ready with a veteran backcourt comprised of sharpshooters John Lucas (18.0 ppg, 4.4 ast) and Daniel Bobik. Oklahoma State's perimeter game paired with the versatile and athletic play of forward Joey Graham (18.2 ppg, 6.2 reb) and Ivan McFarlin (11.8 ppg, 7.6 reb) on the interior will provide difficult match-ups for opponents.

While the Cowboys are dismissed as contenders because of their lack of size, every Eddie Sutton team is known for their hard-nosed defense. The muscle, hustle and energy of the Cowboys will make up for any height disadvantage and as the saying goes, "defense wins games."

While Oklahoma State is led by a group of talented seniors, the fate of the team may rest ultimately on the play of freshman guard

JamesOn Curry. The recent success of the Cowboys has been largely due to the stellar play of the young guard who is averaging 13.3 points over the last 12 games, freeing up Lucas and Bobik to attack freely from the perimeter.

Oklahoma State has the talent, experience (they lost to Georgia Tech in the Final Four last year), leadership and coaching to win a national championship. On April 4 I expect to see the Cowboys cutting down the nets and hoisting the trophy.



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PAST DUE: Eddie Sutton has won 37 NCAA tournament games without winning a title, the most in history. Will this finally be the year?

Standings and Schedules

Baseball
NWC - 0-0 Overall - 4-2
Mar. 19-20 - @ Whitman Mar. 22 - @ Western Baptist Mar. 25-26 - @ Willamette

Softball
NWC - 0-0 Overall - 1-1
Mar. 18-21 - Sunwest Park Tournament Mar. 25-26 - @ Whitworth April 2 - @ Linfield

Women's Tennis
NWC - 2-2 Overall - 2-2
April 2 - PLU April 7 - Willamette April 8 - Green River CC April 10 - @ Linfield

Men's Tennis
NWC - 1-3 Overall - 1-3
April 2 - @ Puget Sound (10 am) April 2 - @ PLU (2 pm) April 8 - Green River CC

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War in Iraq

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but of conflict. He spoke about his 26 years of military service and how he felt it was his God-given calling to serve in the military. He said the field of warfare had changed dramatically after 9/11, but that the United States had responded well to the new challenge, working to reduce civilian deaths.

After the panelists spoke, audience members were invited to ask questions of the presenters. While some of the questions were hostile, the presenters spoke further on their ideological viewpoints and on their practical suggestions for improving the situation in Iraq.

The Christian Peace Fellowship of Yamhill County sponsored the event, which was intended to encourage dialogue between Christians of differing opinions and to reflect upon what the Iraq war has taught about the nature of war.

Tsunami relief

GFU community members and the public are invited to The Empty Bowls Project, a fundraiser April 1 for South Asian tsunami victims.

Student Amanda Potter will relate stories from her recent trip to India to witness the extent of the damage from the tsunami.

People attending the event will get to choose a ceramic bowl created on campus, and eat soup served with bread in their new bowls.

Potter procured her shots, paperwork and tickets within a month of getting the idea to travel to India, aided by a grant from the Center for Global Studies that paid for half of her travel expenses. She said she hopes to be able to take pictures and "make it real" for people.

Potter left on Wednesday without a concrete schedule, planning to join contacts in India and decide where to go from there. She was accompanied by her mother, Elise Potter, who also has an interest in international humanitarian work.

Money raised from the fundraiser will go to

Village Outreach International, a Portland charity that will distribute the financial aid to organizations in India.

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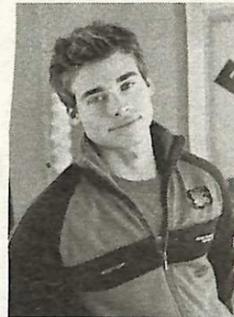
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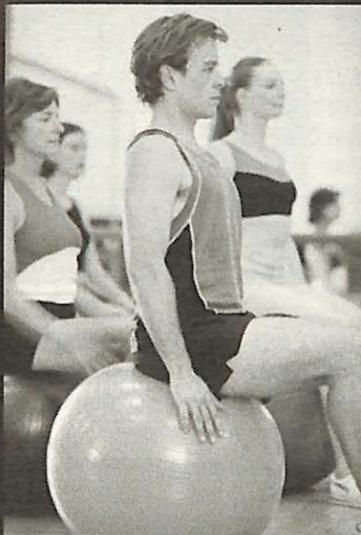
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