In pursuit of healthy youth
Keeping college accessible to students

Dr. James C. Renick, senior vice president of the American Council on Education, recently addressed an issue that is a concern of every college president: “Never before in the history of American higher education have universities and colleges been called upon to provide leadership in responding to so many national challenges, from ensuring that our students acquire higher-order thinking skills to providing solutions for complex global social and economic problems. The pressure to respond is increasing and the perfect storm is brewing: demographic change, erratic state and federal support, and the need for a better educated workforce are forcing us to rethink the ways we conduct our business.”

Dr. Renick’s article was titled “A Call to Action for Promoting Expanded Access.” And I believe that he is right to be alarmed; studies show that a college education is more important and valuable than ever, but for some people it’s become harder to achieve.

When we hear about these problems, of course, we immediately think about the financial costs of higher education. At Linfield, we emphasize a personalized education for our students: the relationship between professor and student is fundamental to our mission and identity. But that kind of education is expensive. Perhaps it’s no surprise that the cost of instruction (i.e., compensation) makes up the largest portion of our operating budget. Small classes and personal attention come at a financial cost, and the cost of a Linfield education can seem daunting to someone who is interested in our college.

But at Linfield our second-highest expenditure is financial aid. Last year, Linfield College provided nearly $18 million in scholarships. Among our Oregon students, for example, nearly 10 percent came from families with incomes below $40,000. It has always been our mission to serve students from all walks of life, and that will not change.

So what does that mean for us as a college, and for you as our alumni and friends? First, we must emphasize that Linfield College will provide access to qualified students whenever and however we can. Ninety percent of our students receive financial aid.

It also means that we will continue to reach out to communities that are currently underrepresented at American colleges and universities. This is consistent with our heritage; it is also critical for the future of our society.

And finally, it means that we must continue to raise funds for scholarships at Linfield. If we are to continue with our personalized education, we will have to continue to charge tuition. But tuition income has never covered the full cost at Linfield; we’ve always relied on philanthropy. And future Linfield students will need more scholarship support than ever.

I was the first person in my family to go to college. That is also true for many Linfield alumni. I hope that you will help us make it possible to provide access to tomorrow’s students, and to secure the future both for Linfield and for our society.

– Thomas L. Hellie
Inside Linfield Magazine

Linfield’s connections to the community have been strong throughout the college’s 149-year history. In this issue, we explore the efforts of two psychology professors who are studying youth and providing valuable information to families, while giving their students an opportunity to conduct meaningful research. We also share the images and insights from one alumnus who spent six weeks embedded with troops in Iraq. Read on for two examples of the commitment of faculty and students who serve the greater community, both here and around the world. And we will give you a glimpse of the creativity of our students and faculty and some historical insight into why President Leonard Riley so opposed the sport of football. We look forward to celebrating the rich history of Linfield as we approach our sesquicentennial year, even as we plan for Linfield’s next 150 years.

— Mardi Mileham

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Mills paintings greet visitors to Melrose

Two pieces of artwork by Ron Mills, professor of art at Linfield College, were unveiled in Melrose Hall during a Nov. 1 ceremony.

Mills donated “Brinded Arc” and “Rampant Arc,” that hang in the foyer of the newly renovated Ice Auditorium in Melrose Hall. Mills hoped “to create a sense of place, and a warm, even luminous greeting for those first passing through the front portal [of Melrose Hall]” as they approach Ice Auditorium.

The two arches deliberately echo the entryways to the auditorium and reflect the artist’s special affinity for the arc form as congenial to the layered complexity of his style, with its open invitation to viewers to exercise their imaginations in response to his imagery. Among the more striking elements of the project has been its speed of conceptualization and execution: Mills began working in late summer and painted intensively through October.

Elsewhere on campus, artwork by Mills can be seen in “Vignettes: Recent drawings and acrylic paintings in grisaille,” the February art exhibit in the James F. Miller Fine Arts Center. The show runs through March 3 in both the Fine Art Gallery and Studio Gallery.

During February, Mills will execute a new large-scale painting in the gallery. Each Monday and Wednesday, the public is invited to visit with Mills as he works from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Musicians and dancers will perform impro-

Campus prepares for inauguration

“Educating Global Citizens” will be the theme of the inauguration of Thomas L. Hellie as the 19th president of Linfield College. A weeklong series of events from Feb. 23 through March 2 will focus on topics such as preparing students for a global society, international life at Linfield, and global health and global warming issues.

Tracy Kidder, author of Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, the Man Who Would Cure the World, will discuss his book Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ted Wilson Gymnasium. The installation ceremony will be held Friday, March 2, at 3 p.m. in the Ted Wilson Gymnasium. For a complete schedule of activities and events visit:

www.linfield.edu/president/inauguration.php

Walker receives volunteer award

Former Linfield College President Charles Walker was one of six individuals to receive the 2006 Oregon Governor’s Volunteer Award.

Walker, who led Linfield from 1975 to 1992, was named the outstanding senior volunteer, recognizing his work with the Oregon Cultural Trust and the Chalkboard Project.

After being appointed to an interim task force on cultural development by former Gov. John Kitzhaber, Walker went on to chair the task force’s development of the Oregon Cultural Trust. Additionally, he served on and chaired the Oregon Council for the Humanities and served as vice chair of the Ford Family Foundation. He is chairman of Foundation for a Better Oregon, leading the planning work of the Chalkboard Project. He also remains a current board member of Neskowin Chamber Music, the South Tillamook County Library and the Cultural Advocacy Coalition.

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vised routines at 2 p.m., followed by a discussion between Mills and invited guests about the subject of improvisation at 3 p.m. A closing reception and gallery talk will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the gallery in conjunction with the inauguration of Thomas L. Hellie as Linfield’s 19th president.

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Students learn the power of pollsters

Students from two Linfield College classes teamed up to design and execute a statewide pre-election poll.

Linfield juniors and seniors in Mass Media, Politics and Public Opinion taught by Brad Thompson, assistant professor of mass communication, and Social Research Methods led by Amy Orr, associate professor of sociology, came together for the project.

The poll focused on the governor’s race and the 10 initiatives that appeared on ballots across the state. Students created 50 questions, then conducted telephone interviews. In more than 200 person-hours of calling, students dialed approximately 8,000 telephone numbers and interviewed 253 respondents. The poll has a 6 percent margin of error.

Ryan Jones ’07, a mass communication major and Associated Students of Linfield College vice president, saw firsthand the huge effect polling has on public opinion.

“I have a better understanding of the power that lies in the hands of the pollsters,” he said. “Honest results can be skewed in the beginning with questions or in the end with how they are reported.”

The class project combined strengths from each curriculum, those of quantitative and experiential learning, according to Thompson.

“Students got hands-on polling experience and learned what it takes to run a poll,” Thompson said. “It makes it real for them.”

Orr agreed. In her Social Research Methods class, students learn about sampling, survey construction and administration of surveys. She said the project helped them to understand the process in a way that is not allowed by simply reading a book.

“They had a low response rate, and their sample does not appear to be representative of the population of Oregon voters, students learned valuable lessons about the complexities and challenges of conducting social research,” Orr said.

With responses ranging from hang-ups to yelling, Jones gained an appreciation for telephone pollsters.

“We all decided that from now on when we get calls like that we’ll give a nice answer instead of a slam on the phone,” he said.

Scholars take their work international

Linfield scholars are making their mark on the international scene.

Thierry Durand, associate professor of French, and Brian Winkenweder, assistant professor of art history, both presented talks at European conferences last fall.

Durand presented “The Non-Seriousness of Edification’ and the Depth of the Good’ at an international colloquium, A Century with Lévinas: Lévinas-Blanchot, Thinking the Difference, Nov. 13-16 in Paris, France. His presentation was a comparative approach to the two writers’ groundings of ethics. Fifteen nationalities were represented at the event. Winkenweder spoke on “After Words: Intention and the Homometrics of the E-Interview” at the seminar, Artist Participation in the Preservation of Installation Art, at The Ghent Museum of Contemporary Art in Ghent, Belgium, Oct. 19-20. The presentation focused on a three-year electronic interview Winkenweder conducted with conceptual artist Robert Morris as part of doctoral research. Morris refuses to be recorded by video or audio, only conducting interviews via email or fax.

Barbara Seidman, dean of faculty, underscored the hard work that lay behind such prestigious invitations. “Both Thierry and Brian have completed significant research to earn inclusion in these scholarly venues,” she said. “We are very proud of them and appreciate that they also bring this kind of international recognition to Linfield.”
Tackling timely issues

Two psychology professors and their students study local youth and the challenges they face.

In 2002, two young psychologists fresh out of graduate school settled into adjacent offices in Pioneer Hall and quickly became friends as well as colleagues.

Personally, Jennifer Linder and Tanya Tompkins, both assistant professors of psychology, have much in common. They are running buddies and young mothers— their daughters were born only 10 months apart.

Professionally, they began research projects in local schools with common threads of youth and family mental health. Linder is studying relational aggression with the Girls and the Media project. Tompkins is involved with the Families and Adolescents Coping with Stress (FACS) project and suicide prevention research.

Separately, they are tackling issues that hit close to home for Yamhill County families— stress, depression, aggression and suicide. Together, their research packs a punch that they hope will ultimately benefit the Linfield students they mentor and the local community they call home.

Families and stress

At any given moment, hundreds of Yamhill County adolescents are dealing with intense stress stemming from divorce, illness, relationships and grades. Tompkins believes that how youth define and cope with that stress is critically important.
“We live in a fast-paced, goal-oriented culture, and research suggests that we’re over-scheduling our kids,” Tompkins said. “Working parents are absent. Kids feel alienated. It’s a recipe for disaster when you think of mental well-being.”

Tompkins is studying high school students and the relationships closest to them - family and peers. She wants to learn their reactions to different types and levels of stress, and whether the reactions can be moderated either by the individual, peers or family influences. Tompkins and her students are analyzing and evaluating results from a survey completed by local high school students, their teachers and parents. Ultimately, Tompkins would like to expand her research to observe families as well.

As is often the case for researchers, one question leads to another as Tompkins and her students sift through stacks of data.

“T’ve always had ‘why’ questions. My poor mother,” she said with a laugh. “And that’s what psychology is all about. Why are we the way we are? Why are people so different?”

And that’s the challenge for Tompkins, a first-generation college graduate who enrolled at the University...
of Colorado with an eye on law school but quickly found her niche in psychology. Her love of children further pinpointed her child clinical specialty. If her work leads to solid findings, Tompkins may be able to help today’s youth better cope with demands they face at a young age.

Suicide prevention

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among 10- to 19-year-olds, Tompkins said. That is one reason she’s a member of the Suicide Prevention Coalition, a local organization formed in 2005 after a string of teen suicides in Yamhill County.

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– Tanya Tompkins

Last year, Tompkins and her students launched a research study to test Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR), a suicide prevention program, and to determine its effectiveness in Yamhill County schools. QPR teaches school district personnel how to recognize warning signs of potential suicide and refer students for help.

Tompkins and her students collected baseline data before school personnel received QPR training. Follow-up results indicate the training improved knowledge, providing participants with the ability to recognize warning signs of suicide and the confidence to intervene.

With the community research project finished, Tompkins and Jody Witt ’07, who helped draft the study, brought the research back to Linfield by integrating the QPR training into resident adviser (RA) orientation. Witt received a Linfield faculty/student collaborative research grant to create a study involving five other institutions to determine whether QPR is useful at the college level as well.

“This is research that has been needed for a long time,” said Witt, a psychology major and former RA who has worked closely with Tompkins for the past three years. “So many schools are using these programs and no one knows if they’re working. Most suicidal thoughts happen during transitional periods in students’ lives and RAs can see changes in behavior. They’re the eyes and the ears of the dorms where most students live.”

Community psychological research projects such as these not only build knowledge, but also directly help people. Witt knows that in addition to providing needed data for her research project, RAs came away with training crucial for their work with students.

“When students come upon a person who may be suicidal, they will have the tools to address that,” Witt said.

The suicide prevention work has broad implications for youth in the community, according to Kristen (Snook) Michael ’04, prevention specialist with Yamhill County. Michael, who is also a member of the Suicide Prevention Coalition, said Tompkins’ evaluation of the QPR training program is not only helping to identify short-term effectiveness and limitations to the program, but also will aid in improving training focus and methods.

Depression among people born after 1970 has increased 10 fold, according to Tanya Tompkins, whose work provides a snapshot of stress levels, behavior problems and emotional issues affecting local youth. In addition, she and Jody Witt ’07 studied the effectiveness of suicide prevention training, both in local schools and in the Linfield resident adviser orientation.
“Tanya’s research will certainly benefit the community, if as a result, we are able to educate community members in a more meaningful way and help those in need access important life-saving resources,” Michael said.

Girls and TV aggression

One source of stress and depression among younger girls is their relationships with peers. For Linder’s Girls and TV aggression, behaviors that use relationships for harm, such as rumor spreading or the silent treatment. Previous research on media aggression has focused almost exclusively on physical aggression, found more commonly in boys.

“Skills acquired in relationships early in life tend to impact later relationships,” she said. “If a girl is using relational aggression in a friendship in childhood, that has implications for her functioning throughout the rest of her life.”

Both aggression and media were topics of interest to Linder during graduate school at the University of Minnesota Institute of Child Development when she completed an internship at the National Institute on Media and the Family.

Last year, fifth-graders answered questionnaires about their relationships and favorite TV shows. Now, Linfield students are watching the TV programs to provide a breakdown of the types and levels of aggression.
in each show. Preliminary findings suggest that relational aggression occurs at the same rate as physical aggression. Ultimately, Linder will examine how viewing aggression relates to children's behavior in relationships.

Kelsey Lyle '07, a psychology major and Linder's research assistant for the past three years, has been surprised by the adult-like viewing habits of the preteens. "A lot of girls listed shows that don't seem appropriate for fifth-graders," she said. "I wonder how and why they are allowed to watch these shows."

During a second component of the study, Linfield students also observed and videotaped girls with their best friends to assess the quality of their friendships and conflict resolution skills.

Linder's project has resulted in a plethora of data and research possibilities for students. Last year, Lyle used TV and movie ratings to examine whether girls who watched age-inappropriate media used more aggression.

"There is so much data," Lyle said. "When you're collecting it you don't think about how many directions it can take, but when you look through the questions you realize there is a lot to work with."

Don Benton, a counselor at McMinnville's Memorial Elementary School, said projects like these help local school personnel to better understand youth issues.

"This research is important," Benton said. "It's heightening awareness of situations when kids feel uncomfortable. We need to empower kids to recognize when there's a problem and teach them to deal with it in ways that are respectful of others."

Once findings are compiled, Linder hopes to share the results with the community, and ultimately hopes they influence parents' decisions about media use. She would also like to see the school district adopt a media literacy program to educate students about media influences.

Meanwhile, her advice to parents is simple. "Know what your children watch and talk about it," Linder said. "Research has shown that if you talk to your children about what they're watching, the negative effects of media are greatly diminished. If even one parent changes media practices at home, I feel this has been a success."

Sparking questions

More than just assisting Tompkins and Linder on their research, students have developed projects of their own and presented their research extensively at state and national conferences. In addition to Witt and Lyle, Chipo Dendere '08 is looking at the emotional adjustment of children who are forced to assume adult-like responsibilities. Ashley Reichelt '07, Jess Wilson '07 and Jennifer Schenck '08 have been instrumental in collecting data, while Cassi Lundberg '09, Kendall Moriarty '09,
The Linfield College Psychology Department has strong ties to the community, thanks to Linda Olds, who has been crafting win-win partnerships for more than three decades. Olds, professor of psychology, has coordinated more than 340 internships for Linfield psychology majors in the local community since her arrival at the college in 1975. The experience helps local agencies, while providing students with valuable experience as they seek jobs or graduate programs. "Internships are a wonderful two-way avenue," she said. "They enrich links and service to the community, while also giving students exceptional opportunities to experience the kinds of learning relevant to possible professional futures and toward applying abstract concepts from their classes."

With a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and a minor in community psychology, Olds makes sure students gain experience in understanding the vast range of human service and study. Thanks to her efforts, Linfield students have interned in locations including Juliette's House, Rainbow Family Services, Yamhill County Health and Human Services, McMinnville Parks and Recreation, Henderson House, Crime Victim Services, Oregon Department of Human Services, local schools and more.

Many Linfield graduates continue in local social service roles. Kristen (Snook) Michael '04 completed an internship at the Yamhill County Commission on Children and Families, where she works. "There are certain things that just can’t be taught in a classroom," said Michael, now a prevention specialist. "My internship helped me develop the skills to be effective in my current field, and I still work with many of the individuals I connected with during my internship."

– Laura Davis

Stephanie Pulliam ’07, Anna Breckenridge ’09, Holly Dyson ’07, Emily Jenkins ’08 and Milana Smith ’09 are helping to code the TV shows.

Community research projects such as these bring coursework to life, according to Witt.

“I never understood the importance of what I learned in the classroom until I started applying the knowledge to these projects,” said Witt, who hopes to become a school psychologist. “Concepts became clear to me. It was like putting two pieces of the puzzle together to see the full picture.”

Tompkins’ own student research and clinical experience proved pivotal to her career. As an eager undergraduate student at the University of Colorado, she became involved with a local mental health center and provided a respite for parents whose children had severe emotional and behavioral problems. One child in particular, an adopted 5-year-old with severe ADHD and bipolar disorder, touched her profoundly.

“The parents had only been away from her twice in five years, and one of the times she tried to set the house on fire,” recalled Tompkins, who became interested in family stress, treatment and diagnosis. “I wondered, ‘Why is she this way?’”

For Lyle, the past three years have inspired ideas about how to apply psychology in a career. After a stint in the Peace Corps, she hopes to pursue environmental psychology. She said the chance to work on cutting-edge research is exciting.

“This is a fairly new area of study,” she said. “Content analysis of shows being watched by fifth-grade girls has never been done.”

– Laura Davis

Internships build strong community ties

Digging deeper

Media and children’s development: www.mediafamily.org
Relational aggression: www.opheliaproject.org
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
Family involvement: www.family.samhsa.gov
Laurel Schultz '07 has come a long way from making doll clothes to creating all the costumes for a Linfield theatre production. She recently completed her first solo costume design for the play Mother Courage.

By opening night, she had designed and produced costumes for 15 actors, spending well over 100 hours from start to finish, including one entire night in the costume shop.

Although Schultz, an art major and English and theatre minor from Roseburg, has assisted with costumes for Woyzeck, Macbeth and Antigone, this was the first time she was responsible for an entire play.

She has found that the theatre is the perfect outlet for her fascination with period costumes. “With art, much of your inspiration comes to you in your studio,” she said. “But with theatre, it’s collaborative – you are working with the director, the lighting designer and the scenic designer. All of these people come together to create something. Everyone is bouncing ideas off each other, and I really like that.”

Her designs for Mother Courage involved input from Kate Hawkes, the play’s director, and Ty Marshall, professor of theatre arts and director of theatre who was the scenic and lighting designer. Schultz did extensive research on World War I-era fashion and developed a color palette that she and Marshall used in both the set and the costumes. She initially produced sketches before completing her final renderings.

Then came the painstaking work of producing the costumes. Schultz purchased the fabric, made the patterns and supervised the sewing with three other students who helped produce the final costumes. She felt fortunate that she was able to rent most of the military uniforms, although she did design the military insignia used on the uniforms and on a rug in the set.

Some of the characters presented challenges in the design process. “Some roles were harder to visualize because they didn’t have a lot of lines, so it was difficult to get a feel for their character and what they looked like,” Schultz said.

Making the patterns was also a challenge. With no formal training in pattern making, she used parts of patterns the theatre had in stock and made up the rest.

“I had never done it before, but it turned out pretty well,” she said with a laugh.

Schultz has a good eye for the art, for design and for putting everything together, said Marshall, the director of the theatre arts program. “She has the talent, the attention to detail and the artistic tools to not only design the costumes, but to make them become a reality,” he said. “She understands the characters and what an actor needs to help bring those characters to life. She has patience and works very well with the actors and with other designers on the production team. I have great respect for her work and what she brings to the table as a designer.”

Schultz got a taste of professional theatre last summer when she interned at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, working in both the rental and costume shops. In addition to working on the festival’s web pages, she helped build costumes, spending two days hemming a giant cape for the production of King John.

Her designs for Mother Courage will be entered in the regional competition of the American College Theatre Festival, and this spring she will design the costumes for the Salem Repertory Theatre’s production of Steve Martin’s Underpants.

The work of costume design is challenging and can be stressful, yet
all of it is fun, Schultz said.

“Seeing my pictures and the designs on stage as real costumes was really cool,” she said. “The renderings I have of Mother Courage and how Katie (Dolph ’08 in the title role) looks on stage are really similar. It’s exciting because it looked just like I wanted it. The concept became reality.”

– Mardi Mileham

Laurel Schultz ’07 takes another measurement before she begins pinning the pattern and cutting the fabric. She has been working in the costume shop since her freshman year, beginning with The Crucible. This fall, she created all the costumes for the Linfield production of Mother Courage.

In addition to designing and building the costumes, Schultz also assisted as needed, fixing hair or helping the actors dress.
Two years ago, Tara Lepp stepped off a plane into a country that would change her life. Now she’s hoping to change the lives of Linfield College students as well, by sharing her African experiences.

Lepp, professor of health and human performance and head athletic trainer, spent two weeks in Rwanda as part of a medical mission team with Open Arms International, providing health care to approximately 800 children. She returned last summer, this time for a month, dividing her time between Rwanda and Kenya.

“It is our desire to find the poorest of the poor and make a difference in their lives,” Lepp said. “We try to find the street children, and in Africa there are millions.”

Surrounded by poverty, severe malnourishment and serious health problems, Lepp assisted nurses and doctors in medical clinics and ran the pharmacy, all the while entertaining children and families awaiting care.

A member of the Linfield faculty since 1982, Lepp is taking her work in Africa into the classroom. On her most recent trip, she began research on traditional healing methods, thanks to the support of a Linfield faculty development grant. She has incorporated part of that information into a class, Complementary Healing Methods, which examines the effect of prayer, humor and animals on the healing process. The course also explores healing methods used in other cultures. She plans to develop a travel course during which students can work in a medical facility in Eldoret, Kenya.

In Rwanda, people are dealing not only with poverty, but also with the emotional trauma of the 1994 genocide. During a period of about 100 days, two extremist Hutu militia groups massacred approximately 1 million ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Rwanda. Lepp commonly met orphans whose parents were killed during the genocide.

“Everybody I’ve met in Rwanda has been affected by the genocide in some way,” Lepp said. “One-eighth of Rwanda’s 8 million citizens were slaughtered. Twelve years later, they’re still trying to recover and heal from that. They have a long way to go.”

Still, Lepp was encouraged by the improvements since her last visit. Open Arms International partners with indigenous ministries to support local residents, and Lepp saw a new school, orphanage and water tank built since her first trip.

Lepp has spent the past two decades combining her medical skills with mission work. In 1986, she made her first of two trips to Scandinavia with Athletes in Action and has been hooked ever since. She traveled to Russia twice with Josh McDowell Ministries, and has worked in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Lepp admits she struggles with the contrast between her work in the United States and Africa. At Linfield, she provides health care for basically healthy young athletes. In Africa, her work literally saves lives.

“It’s changed my life,” she said. “I know my life’s calling is to help relieve suffering in the world; in particular, to try to help improve the health care in Africa and give them the hope of Jesus.”

~ Laura Davis
Joshua Seethoff ’07 knows what it’s like to be on the streets.

So he feels right at home organizing the Hobo Sock Extravaganza at the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing. Or collecting oral hygiene products from local dentists. Or volunteering his services with the Adventist Medical Van in Portland.

A lanky, soft-spoken man, Seethoff is quietly determined to make the world a little bit better. And he has found it’s not that difficult.

During his monthly stint with the medical van, he helps take vital signs, dispenses hygiene kits, distributes clothes and sometimes just listens to people’s stories.

His Hobo Sock Extravaganza was an outgrowth of that work after he noticed that many homeless people desperately needed socks. By simply putting a box on the Portland Campus, sending an email and contacting some friends, he was able to fill two large boxes with socks that he distributed through the van.

“Socks are a huge issue for this population because of the wet climate and the fact that they are always on their feet,” he said. “It’s amazing how much that pair of clean socks means to them. When they say thank you, you know you are making a difference in their life. That’s why I got into nursing – the feeling you get from helping people. You don’t need to cure cancer to help someone.”

Seethoff knows what it’s like to struggle. He was addicted to alcohol and drugs and for a time, ate in soup kitchens and had no place to live. He credits the 12-step programs for helping him recover and figure out how he could contribute to society.

Seethoff’s enrollment at Linfield was almost providential. He completed the prerequisites at Portland Community College, but his application to its nursing program was rejected because of a clerical error. Uncertain what to do, he glanced at a piece of mail from Emanuel Hospital that mentioned nursing scholarships at Linfield College. He entered the program in 2004 and he still has that brochure.

Although undecided about a specialty, Seethoff is leaning toward psychiatric nursing or an area that will allow him to work with clients for a prolonged period of time. For now he plans to hone his clinical skills in a traditional hospital setting.

“Even though I’m a senior in nursing and I know all the skills, sometimes I like to just put my hand on someone’s shoulder when they are sick,” he said. “Just simply touching someone who is ill can be an amazing feeling.”

– Mardi Mileham
Tony Overman ’85 carries images from Iraq in his heart and head as well as his camera:

Soldiers handing out soccer balls and school supplies to Iraqi children. Sunlight glistening off bright red and yellow spices. A soldier inspecting debris from a suicide bombing.

An award-winning photojournalist with The Olympian newspaper in Olympia, Wash., Overman spent six weeks last fall embedded with the Third Stryker Brigade deployed from Fort Lewis, Wash., spending most of his time in Baghdad and Mosul.

In Iraq, the risk of violence is ever present. Overman raced down dark, narrow alleys chasing insurgents and caught naps alongside soldiers on a Baghdad street, using his helmet for a pillow. But there are also hours, days, weeks and months of routine and boredom, Overman said.

Although he and the squad were shot at on their first mission, their first day, Overman never saw his companions fire a gun the entire time he was there.

“We heard every day about firefights in the area, but they weren’t near us,” he said.

The Stryker Brigade’s goal is to train Iraqis to take over police functions, he said.

“In Mosul, they are making huge strides and the police and army almost run the city by themselves,” Overman said. “That was not the case in Baghdad. But, from a soldier’s standpoint, they are helping people, helping get schools open and getting electricity up and running.”

Overman went wherever the troops went, chasing after insurgents, patrolling the streets and visiting schools. He saw soldiers touch the lives of children and Iraqi citizens by passing out soccer balls and candy. In turn, they often got hugs and a chance to play with

Fort Lewis Stryker soldier Spc. Brian Arias, 20, of Riverside, Calif., waits in the pre-dawn darkness for an early morning sweep of the Hurriyah neighborhood in Baghdad. (Tony Overman/The Olympian)

Staff Sgt. Meksavanh Saphakdy, 26, of Tacoma, Wash., inspects debris in the streets of Mosul, Iraq, following a suicide truck bombing that killed 10 Iraqi civilians and one Iraqi policeman on Oct. 19, 2006. Saphakdy is a member of the HHC Close Target Reconnaissance Lightning Platoon from Fort Lewis, Wash. (Tony Overman/The Olympian)
local children who are caught up in the chaos of war.

“The army told us that the future of Iraq rests with the children who did not live under Saddam,” Overman said of his stint in October. “They are trying to get the kids to trust the army, the police, to trust authority and recognize that they are here to help and not hurt. They look for any chance they can to build that trust.”

The soldiers are amazing, Overman said, and many are kids themselves. He turned 44 during his assignment and was considered an “old man” in a unit where the average age was 22. Many were 19 or 20 and in their second or third deployment.

“It’s hard for people to understand what life is like there,” Overman said. “Weekends mean nothing. Days mean nothing. Birthdays and holidays mean nothing. You get up, do your mission, you go back and go to bed. And you miss home. I was there six weeks and couldn’t wait to get home.”

When the war started, there were 600 embedded journalists. At one point when Overman was there, with 160,000 troops, only 11 journalists were embedded with U.S. forces.

“If you only cover the people you are with, the odds of battles happening with your troops are slim,” he said. “Having only 11 journalists with the soldiers really reduces the coverage of the war. That’s why it’s important to have more journalists there.”

He clearly remembers the image he didn’t photograph: of a bright shaft of sun lighting up a man with a long white beard, sitting at a table covered with bright red and yellow spices. He got only a glimpse before racing by on the heels of an insurgent.

“I would have loved to spend hours or days shooting things I saw as we drove by at 30 miles an hour, things I never had a chance to photograph or see again,” Overman said. “I wish I could have talked to the Iraqi people about what it was like before the war.”

He wavers when asked whether he would go back again but he does miss the soldiers and worries about those men young enough to be his own children.

“People are facing some really difficult situations there, not just the Iraqis, but also our soldiers,” he said. “I get emails from them and I worry about them. It meant a lot to them that we were there covering them. That war is still going on, and we need to send more people to cover it.”

– Mardi Mileham
Taking the conversation from the class to the community

David Sumner wants to start a conversation - in the classroom, in the community and virtually anywhere people meet.

This conversation is anything but idle chatter - it’s filled with references to literature and rich personal experiences motivated by a genuine interest in hearing the discoveries and ideas of others.

That desire to generate discussions helped launch MacReads, an annual community book club open to all local residents, book enthusiasts, and high school and college classes. Once the text is selected, a series of conversations is organized, usually led by Linfield faculty and McMinnville residents. The program culminates in a campus reading by the author, where participants engage in a wide-ranging discussion. Selections have included David James Duncan’s *The Brothers K* and David Quammen’s *Song of the Dodo*. This year’s book is Tracy Kidder’s *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World*. Kidder will present a reading at Linfield on March 1 as part of presidential inauguration week activities.

Sumner, an assistant professor of English and director of the college writing program, believes a core value of a liberal education is to engage the wider community in discussions about important and interesting issues. One way to do that is through literature. Every poem, novel or play makes an argument and that argument has implications for how people interact and live together, he said.

“If we are going to exist as a community, we have to be able to share our beliefs with one another,” he added. “I’m very interested in how the arguments we make and the way we negotiate our views as a community lead us down certain paths. Can we do that in a way that respects the human being behind it? Can we do that in a way where we actually engage ideas that are beyond the prejudices we all bring to the table?”

That same attitude permeates his classroom, where Sumner encourages students to think critically, connect reasons with their beliefs and express their ideas in a public way.

“I want my students to think about how we evaluate the world and how we talk about it, without being foolishly simplistic,” he said. “I want to engage in a kind of ethical dialogue, but an ethical dialogue that is sophisticated, nuanced and not reductive.”

Barbara Seidman, dean of faculty, commends Sumner for “placing his considerable expertise and enthusiasm to work as an advocate for the role of writing - and reading closely the good writing of others - as a vehicle for the deep learning that epitomizes a liberal arts education.”

Sumner, an outdoor enthusiast, specializes in American nature writing and western American literature. He will take his expertise to the University of Bayreuth in Germany this spring under the prestigious Fulbright Junior Faculty Lectureship program. There he will teach two courses: Western Myth and Western Literature, and American Nature Writing. Sumner believes teaching and living in a different culture will help him broaden his perspective, which will benefit his students as well as himself.

Watching students begin to formulate their own world view - as opposed to their teachers’ or their parents’ - is the inspiration that keeps him in the classroom.

“The most exciting thing about teaching is when the students encounter ideas and begin to take command, to think about them and begin to negotiate their relationship with the world for themselves,” he said. “It’s exciting to come across a new idea or a new way of seeing an idea. Your world expands or adjusts or slightly changes. And that’s what education should be.”

– Mardi Mileham
Helping seniors stay independent

Linfield nursing students are pinning together a safety net for some senior citizens in East Multnomah County.

The Senior Safety Pin Project, launched with a $26,000 United Way innovation grant to the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing, East County One Stop and Human Solutions Inc., is linking senior citizens with Linfield nursing students who, in turn, connect them with services that help them remain independent.

The seniors’ needs vary. Many have chronic diseases such as diabetes, Alzheimer’s or congestive heart failure; others need relatively simple intervention to make their homes safer.

“I keep telling the students that growing old is really tough in our society,” said Karen Hubbard, an assistant professor of nursing who is also the clinical instructor for the Safety Pin Project. “Making sure that elders are safe, engaged and socially active is one of the small things that doesn’t require a prescription or insurance reimbursement.”

The Safety Pin Project is incorporated into the nursing curriculum and each student is assigned to work with three or four seniors. The students analyze the clients’ medications, assess the safety of their homes and identify resources such as transportation to doctors’ appointments and grocery stores to help the seniors remain independent.

Individuals with the greatest need are targeted for the project, and soon realize they are doing something useful as well as receiving help.

“Once they understand that they will help the students with their education by giving them hands-on experience, the seniors enroll,” Hubbard said. “It’s a triple win. It’s a win for the community because it’s a resource they don’t have to fund. The students win because the seniors are so gracious in sharing their time and their concerns. The elders win because they are sharing the reality of their own health concerns and the challenges they face, and they are decreasing their social isolation.”

The students are doing an excellent job of interacting with the clients, Hubbard noted, and have done far more than expected.

When Maria, a native of Italy, was struggling to control her diabetes, Amy Bruninga ’07 analyzed her medications and blood sugar levels, and after consulting with Maria’s pharmacist, suggested a change in the timing of her medication. That, coupled with some adjustments in her diet, has helped Maria manage her symptoms and regain energy. Bruninga took it one step further: She did some research and ordered diabetic cookbooks - in Italian and English - to help Maria cook her native foods using less sugar.

Another client who was hospitalized with pneumonia could not receive housekeeping services until his mobile home was cleaned. The student recruited helpers – including his caseworker and a fellow student – and spent a day making it safe and healthy for convalescence.

For Jaime Warren ’07, much of the work is troubleshooting. Her first task is to get the clients to trust her and establish personal connections.

“If our goal is to keep these individuals in their homes, then we need to figure out what will make their lives better,” she said. “But it’s also about respect. Clients want to be respected for what they have done in their lives and how capable they are. It’s important that older people be respected. They often have a rich and amazing history.”

One of the biggest challenges for many seniors is loneliness and isolation because family members often live far away.

“This program gives them a connection,” Warren said. “It involves people who care and are willing to put time into this. That’s a hopeful thing, and people need that. You don’t know whose life you are saving or changing.”

Leigh Clayton ’07 talks to a senior citizen about the various medications she takes. Clayton was one of 21 Linfield nursing students who worked with over 50 seniors in the Senior Safety Pin Project as part of their clinical work in the nursing curriculum.

– Mardi Mileham
Pencil Us In

Nursing Alumni Day
May 5
Members of the Good Samaritan class of 1957 will be honored during a luncheon, followed by an evening alumni banquet.

Shakespeare Festival
Aug. 9-12
Alumni and friends will have the opportunity to see five productions during this annual trek to Ashland and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Ken Ericksen, professor of English and Shakespeare scholar, will lead the group.

On the road with President Hellie
March 7 Hollywood, Calif.
March 8 San Diego, Calif.
March 8 Newport Beach, Calif.
March 9 Palm Desert, Calif.
April 28 Honolulu, Hawaii

Discover Tuscany
Nov. 6-17
Join Linfield alumni for an 11-day guided tour in the Italian region of Tuscany. View Renaissance masterpieces including Michelangelo’s “David” while exploring the rich history of Rome, Pisa, Siena, Florence and Assisi. Experience fabulous scenery, food, art and wine.

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While celebrating his presidency’s 10th anniversary at the local First Baptist Church, on March 1, 1916, McMinnville College President Leonard Riley delivered the following judgment on football:

“When I was a lad in the country school there was one game which we played from morning until night, season in and season out… That game was football played in the old-fashioned way when kicking the ball was the main part of the game, and the running involved developed both muscle and lungs. The following year the change was made to the modern method of playing the game. I went out with the rest of the boys and practised (sic) the new methods, and then I said to them: ‘Boys, you’ll have to excuse me; I think too much of my face, my limbs and my life to run the risk of having them ruined in any such game as that.’

“What I have seen of the game since that time has but strengthened my conviction that the modern game of football has no more place in a Christian institution, or a civilized country, than has bull baiting and prize fighting. One of the first recommendations I made to the Board of Trustees of McMinnville College was that the game of football as then played should be prohibited. It was unanimously adopted; and Professor Northup, who has been with the College for more than a quarter of a century, insists that few, if any, of the actions of the Board of Trustees during this decade, have done any more for the improvement of the moral tone of the institution than has the elimination of this game with its spirit of rowdiness and brutality. In this respect I have seen another of my ideals of College life in such a way that neither the Trustees nor the Faculty would for one minute consider a reinstatement of the game in McMinnville College.”

One “modern method” that distressed Riley was gang tackling, eliminated by rule changes demanded in 1906 by U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt. As Roosevelt’s reforms took hold, the game’s image was bolstered. Its revitalized boosters included McMinnville College’s male students, who regularly lobbied to reinstate football. Their wish was granted in an announcement at chapel on Jan. 10, 1922. This welcome word was superseded that day by even better news in the announcement of Mrs. Linfield’s bequest and the name change for the college.

Given the timing of its reinstatement, the opponents of football, including Riley, may have focused as much on its cost as its morality. Still, in Riley’s defense, Roosevelt’s reforms did eliminate much “rowdiness and brutality” from the game.

– Marvin Henberg
Brosius named head baseball coach

Scott Brosius ’02 has been named Linfield College head baseball coach, succeeding Scott Carnahan ’73, who is completing his 24th and final season. Carnahan will continue as the college’s director of athletics.

Brosius will take over the program on July 1, having served on the coaching staff for six seasons.

Brosius began his professional career in the minor leagues in 1988 and spent a total of 11 seasons in the major leagues with Oakland and New York. He won three World Series titles with the Yankees in 1998, 1999 and 2000. Brosius was a Golden Glove award recipient, was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1998 World Series and played in the 1998 All-Star Game.

Players to honor Carnahan

Scott Carnahan ’73, who will retire as head baseball coach this year, will be honored on April 29 at the final home baseball game of the season. Watch for details on the web.

Sports writing broadens skills

Kelly Copeland ’08 and James Holan ’07 belong to two different worlds. Copeland, a reporter for the Linfield Review, only attends football games to socialize with friends. Holan, a key member of the Linfield football team, only writes when he is required to.

But as interns for Kelly Bird, the Linfield sports information director, they shared many of the same experiences while writing profiles and sports stories. The greatest thing they learned was not to be afraid to ask even the most basic questions.

“Sometimes when I’m writing player profiles, I have to ask them to clarify certain things,” Copeland said. “I don’t watch a lot of sports voluntarily, so I had to ask a lot of questions.”

Even Holan, the sports fan, is faced with the same problem. “I wrote a feature piece on volleyball and that was really interesting because I don’t know very much about the sport, besides what I learned in gym class back in high school.”

This push outside her comfort zone was especially valuable for Copeland, who hopes to pursue a career in journalism. After years of writing straight news and feature stories, she knew that the versatility of sports would add a significant experience to her value as a writer.

“I’ve learned that I can have an interest in writing about something that I don’t necessarily have a direct interest in like sports, and still appreciate them and the people who play them,” she said.

Holan and Copeland, who are both mass communication majors, have also gained a greater appreciation for the field of sports media.

“When I thought of jobs in sports media all I really thought of was sports journalism, and it’s nice to see a lot of PR-type positions at even small schools like this,” Holan said. He was impressed by the time and energy that directors like Bird put into promoting their college sports teams to garner news coverage and spectator attendance.

Although Copeland and Holan’s role was to assist Bird in his daily tasks, they did more than just that.

“Kelly and James helped spotlight the positive experiences students who compete in athletics are enjoying at Linfield,” Bird said. “Their writing communicated less about sports and more about the interesting personalities of our student-athletes, beyond what the public sees on the field or court.”

– Kasey Richter ’09
1930-39

Joseph Medicine Crow ’38 of Lodge Grass, Mont., published Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond. In this memoir, Crow shares his memories of growing up as both a Baptist and a believer in the traditional Crow religion.

1940-49

Barbara (Lever) McLarty ’41 of Portland is involved in the arts and published a catalog of drawings by her husband, Jack McLarty, her third on his work.

Robert and Beverly (Walter) Kennedy, both ’46, of Bremerton, Wash., celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Oct. 20.

Walter Powers ’49 of Cheney, Wash., and his wife, Myrtle, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera.

1950-59

Vera (Weidner) Claussen ’51 of Soup Lake, Wash., retired from the Grant County Public Utilities District after 24 years.

Elmer and Myrtle Fricke ’53 and ’76 of McMinnville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 22.

Lauren Hedeen ’53 of Kennewick, Wash., is a writer, publisher and substitute high school teacher. He is the author of Mysterious Cabinet, Joe’s Girls and The Maestro of 88 Keys.

Billee (Poor) Burnett ’54 of Weaverville, N.C., and her husband, Delbert, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22.

John and Janet (Pedersen) Riley, both ’55, live in Boone, Iowa, where John teaches Bible studies to Chinese students at Iowa State University.

Glenn Tilton ’56 of Sacramento, Calif., is a work experience coordinator at Sacramento City College.

Merle Steva ’56 of Saco, Maine, is interim pastor for a United Church of Christ parish in Standish. He’s served several interim pastors since retiring.

Nancy (Terrell) Yacher ’57 of Lawrence, Kan., retired after 25 years teaching English at Washburn University of Topeka and the University of Kansas.

Peggy (Poor) Dawson ’57 of Jonesboro, Ga., and her husband, Lewis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 29.

Marion (Butcher) Weaver ’58 of Tamarac, Fla., spent a month in Europe.

Harry Morter ’58 of Newberg and his wife, Carol, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23.

Walter and Esther (Blockley) Nelson ’57 and ’58 live in Yakama, Wash., where Esther works in the church nursery and Walter rides horses.

Paul Maye ’58 of Penrose, Colo., retired as an Air Force brigadier general in 1988 and later retired again as president of Paul Maye Associates.

Williams Skillern ’59 of Boise, Idaho, is professor of political science at Boise State University.

Keith Sutfin ’59 of Clatskanie has served as president and a member of the board of directors for the Oregon Public Utilities District. He is helping build a marina outside of Clatskanie.

Paul Ward ’59 of Dallas received the 2006 Oregon Governor’s Physical Fitness and Sports Fitness Award for his contributions to youth and sports in Dallas for more than 40 years.

1960-69

Mary (Classen) Bell of Sequim, Wash., and JoAnne (Witter) Utne of San Jose, Calif., both ’60, attended their 50th high school reunion at Stadium High School in Tacoma.

Stephan T. Seable ’60 of Grants Pass volunteers for mission and humanitarian work in Chile.


Ross Rieder ’62 of Graham, Wash., is president of the Pacific NW Labor History Association and recently received the Robert Duggan Distinguished Supporter of Labor Studies Award from the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies at the University of Washington.

Elizabeth Ketcham ’63 of Freeland, Wash., serves the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island on a part-time basis.

Richard A. Huber ’63 of Lafayette, N.J., retired from the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board at the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. in May after nearly 33 years. He was associate executive director and corporate secretary at his retirement.

Robert and Dena (Guetschow) Jurries, both ’63, of Antelope have served as Young Life leaders for nearly five years.

J. Douglas Nelson ’63 of Anderson, Ind., received a distinguished service award from Anderson University, where he serves as professor of political science.

Judith (Blue) Hunter ’63 of Mount Vernon, Wash., recently retired as a computer analyst with the Boeing Company. She has traveled to nearly every country in the world.

Michael R. Garcia ’64 of Salem is a funeral director at Macy & Son Funeral Directors in McMinnville.
Barbara (Petersen) Keir '64 of Hood River and her husband, David, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in August.

Kenneth R. Williams '64 retired from Boeing Co., after 30 years. He and his wife, Janice (Sager) '64 live in Huntington Beach, Calif.


Alfreda (Pinther) Batдорf '65 of Coos Bay is chaplain and board chair of the Bay Area Hospital where she has worked for 25 years.

James Ferguson '65 of Salem won awards in the realistic category for his Har Wing, Spruce Fly, Spey Yellow Eagle and Caddis WhISP at the International Fly-Tying Competition.

John and Leslie (Culver) Gardiner '65 and '66 are retired and living in Beaverton. He retired after over 30 years in the pharmaceutical industry. She retired as assistant director of activities at an assisted living facility.

Frederick N. Holmberg '65 of Seattle, Wash., retired from teaching.

Robert G. Raffal '65 of Old Saybrook, Conn., retired from teaching and as athletic director at Bulkeley High School after 38 years.

Gail W. Adams '66 of Altadena, Calif., is president of the local Lions Club.

Dee (Phillips) Gardner '66 of Charlotte, N.C., is principal of Peaceland Open I.B. Middle School.

Carroll Morony '66 of Colby, Kan., is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Colby.

Mike Lalum '67 of Orange, Calif., was inducted into his 23rd sports hall of fame for achievements in long distance running. Mike has earned 5,314 USATF awards.

V. Dean Pade '66, '67 of Tualatin operates the Dean Pade Driving School.

Kenneth W. Moore '67 of Lincoln, Neb., was elected president of the College of Regional Ministers of the Christian Church-Disciples of Christ.

Robert D. Kennedy '67 of Bartlesville, Okla., is a senior IT analyst for ConocoPhillips.

Stuart and Sandra (Adams) Young, both '67, settled in Sunriver after living abroad in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Jamaica, Norway, Japan, Thailand and Costa Rica.


1970-79

Jody Stahanecyk '70 of Portland is one of the founders and serves as chair of the board of Child Centered Solutions, a nonprofit that advocates for children whose parents are divorcing. She is president and founder of Stahanecyk, Kent, Johnson and Hook law firm.

Christine James-Brown '72 of Riverdale, Ga., is vice president of student services at Atlanta Tech College.

Jan Edmondson '72 of Arlington, Va., completed her assignment as senior public affairs advisor and spokesperson for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the Department of State in Washington, D.C., in October. She is now the policy officer for the department's Bureau of International Information Programs Near East Division, focusing on Iran.

Mike McBride '72 of Twin Falls, Idaho, is chair of the College Relations Committee of the Linfield College Board of Trustees.

Margaret Ann Cowden '72 of Bridgport, Pa., will retire in July as the national ministries' treasurer and chief financial officer after nearly 30 years of ministry with the American Baptist Churches, USA.

Vernadene (Fitzgerald) Anderson '73 of Salem retired from teaching science at Sprague High School and now volunteers at an elementary school. She is also the voter services chair for Marion and Polk counties.

Jonathan S. Moore '73 of Laguna Beach, Calif., was awarded a master's of divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in June.

Kenneth Kehrer '73 of Teadsdale, Utah, retired after 31 years with the National Park Service.

Patty (Schewe) Bogle '73 of Clarksburg, Calif., was elected to the board and as treasurer of PS. I Love You, the Petite Sirah advocacy group.

Suzan (Ayers) Carrico '73 of Aloha retired from the Scappoose School District after teaching second and third grades for 30 years.

Steve Neilson '74 of Enumclaw, Wash., was selected to the all-century football team at Hoquiam High School in Hoquiam, Wash. The teams were made up of the best players at each position over the last 100 years. He was selected as tight end.

Pam Simpson '74 of Newport runs the Taf Taf High School hospitality business management program, which is part of the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's ProStart Program that sets a national curriculum for teaching students food service skills.

Douglas J. McBride '74 of Billings, Mont., was appointed to the board of directors of Glacier Bancorp, Inc. He is also on the board of Western Security Bank. He is an optometrist.

Ronald D. Callan '74 of Hillsboro does the radio play-by-play for men's basketball at the University of Portland.

Beth (Dolby) Surrell '74 of San Diego, Calif., is the web master at the University of California Medical Center.

Joseph and Joel (Smith) Yundt '73 and '74 live in Willsboro, N.J., where Joseph celebrated the 25th anniversary as pastor of Parkway Baptist Church.

Anne (Frisbie) Byrd '75 of Vancouver, Wash., is vice president and compliance manager at Umqua Bank.

Barbara (Nash) Bevens '75 of Friday Harbor, Wash., was selected lead teacher (K-8) for Griffin Bay Elementary, the home schooling arm of the San Juan Island School District.

Dana (Saabye) Wolf '75 of Keizer retired from Keizer Elementary after 30 years of teaching.

Jim Franklin '75 of Shorewood, Minn., received the CEO Award at the 2006 Ecolab Global Leadership meeting. He is vice president and general manager of the North American Textile Care business.

Marilin (Miller) Grey '76 of Estacada retired as kindergarten teacher after 30 years in the Estacada School District.

R. Sherman Trigg '76 of Santa Clara, Calif., is soccer coach at Santa Clara High School.

John Anderson '77 of Virginia, Minn., is pastor at the North Country Christian Center in Eveleth.

Beth (Cordes) Thompson '77 of Milwaukee, Wis., is directing an English language program for immigrants.

Peter Howland '78 of McMinnville has joined the development staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters Northwest in Portland. He was previously director of research and donor services at The Westminster Academy.

Janice A. Free '78 of Flagstaff, Ariz., received an MBA with an emphasis on health care management from the University of Phoenix.

James M. Taylor '79 of Portland is vice president of commercial lending at the West Coast Bancorp.

1980-89

Mike Yonker '80 of Portland is CFO of Pixelworks.

Devin K. Callihan '80 of Salem received an associate of arts degree in legal assisting from Pioneer Pacific College.

Kirby A. Neumann-Rea '80 of Hood River is chair of the Hood River County SMART literacy program.

Shelley (Paxson) Herron '80 of La Mesa, Calif., is senior writer for portal services at the University of California at San Diego.

Edward P. Brands '80 of Vancouver, Wash., a captain in the U.S. Navy, completed a year's assignment with the Chief of Naval Operations in the Pentagon planning for the future of the submarine force. He received a meritorious service medal while serving there.

Alison (Tucker) Giesy '80 of Kirkland, Wash., is chair of the science department at Shorewood High School.

Karen (Nance) Small '82 of Fort Meade, Md., adopted a son, Jonathan, in December, her fifth child. She provides foster care and is a substitute teacher.

Steve Kenyon '82 of Pendleton broadcast the National Finals Rodeo over the Pro Rodeo Radio Network.

Nikki (Hannum) Lai '83 of Mililani, Hawaii, manages two stores named Welcome to the Islands.

Lisa Sewell '83 of Salt Lake City, Utah, is the executive director of the Utah Arts Festival.

Mike Glenn '84 of Sequim, Wash., is associate administrator of Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia.

Sabrina (Bergquist) Walters '84 of Beaverton is youth and family therapist at Glencro High School in Hillsboro and is teaching in the master's of counseling program at George Fox University.

Shiela (Long) Rector '84 of Yamhill is working on a doctorate at Portland State University.

Joseph K. Kinder '85 of Walkerville, Md., was promoted to captain in the U.S. Navy.

William J. Harris '85 of Auburn, Wash., and his wife had a daughter, Towa Rae, Aug. 25. He owns and operates Straita A. Remodel and Repair.
Vickie-Marie Parker Ward ‘85 of Ashland is a Jackson County master gardener, active in Masonic organizations and busy with fabric arts. In November she received PADi open water scuba diving certification. She retired from the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance in 2005 but was called back for much of last year to assist with a backlog of complaints and labor relations issues.

Maralina (Cross) Shaw ‘85 of Vancouver, Wash., and her husband, Bill, had a daughter, Sophia, in March, their second.

Donald and Dawn (Harley) Jones ‘85 and ‘88 live in Forest Grove, where Don was voted home-town athlete.

Jennie (Guarnaccia) Silver ‘86 of Sacramento, Calif., has worked for Courtyard by Marriott for 15 years.

Christopher C. Rahm ’86 of North Plains has started a new business, Imp2Zillion.com.

Carl Bragiel ‘86 of Anny is one of a handful of people in the world who can fly three kites at a time. He demonstrated his skill at the Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival in October.

Jeff and Kristi (Vertrees) Mackay ‘88 and ‘91 of McMinnville had a daughter, Graceanne Virginia, Aug. 16. Jeff is associate dean of students and director of residence life at Linfield and Kristi is program coordinator for Career Services at Linfield.

Dana Kehr ‘88 of Aberdeen, Wash., married William Brannon July 8 in Tillamook. She is a nurse practitioner at Family Medicine in Grays Harbor.

Barbara Ibrahim ‘88 of Metolius is health services coordinator and school tobacco prevention program coordinator for Culver School District.

Linda Repp ‘88 of Portland is the first female Exalted Ruler of the Gateway Elks Lodge 2411. She is a senior investigator for the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

Rick Wills ‘88 of Beaverton was named Technology Executive of the Year at the 2006 Technology Awards ceremony, sponsored by the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Wills is the president and CEO of Tektronix Inc., where he started in sales and service in 1979.

Bryan R. Tebeau ‘89, ‘97 of Bend teaches at Bend Senior High School.

Brian and Ginger (Kneeland) Morrissey ‘89 and ‘91 of McMinnville had a daughter, Jillian Joann, Nov. 19.

Pamela Weber ‘89 of Halsey was featured in a concert for the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts in January. She is a teacher and solo recitalist.

Karen Yip ‘89 of Singapore is human resources projects and planning manager at ExxonMobil Asia Pacific. She has worked at ExxonMobil for 10 years, working in nephaphia trading, commercial analysis, product optimism, supply coordination and retail sales.

1990-99

Elizabeth (Edwards) Holmes ‘90 of Vancouver, Wash., was included in a list of “Accomplished 40 and Under” in the Vancouver Business Journal.

Daniel M. Kiely ‘90 of Camas, Wash., and his wife, had a baby last February, their fourth.

Bari (Lanstra) Richter ‘90 of Boonville, Mo., is vice president and general manager of the Isle of Capri Casinos Boonville property.

Ami (Reitan) Johannson ‘91 of Woodbury, Minn., and her husband, Doug, had a son, Jack Arthur, April 12.

Rhonda Langley ‘91 of McMinnville and her husband, Bryan, had a daughter, Moriah Joy, July 10.

Gary Thorson ‘91 of McMinnville is head football coach at Dallas High School and reached the football playoffs last fall.

Sharolyn Mele Kaul ‘91 of Kealha, Hawaii, received NAON national certification as an orthopedic nurse.

Kristin (Bratsch) Rawls ‘91, ‘96 of Portland received her bachelor’s in nursing from Linfield in December.

Tanya (Contini) Frost ‘91 of Seattle, Wash., and her husband, Mark, had a daughter, Sofia Christine, Aug. 1.

Keith Mays ‘91 of Sherwood was re-elected to a two-year term as mayor of Sherwood. He is vice president of Electronic Wood Systems North America in Beaverton.

Steven and Noelle (Morgado) Granato ‘91 and ‘92 live in Kailua, Hawaii. Noelle is division director of prevention programs at PacMed Head Start.

Kenneth L. Weinberg ‘92 of Portland and his wife, Julie, had a daughter, Lucy, in April. He is head swim coach at Benson High School.

Wolfgang S. Hoffman ‘92 of Beaverton and his wife, Lisa, had a son, Porter, Aug. 26.

Naomi Ulsted ‘92 of Portland is a supervisor for a Job Corps Center.

Christopher and Dawn (Cartwright) Brown ‘92 and ‘90 of Portland adopted a son, Owen, last January.

Keith A. Feist ‘92 of Portland married Dana Pearson Sept. 16. He is second vice president of retirement planned administration for Standard Insurance Company.

Rebecca Cady ‘92 of Portland received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in May. She is an attorney in the Portland office of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP.

Barry H. Brice ‘92 of Honolulu, Hawaii, married Akiko Inai Nov. 27.

Roland and Don Don (Shaw) Williams, both ‘92, live in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Don Don is in her 10th season as head softball coach at North Idaho College. Last year they won the regional and advanced to nationals.

Barbara (Friberg) Brakett ‘92 of Vancouver, Wash., and her husband, had a daughter, KimberlyAnn Margaret, their second.

Aaron and Brandi (Thackery) Frye ‘92 and ‘94 live in Forest Grove. Brandi opened TipTop!, a family day spa in Forest Grove, and is also an authorized dealer for Xocai healthy chocolate and Hawaiian Lomi lomi home massage chairs. She is director of marketing at Intel and Aaron is a physical therapist at a local fitness center and with Washington County Hospice.

Jenny Bond ‘93 of Sherwood married Terry Anderssen Sept. 16.

Dijana Koprivica ‘93 of Cairo, Egypt, completed a master’s in teaching at Lewis and Clark College and teaches social studies at the American International School in Cairo.

Devon L. Evans ‘93 of Westlake Village, Calif., works for Animals for Hollywood, training animals for television and films. Her credits include The Haunted Mansion, Waking Up in Reno, Stuart Little and Pocahontas.


Suzanne Bullock-Smith ‘93 of Roseburg is a guidance counselor with the Department of Agriculture-Wolf Creek Job Corps in Glide.

J Graigory ‘93 of West Hollywood, Calif., created Hawk-a-thon: Mohawks for a Breast Cancer Cure in support of a co-worker at Jimmy Kimmel Live! who was battling breast cancer. Over $15,000 was raised in the first two days.

Colin L. Starr ‘93 of Salem and his wife, Sarah, had a daughter, Elana Elizabeth, March 31.

Joe Bridgeman ‘93 of Canby is principal of St. Agatha School in Silverton.

Suzanne Hansen ‘93 of West Linn had her book You’ll Never Nanny in This Town Again! The True Adventures of a Hollywood Nanny on the New York Times bestseller list. The paperback version was released in December.

Mary Buchan ‘93 of Glendale, Ariz., lost her house and car in Hurricane Wilma in south Florida.

Chris Gilman ‘93 of Jacksonville is a member of the Jacksonville city council and teaches fourth grade in the Medford School District.

Eric Horn ‘93 of Melbourne, Australia, and Gregory Cleave were joined in a civil union partnership in Wellington, New Zealand, in September. Eric is a project delivery manager for the National Australia Bank.

Brian Twardoski ‘94 of Cle Elum, Wash., is the director of finance and operations at the Cle Elum Roslyn School District. He previously worked as senior enterprise architect at Microsoft.

Linda Webb ‘94 of Silverton is the director of women’s services at Silverton Hospital.

Jim Good ‘94 formerly of Seguin, Texas, is head football coach at Hamline University.

Beth (Warburg) Gill ‘94 of Portland and her husband, Andy, had a son, Liam Andrew, Sept. 24, their second.

Marissa Mayer ‘94 of Portland is an associate at the Shepard Clinic of the Chiropractic Arts.

Theresa (Frink) McMurry ‘94 of Dayton and her husband, Alex, had a daughter, Tess Eileen, Oct. 17.

Steve Stuart ‘94 of Vancouver, Wash., is a member of the board of Clark County Commissioners.

Jessica Cozine-Lehman ‘95 of Colorado Springs, Colo., and her husband, James, had a son, Luke Campbell, Nov. 28. She completed her doctorate in physical therapy and is a physical therapist with Great Moves Physical Therapy.

Matt and Amanda (Griffin) Bedsaul, both ‘95, of Renton,
Alumni team up to explain the ‘mysteries’ of financial aid

Dan Preston ’83 wears makeup once a year – with good reason.

Preston, dean of enrollment management at Linfield College, is an annual panelist on Financial Aid for College, a live television show on Oregon Public Broadcasting.

Under the direction of producer Kate (Amick) McMahon ’98, Preston and two other panelists, along with moderator Steve Amen, offer clear, concise information about financial aid, as well as advice on the college application process. Segments about Oregon college students and families are interspersed throughout the program, and financial aid experts are on the set to field phone calls from viewers with questions. The program is sponsored by OPB and the Oregon Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, of which Linfield is a member institution.

“We’re always looking for ways to communicate financial aid information to students and families,” said Preston, who said he enjoys taking part in the yearly broadcast. “Some people say I’ve never met a microphone I didn’t like, and that’s probably true. There’s nothing like the thrill of live TV.”

The program has aired annually since 1994 and is one of the longest running programs on OPB, according to McMahon. She got her start at OPB as a Linfield intern and served as associate producer for The Newshour with Jim Lehrer and other programs. She also has worked on ABC Nightline, Frontline and Now with Bill Moyers, in addition to covering the 9-11 attacks for ABC News.

As a Linfield student, McMahon immersed herself in the communication department, exploring print, radio and video. She served as a writer and editor for the Linfield Review; deejay and news director for KSLC radio and

joined the video production club.

“The great thing about Linfield is that it’s a big small school,” said McMahon, who married Sean McMahon ’97 in 2004. “It has everything a student needs to study broadcast journalism or mass communication, yet there aren’t crowds of students.

“I’m very grateful for the trajectory I’ve been on since graduating from Linfield. Linfield really formed the foundation for my skill set and gave me the confidence I needed to set out on my own. Because it was small enough, I was not impeded by a crowd of people. There was room for me there.”

Financial Aid for College will air periodically throughout the spring, and the program is offered online at www.opb.org.

— Laura Davis

Chun and Andrea (Wetzel) Jang ’95 and ’94 live in Middletown, Del. Chun received his law degree from the George Washington University Law School and is an associate with Richards, Layton & Finger in Wilmington.

Stacy (Langley) Aldridge ’95 of Colorado Springs, Colo., is an assistant principal at Sand Creek Elementary School.

Jennifer (Seeley) Boehmer ’95 of Portland and her husband, Gabriel, had a daughter, Amelie Gabrielle, July 13. Jennifer is the assistant director of district marketing for Portland Community College.

Heather (Stumpf) Johnson ’95 of Portland and her husband, Brandon, had a daughter, Riley Grace, in March.

Stacy (LeRoy) Loverich ’96 of Poulsbo, Wash., and her husband, Tom, had a daughter, Sophia, their third.

Ericlee Gilmore ’96 of Fresno, Calif., had a daughter, Melani, May 28. He teaches elementary physical education.

Tracey (McLoughlin) Wright ’96 of Gearhart and her husband, Ron, had a daughter, Elie Louise, Oct. 20, their third.

Jennifer (Ward) Thompson ’96 of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, and her husband, Jeremy, had a son, Keilan Allister, Jan. 2, their third.

Melissa (Hayward) Goode ’96 of Santa Barbara, Calif., won the women’s division of the Long Beach International City Bank Marathon.

Amy (Emmott) Hayes ’96 of Hood River and her husband, Andrew, had a daughter, Claire Amelia, April 15.

Monica (Butts) Steele ’96 of Warrenmont and her husband, Trinity, had a son, Walker Trinity, Sept. 21, their second.

John Brown ’96 of Haines and his wife, Rebecca, had a son, Grady James.

Heather (Fisher) Hunt ’96 of Portland and her husband, Matthew, had a son, Parker James, July 29.

Steffani Baily ’96 of Rogue River received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Purdue University in August. She is currently a post-doctoral scholar at Stanford University and is conducting research on nicotine dependence.

Grant and Samantha (Kennett) Eggleston ’96 and ’98

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live in Tigard. Grant is a mortgage broker for Paramount Equity.

Jefrey P. Aradine ’97 of Tigard and his wife, Diana, had a daughter, Piper, June 27.

Joseph and Nicole (Payne) Nowlin ’97 and ’99 of Beaverton had a son, Max Thomas, Nov. 25.

Amy (Bick) Jackson ’97 of Vancouver, Wash., and her husband, Aaron, had a daughter, Gemma, Nov. 26.

Kellie Shoemaker ’97 of Eugene married Matt DeVore Sept. 3. She is a graduate student at the University of Oregon.

Mark Kurius ’97 of Waipahu, Hawaii, teaches health and is assistant football coach and defensive coordinator at Leilehua High School.

Heidi (Springer) Clayton ’97 of Cornelius completed a master’s in teaching at Pacific University and is in her 10th year teaching first grade at McKinney Elementary School in Hillsboro.

Matthew and Eris (Miller) Craven, both ’97, of Bend had a daughter, Leah Renee, Oct. 10.

Megan Muth-Larson ’97 of Salem and her husband, Kevin, had twin sons in March.

Gardner Timmons ’97 of Oakland, Calif., and his wife had a daughter, Maya, in September, their second. He is a third grade teacher at Redwood Day School.

Allison Roll ’97 of Broomfield, Colo., received a bachelor’s in nursing from Regis University.

Albert and Michelle (Crane) Khee ’98 and ’97 of Sherwood had a daughter, Sathi, April 12.

Ben Wolcott ’98 of McMinnville teaches drama and English at McMinnville High School.

Errin Neufeld ’98 of Tualatin married Genaro Esparza in June in Puerto Vallarta. She teaches first and second grade at Hopkins Elementary School in Sherwood and is active in the Sherwood Education Association, currently serving as secretary. She has traveled to Europe and returned to Costa Rica where she studied as a student.

Kerrie (Wilson) Oliver ’98 of Canby and her husband, Ryan, had a son, Kellen Wilson, Aug. 18, their second.

Robert Olson ’98 of Hollywood, Calif., received his master’s in anesthesiology in August from the University of Southern California and is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist working at UCLA Medical Center.

Michael G. Moore ’98 of Forestville, Calif., is associate winemaker at Zichichi Family Winery.

Cathleen (Henriksen) Steneljern ’98 of Buckeye, Ariz., teaches fourth grade and is completing her master’s degree in elementary education at Arizona State University.

Cara Caddell ’98 of McMinnville is a pediatrician at Physicians Medical Clinic.

Autumn (Martin) Howard ’98 of Myrtle Creek and her husband, Aaron, had a son, Hayden Aaron, July 21.

Mark Wissel and Kristel Nelson, both ’98, live in Portland, where she founded Picante Solutions Inc., a Hispanic marketing firm that connects businesses with the Northwest’s growing Latino community.

Alicia (Nolan) Carlson ’98 of Lincoln, Neb., and her husband had a son, William Matthew, Oct. 27, their third.

Ryan Kimball ’98 of Stanwood, Wash., and his wife, Beverly, had a son, Scott, June 17.

Anousone (Khothsonbat) Evonuk ’98 of Sherwood and her husband had a daughter, Mari Sommey, their second.

Justin V. Taylor ’98 of Spokane, Wash., and his wife, Michelle, had a son, Abraham Vogler, Oct. 23, their second.

Jessica (Hickox) Meyer ’98 of Portland and her husband, Greg, had a daughter, Avery Marion Keonaona, July 16. Jessica is a development officer for Linfield.

Letha (Embree) Randall ’98 of Salem is a lead instructor and teacher at Sylvan Learning Center.

Elaine (Green) Burke ’99 of

Former Wildcat ‘floors’ the Ted Wilson Gymnasium

As a Linfield College basketball player, Erik Sigurdson ’93 spent hundreds of hours in the Ted Wilson Gymnasium perfecting his game. Recently, he returned to the gym to perfect something else.

Sigurdson is founder and CEO of Courtsports Inc., a gym floor installation company based in Camas, Wash., which specializes in court floor graphics and game lines. In June, he designed, repainted with new logos and colors, and refinshed the new Linfield basketball court. He was ecstatic to return to the Ted Wilson Gymnasium.

“It was very rewarding to work on the floor that I played college hoops on,” said Sigurdson, a two-year starter in the wing position.

After graduating from Linfield with a business degree, Sigurdson worked at Griffith Park Athletic Club in Beaverton. One part of his job included finding cost effective ways to refinish the club floors, skills he ultimately learned himself.

“One day a light bulb went off in my head,” said Sigurdson, who combined athletic club expertise and floor refinishing skills to form Courtsports in 1997. “I always wanted to do something with basketball.”

Sigurdson has designed and installed floors for some of the most notable basketball teams in the Pacific Northwest including the Portland Trailblazers, Oregon State University, the University of Oregon, Washington State University and nearly every major college in Oregon, not to mention high schools, grade schools and commercial facilities.

He fields thousands of emails and phone calls each week and recently franchised his business. Scott Koivunen ’91 owns a Courtsports franchise and Sigurdson hopes to expand across the U.S.

Sigurdson learned commitment and dedication during his years as a Linfield basketball player, traits that have served him well in the business world. With 5 a.m. workouts, afternoon practices and evening games, basketball consumed much of his time.

“Basketball made me a hard worker and a better person,” he said. “It kept me focused and that same focus has given me the extra drive to stay motivated and get this business going. That has had a lot to do with my success.”

Sigurdson’s achievement is no surprise to Larry Doty ’79, head basketball coach, who describes him as a self-starter on court and off.

“Ted Wilson Gymnasium will be the showcase floor, not only in our conference, but around the state of Oregon,” Doty said.
McMinnville, and her husband, Scott, returned from Guatemala with their adopted son, Carson James John, Sept. 26. She is director of annual giving at Linfield.

Richard Salas ’99 of Powder Springs, Ga., and his wife, Michele, had a son, Brockland, Oct. 13, their second.

James A. Adams ’99 of East Wenatchee, Wash., and his wife, Sandra, had a son, Benjamin James, April 2.

Summer (Griffith) Sears ’99 of Redmond opened her own business, Summer Sears CPA.

Marcia (Gerdes) Harris ’99 of Monroe, Wash., and her husband, John, had a son, Mason, June 11.

Julie laptop ’99 of Medford married Frederick White June 17.

Elizabeth (Walsh) Hunt ’99 of Anchorage, Alaska, and her husband, Ryan, had a daughter, Abigail Joyce, Dec. 15. Elizabeth will complete her master’s in education in creative arts at Lesley University in April.

Tiffany (Lanman) Gore of Palo Alto, Calif., graduated from Santa Clara University with a master’s degree in administration.

Ryan Hilde ’99 of Wilsonville is a manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Ericka Moore ’99 of McMinnville married Christopher Rada Aug. 5.

Kristine (Kilpatrick) Diederich ’99 of Bellevue, Wash., and her husband, Michael, had a daughter, Maribel Louise, Oct. 1.

Valerie Nelson ’00 of Portland married Grant Gaskill Feb. 11.

Lori Sasaki ’00 of Millilani, Hawaii, married Richard Pasacul June 17.

Mark Mathison ’00 of Bozeman, Mont., and his wife, Heather, had a daughter, Riley Abigail, Oct. 4.

Melodee Smith ’00 of Portland received her master’s in counseling psychology from Lewis and Clark College Graduate School of Education and Counseling. She is a mental health therapist in the juvenile justice system.

Trisha Wilder ’01 of Portland married Andrew John, Aug. 25.

Kari (Newby) Silvers ’01 of Hayden, Idaho, is a massage therapist and clinical coordinator for the Wellness Center at Gritman Medical Center in Moscow.

Tyler Spurgeon and Pamela Ball, both ’01, were married July 30 and live in Woodburn. Tyler works at Exelixis Plant Sciences in Woodburn and Pamela teaches Spanish literacy at Canby Elementary School.

Cheryl Hill ’01 of Oregon City received her master’s in library and information science from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and works as a librarian for several Portland area libraries.

Heather Thompson ’01 of Portland passed the CPA exam.

Shannon Tait ’01 of MASON, Wash., completed a master’s in marriage and family therapy at Pacific Lutheran University and is a therapist for Good Samaritan Older Adult Services in Puyallup.

Cassie Gill ’01 of Sherwood is an audit manager for Deloitte, White, Caldwell and Croy LLP.

Torben Severson ’01 of Cambridge, Mass., is in his first year at Harvard Business School.

Kathy (Allen) Preston ’01 of Ocean Park, Wash., teaches special education at Ocean Beach School District.

Greg Markley ’01 of Salem works at the Marion and Polk Schools Credit Union (MaPS) Monmouth Branch. He was named MaPS Starcell Teller for September, earning the highest possible member evaluations and perfect balancing and accuracy. The award recognizes the recipient as the top teller among all seven branches.

Adam Howard ’01 of San Jose, Calif., graduated from Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in June and is in his first year of residency at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

David Anderson ’01 of Portland is vice president and senior business relationship manager at Wells Fargo.

Rob Schlegel ’01 of Missoula, Mont., married Kisha Lewellyn Aug. 5, in Missoula. He completed his master’s in creative writing at the University of Montana and is an English teacher at Missoula Community College.

Anniia Alin ’01 of McMinnville married Michael Schilling July 22 in McMinnville. She teaches in the McMinnville School District.

Alaya (Fargard) Lundberg ’01 of Olympia, Wash., and her husband, Andrew, had a son, Kirk Benjamin, April 25.

Scott Brosius ’02 of McMinnville will take over as head baseball coach on Linfield on July 1. He succeeds Scott Carnahan ’73, who is stepping down from coaching after this season.

Anna Warloe and Doug Stermer, both ’02 of Portland, were married Oct. 21.

Geoffrey Wunn ’02 of Portland married Brooke Kellstrom July 1. He is a registered nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit at Legacy Emmanuel Children’s Hospital.

Nicole Wattenbarger ’02 of Albany is a broker at First Commercial Real Estate in Salem.

Matt Loehrke ’02 of Missoula, Mont., is with the Missoula Children’s Theatre.

Briana Van Cleave ’02 of Murrieta, Calif., married Sean Rauch July 9 in Fallbrook. She is a third grade teacher at Calvary Chapel Elementary School in Murrieta.

Shanda May ’03 of Beaverton married Joel Green Sept. 2. She works for Nike.

Ryan Boatman ’03 of Sherwood is an audit senior at DeLap, White, Caldwell and Croy LLP.

Sarah Hawkins ’03 of Tigard married Matthew Pearce July 29. She works at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center in Tigard.

Kathryn (Diebert) Lederer ’03 of Hubbard is working on her family nurse practitioner degree at Frontier School of Nursing.

Elisabeth Neely ’03 of Richland, Wash., earned a master’s of education in special education from Heritage University in May.

Sarah Drew ’03 of Willamina married Jeremy Norwood July 22. She is a fifth grade teacher at Willamina Elementary School and working on a master’s degree at Oregon State University.

Peter Gerber ’03 and Kirsten Sinnott ’02 of Portland were married July 15. Kirsten is a kindergarten teacher in Hillsboro and Peter is an RN at St. Vincent’s Hospital.

Erin Burghardt ’03 of Nampa, Idaho, married Dev Breaux June 3. She is a health teacher and head softball coach at Columbia High School.

Jayne (Jonas) Simmons ’03 of Redmond, Wash., received a master’s in urban planning from the University of Washington in June and is an asistant planner with the City of Redmond.

Shawn Nagum ’03 of Toledo is a case manager for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

Lisa Eccles ’04 of Sherwood received a professional science master’s in applied physics from Oregon State University. She is a product engineer at WaferTech, a semiconductor device manufacturing facility in Vancouver, Wash.

Birch Barton ’04 of Brownsville recently returned from Honduras, where he served in the Peace Corps as a youth development volunteer.

Heather Henson ’04 of Vancouver, Wash., married Aaron Henderson Sept. 1.

Marian Steenkamp ’04 of Portland is senior accountant at Hoffman, Stewart & Schmidt PC.

Todd Rubin ’04 of Redmond, Wash., heads student-athlete adviso-ry services for Transitions Advisory Services, a company that offers college-planning services. He has taught and coached at Bellevue High School the past two years.

Whitney Costain and Tanner Marshall, both ’04 of Beaverton, were married July 29. She is a middle school teacher in Hillsboro and
Erika Sandberg ’04 of Vancouver, Wash., was promoted to store manager of Pier One Imports in Vancouver.

Tara (Bennett) Fernandez ’04 of Salem is a fourth-grade teacher for Salem-Keizer School District.

Quin Abrahamson ’05 of Hillsboro married Sean Denfield Aug. 26. She is a critical care nurse.

Brett Elliott ’05 of Lake Oswego has signed on with the San Diego Chargers and will play in NFL Europe. A European football league funded by the National Football League.

Katy Henriksen ’05 of Solana Beach, Calif., qualified to be an outdoor educator after attending the National Outdoor Leadership School.

David Rozovski ’05 of Champaign, Ill., is a graduate research assistant in the human factors division at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Peter Gilbertson ’05 and April Bolich ’02 of Sherwood were married June 10. He works for Portland General Electric and she works for Mentor Graphics.

Tommy Paterson ’05 of McMinnville married Chelsea Humphrey Oct. 14. Tommy signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox baseball team and will attend spring training in Tucson, Ariz., in March.

Shara-lee Sandaine and Jacob Schaefer, both ’05, of Portland were married Nov. 11.

Jordan Hollern ’05 of Great Falls, Mont., is an inside salesman for General Distributing Co., a gas and welding supply business.

Brett A. Booher ’05 of Forest Grove is working on a CPA at Moss Adams LLP.

Richard Shelton ’05 is playing professional basketball and is co-captain for the Sheffield Sharks in Sheffield, England.

Michelle Newkirk ’05 of Pomona, Calif., had a paper published in the journal Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science, based on research she did while working on her senior thesis on the Portland Campus. She is currently in the osteopathic medicine program at Western University in Pomona.

Andy Peters ’06 of Lake Oswego is training to be a human resources software consultant for SAP, a computer software company. After completing his training he will travel the Western United States implementing human resources software.

Chris Miles ’05 and Danielle Bielenberg ’06 were married in August. They live in McMinnville where he is a graphic artist at the News-Register and she is working on her master’s in counseling at Pacific University.

Dustin Blumenstein ’06 of Salem is teaching first grade in the Scio School District.


Joshua Jones ’06 of McMinnville is a marketing research analyst for the Oregon Lottery.

Megan Lieberman ’06 of Sutherlin married Travis Amerson July 15.

Meredith Berthot ’06 of McMinnville teaches first grade at Memorial Elementary School.

Rochelle Warner ’06 of Coquille teaches first grade at Lincoln School.

Seann Branchfield ’06 of Newport worked at the Oregon Council of Arts Theatre camp last summer.

Adam DeLattre ’06 of Sheridan teaches at Faulconer-Chapman School in Sheridan.

Shelly Steinke ’06 of Canby teaches third grade in Willamina.

Nancy (Rollins) Gantz GSH ’73 of Mea, Ariz., is chief nurse executive and part of the commissioning team for the newly constructed ARAMED Medical Centre in Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria, Africa. She previously opened a children’s cancer hospital in the Middle East that was modeled after St. Jude Children’s Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Linda (Marler) Fleming GSH ’77, ’85 of Madras received the Oregon Public Health Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award for 2006. It recognizes outstanding accomplishments in public health. She is the executive director of the Coalition of Local Health Officials, which represents all of Oregon’s local health departments.

In memoriam

Margaret (Ramsey) Good ’34 of McMinnville, Aug. 31. Survivors include a sister, Dorothy (Ramsey) Heida ’39; a son, William ’65; a daughter, Janet (Good) Anderson ’61.

Loisel (Haas) Bride ’37 of McMinnville, Aug. 27. Survivors include her husband, Cliff ’33.

Jeanne (Reavell) Spassov ’38 of Portland, May 27.

Gordon Bishop ’39 of Aloha, Sept. 21. Survivors include a brother, Donald ’39.

Ruth (Breeding) Johnson ’39 of McMinnville, Dec. 1. Survivors include a sister, Edna (Breeding) Britten ’31.

Marie Duerst ’39 of McMinnville, Nov. 11.

Richard C. Lawrence ’41 of Portland, June 23.

Donald A. Moore ’41 of Chino Hills, Calif., Dec. 6. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen (Ross) ‘40.


Donita Robertson ’43 of Jacksonville, Dec. 15.

Ken Williams ’43 of Newberg, June 20. Survivors include his wife, Edna (Lehman) ’41.

Virginia M. “Ginny” Carlson ’45 of McMinnville, Nov. 25.


Franklin E. Starkey ’49 of Hay Springs, Neb., Jan. 4. Survivors include his wife, Bernette (Cheney) ’52.

Joyce (Jones) Hancock ’50 of Auburn, Wash., Jan. 1. Survivors include her husband, Robert ’50.

Robert Hoy ’51 of Forest Grove, Oct. 11.

Francis W. Raines ’51 of Albuquerque, N.M., March 2.

James L. Kribs ’54 of Tualatin, Aug. 21.


Gary Wells ’60 of Oakridge, Dec. 22.

Garland “Gary” Booth ’60 of Corvallis, Oct. 23.

Karen (Boyer) Maine ’63 of Seaside, Dec. 15. Survivors include her husband, G. Neal ’62.


Claire (Miller) Hermon ’64 of Milwaukee, Dec. 17.

Robert M. Brown ’65 of Tualatin, Sept. 27.


John M. Fischer ’76 of Portland, Nov. 28.

Cathy Heisen ’77 of Wilsonville, Nov. 23.


Mark R. Willey ’83 of Duluth, Ga., March 9.


Angela (Kallien) Ulrich ’03 of Portland, Oct. 13.

Cheelse Peterson ’10 of Hockinson, Wash., Nov. 12.

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Advancing neurosurgery by building strong relationships

John Frazee ’67 understands the value of relationships.

Whether it’s as part of a team in the operating room performing delicate brain surgery or in the classroom mentoring students at the UCLA Medical Center, Frazee has become a world-renowned neurosurgeon by developing strong ties with his students and colleagues.

Frazee helped lead the team that in 2002 successfully separated Guatemalan twins who were joined at the head. One reason the procedure was successful is because the physicians performing the surgery were a team with a shared history in the operating room. Amid the high-tech monitors, precision tools and staff with world-class credentials, the exhausting 22-hour surgery became a lesson in the value of strong relationships.

In the classroom, Frazee, a professor of surgery at UCLA, nurtures the professional development of his residents and students. When they finally launch their private practices, Frazee invites them to his home for a celebratory dinner. Students reciprocate by sharing news about their families and consulting with him about challenging cases.

He maintains ties with Linfield as well. Last fall he returned to attend the annual Frazee Lecture, established in honor of his father, the late Gordon G. Frazee, former professor of religion. He visited several classes, impressing both students and faculty.

“He has a passion for inspiring students to achieve and pursue professional training,” said Lee Bakner, professor of psychology.

The theme of this year’s Frazee Lecture and Pollard Symposium, “Why God Won’t Go Away: A Dialogue Between Neuroscience and Theology,” is one that Frazee encounters on a regular basis.

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—John Frazee ’67

“Spirituality arises every day when I’m interacting with patients,” he said. “It shapes the ethics of our discipline.”

Frazee explored other paths before discovering his aptitude for neurosurgery. After graduating from Linfield, he pursued graduate studies at Berkeley until he was drafted during the Vietnam War. As a conscientious objector, he was assigned to work at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, where a brain surgeon invited him to observe an operation. Spurred by the opportunity and his mentor’s interest, Frazee enrolled in pre-med courses.

“I didn’t believe I was bright enough to be a doctor,” he recalled. “Each of us needs a mentor who will help us find the spot that fits us well.”

Although medicine is his passion, his strong liberal arts education allows him to engage in discussions ranging through a wide array of disciplines. He admits his background is unusual for a neurosurgeon, and says that despite his 120-hour work weeks, he reads widely in his spare time, most recently a history of the great generals.

When asked to name the predictable characteristics of top neurosurgeons, he listed them rapidly: physical dexterity; a keen sense of spatial awareness needed for forays into the 3-D architecture of the brain; passion; compassion; the ability to make decisions; and an unflappable combination of humility and confidence while performing high-stakes operations.

Twice a year, Frazee gathers eight individuals from among his top peers in the world. Their objective is to persuade fellow neurosurgeons to adopt a new procedure that uses sophisticated instruments to perform brain surgery through a dime-size opening in the skull — a less invasive and safer technique. With his colleagues, Frazee hopes to revolutionize approaches to neurosurgical protocols, education and insurance practices worldwide.

Frazee is a persuasive advocate for the power of mentoring relationships and collaborations that serve a larger mission.

“We have a responsibility to use our talents,” he said. “At Linfield, I learned that our role is to give back to the community. To keep something that’s important to us, we have to give it away.”

—Jodi Kilaup
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