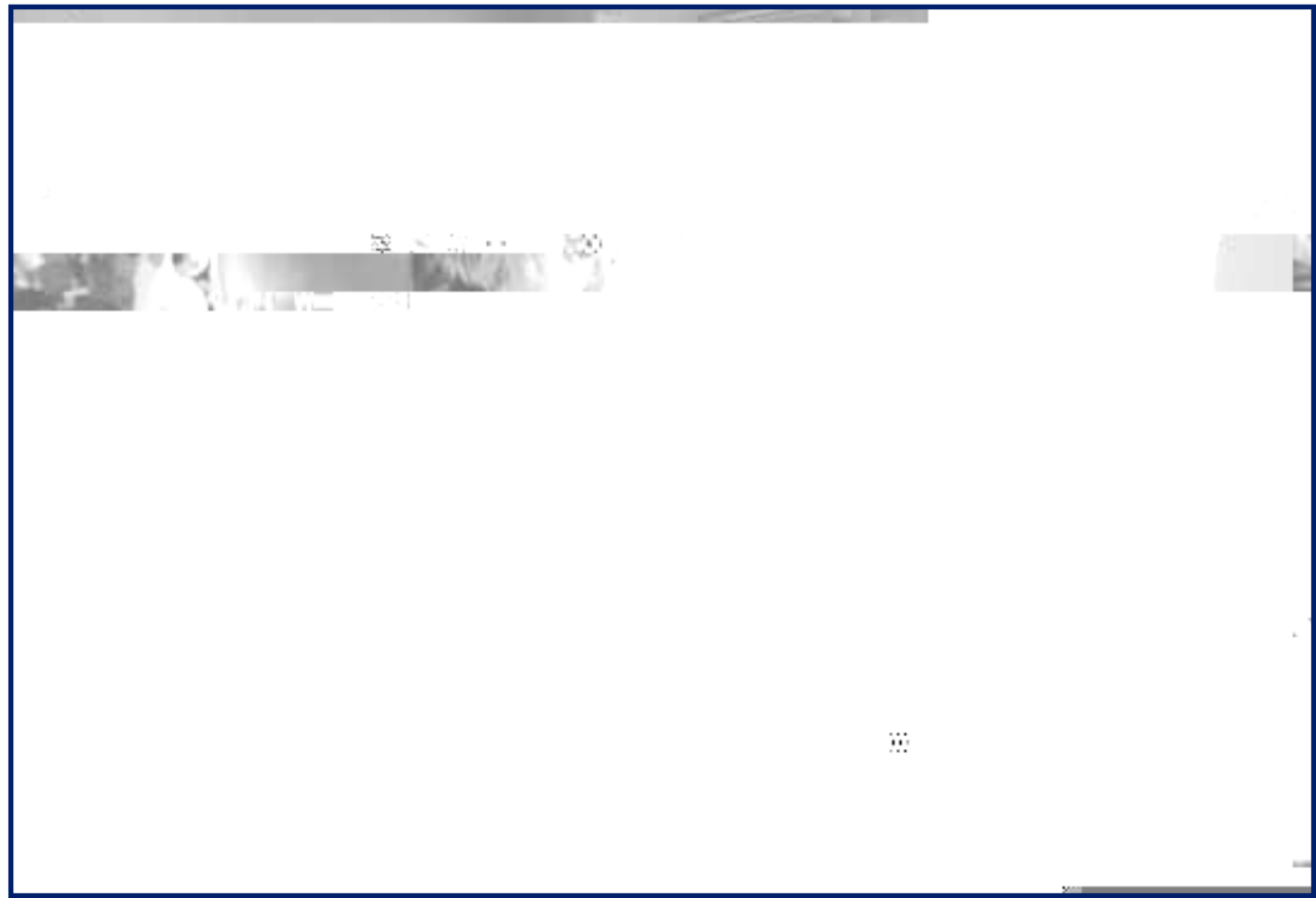

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Service With a Smile



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Even though all offices were closed and classrooms were empty the entire day at George Fox University, September 8 might be remembered as one of the most productive days in the University's history.

It was on that day that staff, faculty and students from George Fox's Newberg and Portland Center campuses enthusiastically joined in to demonstrate that a Christ-centered education is more



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that he has already held for a year.

Referring to a biblical passage from Hebrews 12, Brandt noted that the Christian liberal arts university has always had “a great cloud of witnesses watching us . . . I trust you and the other witnesses to hold us accountable for the implementation of this charge,” he said.

The inaugural ceremony held in Bauman Auditorium attracted an overflow crowd; additional seating was made available in Wood-Mar Auditorium, where members of the university community watched the proceedings on large-screen television. Nearly 1,500 watched in both auditoriums.

With his wife, Melva, at his side, a beaming President Brandt accepted the symbol of office, the presidential medalion, from Board of Trustees Chairman Dea Cox and received an investiture charge from Dr. Kent Thornburg, chair-elect and the head of the board’s Academic Affairs Committee.

“With this presentation, we do this joyfully, celebrating this occasion with our George Fox family and friends,” Cox told Brandt. “We believe God has called you to this task.”

Before coming to Oregon, Brandt served for three years as president of

Tabor College, a Mennonite Brethren institution in Kansas, and he has an extensive track record in Christian higher education.

Also participating in the ceremony were a wide range of representatives of Christian institutions, regional schools of higher education, and officials from businesses and state and local government.

Among those who gave greetings during the program were state Sen. John Lim, a member of the University’s Board of Trustees, who represented the Oregon state government; Barbara Palmer, senior vice president of Bank of America and also a George Fox trustee, on behalf of the local business community; Vivian Bull, president of Linfield College in neighboring McMinnville, representing the academic community; Newberg Mayor Charles Cox; and representatives of the University’s students, faculty and alumni.

“It is with joy and expectation that we welcome a new president to the area,” said Bull, who noted Brandt’s many years of management experience in higher education. “We commend George Fox University for its wise decision in calling Dr. Brandt.”

Palmer termed Brandt “eminently qualified” to hold the presidency and said the business community appreciates his interest in making the University a key player in strengthening Oregon’s work force. “We are excited to work with you, Dr. Brandt, in the new millennium,” she said.

Rebecca Ankeny, professor of English at George Fox University, welcomed Brandt on behalf of the faculty. “Today we recognize you as someone we know, rather than as a stranger,” she said. “We welcome you to your service here, and we look forward to what God will do through you.”

Junior Ryan Dougherty, student body president, said the University is blessed to have Brandt as president. “In his time here, he has already shown that he is a man of God as well as a man of the people,” Dougherty said to loud and appreciative cheers from the many students in the audience.

Thomas F. Johnson, dean of the University’s Western Evangelical Seminary, former president of the University of Sioux Falls (S.D.), and interim president of George Fox during the year preceding Brandt’s arrival, gave the inaugural address. Through their respective work in Christian education, Brandt and Johnson have known each other for the past 12 years.

From his own experience at two institutions, Johnson pointed out that a university presidency is an “incredibly demanding” job. He invited Brandt to follow his own proven way of dealing with people as they bring a multitude of problems to him.

“You are welcome to do this, Dr. Brandt: Appear to be totally clueless about what they are asking,” Johnson

said, drawing laughter from the crowd. “In my case, that wasn’t hard at all.”

Johnson told a story about a college professor who used several big rocks to fill up a container and then asked his class if the container was indeed full. While most thought it was, it really wasn’t until the professor added gravel, then sand, then water to fill every possible space before the container truly could be called full.

Johnson likened the container to the full plate facing a university president.

“Dr. Brandt, you as an experienced college president know that if you don’t put the ‘big rocks’ in first, you’ll never get them in at all,” Johnson said. He suggested three symbolic “big rocks” that need to be the foundation for George Fox: its Christ-centered mission, its high-quality academics, and a “campus climate of service and empowerment.”

“These are ‘big rocks’ — big enough to wrap your arms around and make them the cornerstone of your presidency,” Johnson said to Brandt. “David, my friend, we welcome you with love and support to the

presidency of this university.”

Brandt spoke briefly, expressing gratitude to the university’s faculty, staff and students for taking time to attend the ceremony.

He emphasized that he will succeed as president only with dependence on God’s guidance, and with the support of all involved at George Fox University. “I didn’t get to this point by myself, and I won’t do this job by myself,” he said. “It involves us all.”

He also noted the presence of many longtime friends and family members, including his mother, Helen, who traveled from Minnesota to attend.

Just a few days before her 90th birthday, a robust-appearing Helen Brandt said she was proud of her son David. She was also pleased — but not awed — by the inauguration.

“It’s certainly a lovely ceremony, but being David’s mother, I’m beginning to get accustomed to these things,” she said.

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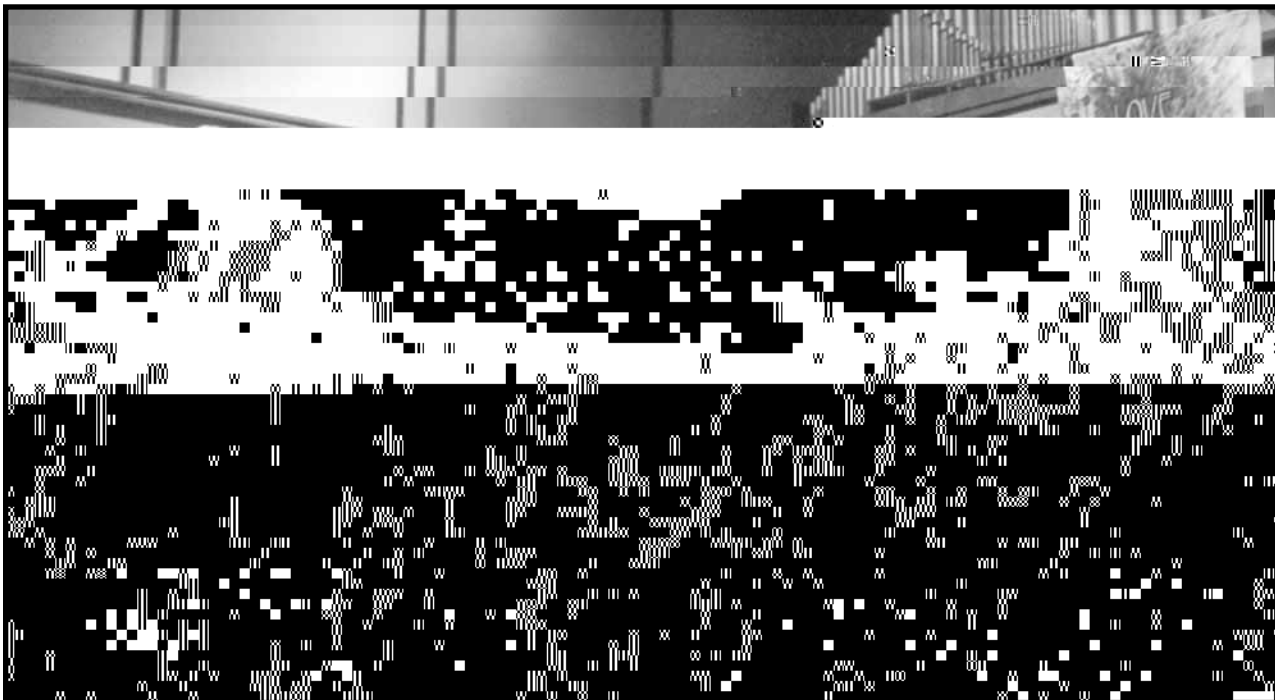
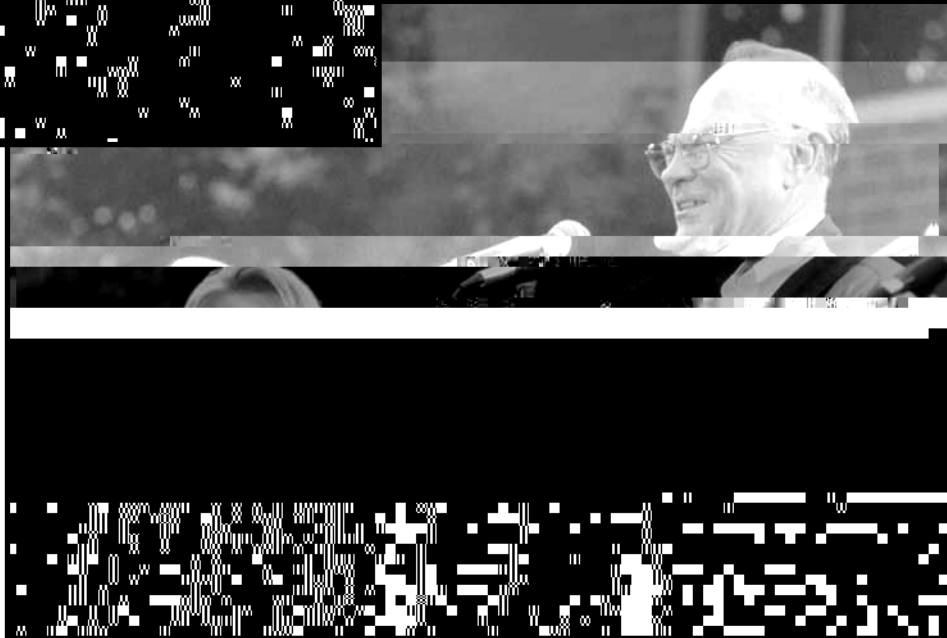
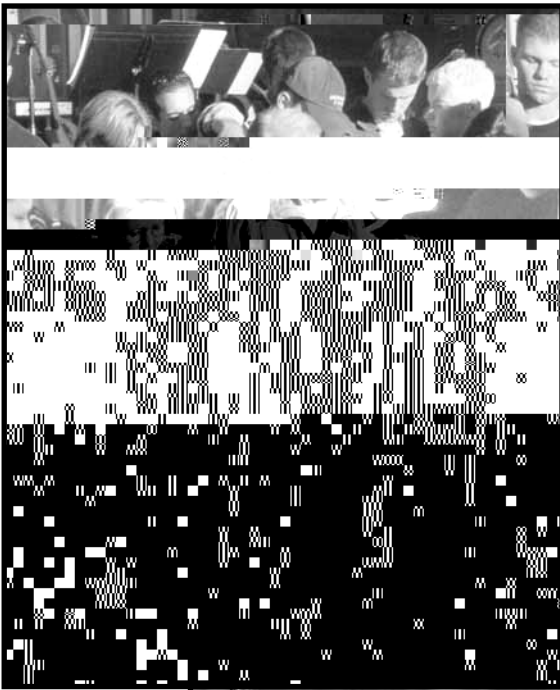
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Dr. Tom Johnson's advice about how to be a college president draws laughter from the platform party consisting of Dr. Andrea Cook, vice president for enrollment services; President David Brandt; Dea Cox, chairman of the Board of Trustees;

The Trustees' Presidential Charge

In Its 12th Year on Magazine's List of "America's Best Colleges," George Fox University Attains Its Highest Ranking Ever

George Fox University has moved up to its highest ranking ever by *U.S. News & World Report* in its listing of "America's Best Colleges."

The nation's most popular annual review of United States colleges and universities now ranks GFU second overall among Western regional liberal arts colleges, up two positions from a year ago and from fifth the year before.

George Fox also moved from eighth to second in the magazine's "Great Schools at Great Prices" listing of "Best Values in Colleges."

Never ranked lower than third in the academic reputation category in 12 years of listings, George Fox maintained its third place listing again this year.

"I am pleased *U.S. News & World Report* has again recognized the high quality of education received by George Fox students," President Dap-r(lmenk)d]TJT0.02152Tw[(Gesaid. "Observ4.8(

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have determined that Serve Day will be an annual fall tradition for George Fox University.

Brandt told the crowd at the morning praise rally that Serve Day was appropriate because “the community has real needs” and because it provided an opportunity for teamwork. But most of all, he said, it was in line with the Lord’s teachings.

“It’s crucial that we practice what we preach,” said Brandt, who spent Serve Day helping prepare a local house for

Serve Day Snapshots

along side us also were overwhelmed by this unanticipated blessing of music.

“I can’t wait for the next time to see what unexpected surprises the Lord will have in store.”

— Alan Kluge, Associate Professor of Business

Taking Time to Play

Group #20, consisting of Edwards Residence Hall first-floor men, helped at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Newberg, cleaning windows, installing a satellite dish, sorting disaster relief materials and organizing a library.

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Thanks from the Community

“The students did a lot of work around the church, as well as going to people’s homes and doing services for them that they couldn’t do themselves. They were so excited about getting help it really made me teary. Sometimes we tend to forget how much these little things mean to someone who is elderly or ill. Give my thanks to all.”

— Mardi Eggers, First United Methodist Church, Newberg

“I just finished reading the article in *The Oregonian* about George Fox’s Serve Day. What a wonderful idea. Thank you for setting an example that we should all follow. George Fox is a special university, and your Serve Day puts an exclamation point on ‘special.’”

— Steven Holwerda, Chief Operating Officer, Ferguson, Wellman, Rudd, Purdy, and Van Winkle, Inc., Portland

“WINNER: The George Fox University campus was closed Wednesday, but students, faculty and staff were hard at work. Nearly 2,000 of them spent the day doing community service projects in Newberg. ‘Serve Day’ was a living lesson in volunteerism and civic responsibility. It showed the university’s ties to the community.”

— Editorial Page Winner Column, *Oregon Statesman-Journal*, Salem, Oregon

“Thank you for your help in painting our house on Serve Day. You did a great job, it is appreciated so much . . . what a great project! . . . Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!”

— Eight signers, Grandma’s House, Newberg

“You did a beautiful job on the ramp for [the] wheelchair, and we thank you so much. We pray God’s blessing on each of your lives. Have a great year at George Fox. In Christian love,”

— signed by a Newberg couple

Value Added

Some would say the value of George Fox’s Serve Day is

Alum-Millennium

*Celebrating Homecoming 2000
February 11-13*

Don't miss George Fox University's Homecoming 2000 featuring special reunions for:
ASC Central Committee and R.A. Alumni
Western Evangelical Seminary Alumni

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ALUMNI NOTES

Dale Campbell (G60) completed the Newport Marathon in June 1999 in 3 hours, 59 minutes, placing third in his age division. He and his wife **Sharon** (G98), and children recently moved from Dundee to Newberg, where he is opening an additional pastoral counseling practice.

Tim Kunkel (WES83) is serving as a missionary to Uruguay with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He and his wife, Iracema, will finish 10 years of service in February 2000 and will be in the Northwest on furlough for the rest of the year.

Garold Gillham (HRM88) has been named city manager for Scappoose, Ore.

Brian Gardner (G89) and his wife, Christy, reside in Wheaton, Ill., where he is regional director of development for Wheaton College.

Joseph Rono (WES89) was installed Sept. 12, 1999, as the bishop of the Africa Gospel Church, which has approximately 700 congregations in Kenya.

Scott Nilsen (G93) is the adult ministries pastor at Newberg Friends Church. His wife, **Shannon (Hyde)** (G92), is the children's pastor.

Sanford Lewis (MHR95) received a Master of Arts degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix, Portland. He is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration, Portland.

Cletus Moore (MBA95) has been named vice president for finance and business affairs at Warner Pacific College, Portland.

Scott Jensen (G96) recently received first place in the documentary category at the National Press Photographers Association conference in Denver, Colo. He and his wife, **Myrna (Bonar)** (G95), recently moved to Minnesota, where Scott is employed as a news photographer

for KARE television, Minneapolis, Minn.

Melinda Lathrop (n98) was named 1999 Homemaker of the Fair at the Wallowa County Fair, Enterprise, Ore.

Phil Smith (G98) is employed by Safeco Insurance in the Chicago, Ill., area. His wife, **Jessica (Wilson)** (G98), is teaching third grade at Christian Heritage Academy in Northfield, Ill.

David Tuckett (MHR98) is account manager for legal imaging services at Network One/Scan One, Portland.

Joshua Reid (G99) is the youth pastor at Cherry Grove Friends Church, Battle Ground, Wash.

Marriages

Lisa Ruvo (G93) and Jeff Knipe, Aug. 15, 1999, in Portland.

Timothy Leyden (MAT94) and Susan Lambert, July 3, 1999, in Portland.

Tiffany Hayes (G95) and Randall Schmidt, July 18, 1999, in Molalla, Ore.

Denise Rutherford (MHR95) and Bert Stone, April 24, 1999, in Tacoma, Wash.

Heidi Dougherty (G97) and Abon Johnson, Aug. 7, 1999, in Springfield, Ore.

Joni Starbuck (MHR97) and Gene Glenn, May 21, 1999, in Vancouver, Wash.

Travis Johnson (G98) and **Melinda Dyer** (n00), Dec. 19, 1998, in Albany, Ore.

Matthew Saltmarsh (G98, MAT99) and Sheila Worthington, June 26, 1999, in Canby, Ore.

Kristy Burns (G99) and Brandon Ellis, Sept. 25, 1999, in Gladstone, Ore.

Ryan Fast (G99) and **Erin Johnson** (G99), July 10, 1999, in Portland.

Births

Michael (n85) and **Nancy (Baugh)** (G88) **Fawver**, a boy, Gabriel McGaron, April 5, 1999, in Dundee, Ore.

Major (n85) and Diana **Inskeep**, a boy, Timothy Paul, Aug. 4, 1999, in Tacoma, Wash.

Becky (Holman) (G89) and Eon Friesen, a boy, Aaron Micah, Dec. 19, 1998, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Duane (G90) and Elizabeth **Larson**, a girl, Paige Elizabeth, Sept. 28, 1999, in Portland.

Pamela (Steiner) (G91) and Wayne Davis, a girl, Lauren Brandi, June 26, 1999, in Nampa, Idaho.

Patricia (Lanting) (G91) and Michael Jones, a girl, Juliann Marie, May 29, 1999, in Oregon City, Ore.

Pamela (Friesen) (G92) and Jeff Wilson, a girl, Gloria Ruth, May 29, 1999, in Greenville, Ill.

Ryan (G93) and **Hannah (Smith)** (G94) **Kendall**, a girl, Marissa June, Aug. 19, 1998, in Sharon Springs, Kan.

Sarah (Morse) (G95) and Matthew Emerson, a boy, Kai Emerson, Aug. 1, 1999, in Portland.

Jennifer (MHR96) and David **Gilroy**, a girl, Claire Danielle, July 9, 1999, in Tualatin, Ore.

Deaths

Marion Winslow (G27), May 14, 1999, in Newberg.

