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## **Alumni News**

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Roberta (Amundson) Morin '60, center front row, scrimmaged with other Linfield College alumni basketball players during a reunion in January.

## Morin recalls wimpy side of basketball

When Roberta (Amundson) Morin '60 took her place among other Linfield College alumni basketball players in the Ted Wilson Gymnasium, she found some things never change.

She was still one of the shortest and most competitive women on the floor. At age 70, she was also the oldest.

Morin and other former basketball players from the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and '00s gathered for a reunion, scrimmage and walk of honor Jan. 5 at Linfield.

"Roberta mixed it up and had a good time," said Robyn Stewart, head women's basketball coach since 1997.

Basketball has changed considerably and for the better, according to Morin, whose Linfield team played half court.

"Basketball back then was a little on the wimpy side," she said. "Then they realized girls weren't pansies. In sports, I could compete as hard as I wanted to. If I could have played football, I would have."

After earning a degree in physical education, Morin taught PE and coached, relishing each student.

"I could get along with the orneriest kids in school," she recalled. "I looked at it as a game and I had already done all the things they were doing."

These days, Morin remains active on her family's cattle ranch near Hereford and volunteers with Daughters of the American Revolution, Red Cross and Stonecroft Ministries. She is also active in the local theatre and her church.

"I always said old age was going to have to move fast to catch me," said Morin.

## Pencil Us In

### FEBRUARY

- 22 Holding Out band in concert, Portland
- 25 Portland area business luncheon
- 29 Luncheon, Palm Desert, Calif.

### MARCH

- 11 Alumni reception, Tucson, Ariz.
- 12 Alumni reception, Tempe, Ariz.
- 21 Brian Odell band in concert, Portland

### APRIL

- 5 Oregon ballot measures luncheon

### JUNE

- 29 "Avenue Q" – the musical, Portland

## Come on home

Come home to Linfield Oct. 10-11 for Homecoming 2008. Catch up with classmates and friends at one of the many weekend events – alumni picnic, football game, class reunions, the annual Linfield's Finest celebration and more. Reunions are planned for the classes of 1958, 1968, 1978, 1983, 1988 and 1998. In the mean time, take a moment to nominate a fellow Wildcat for an alumni award at [www.linfield.edu/alumni](http://www.linfield.edu/alumni). For more information, call the Alumni Office at 503-883-2607.

## Avenue Q

Linfield alumni are invited to "Avenue Q," the 2004 Tony Award winner for best musical, best score and best book, on Sunday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m. in Keller Auditorium in Portland. The comedy features a cast of people and puppets who tell the story in a smart, hilarious way. Join Linfield to get a special group rate – \$46 for center first balcony seats. The show is not recommended for children under the age of 13. For more information, go to [www.linfield.edu/alumni](http://www.linfield.edu/alumni).

## Croatian alumni tour

Discover Croatia, along with the Dalmatian Coast, Italy and Slovenia, during a 10-day tour Sept. 15-26. Highlights include Zagreb, Bled, Pletna boat ride, Opatija, Lipica stud farm, Trieste, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Split, Diocletian Palace, Dubrovnik, Korcula Island and wine tasting. For more information, go to:

[www.linfield.edu/alumni/](http://www.linfield.edu/alumni/) 

# Make the most of your Wildcat connection

What does it mean to be a Linfield alumnus/a? That can best be illustrated with a story.

Following graduation, a dear friend moved to southern California. While driving on the freeway one day, a man began honking and motioning wildly, begging her to roll down her window. Once she decided he was harmless, she complied. An elderly gentleman grinned and said "Linfield, class of '39." She responded, "Linfield, class of '93." He had seen the Linfield decal on her window and couldn't resist saying hello.

I love this story because it illustrates how much it means to be a Linfield alumnus/a – that we have a connection regardless of class year, geographic location or career. It means that we are all a part of and a product of the Linfield Experience.

As alumni director, I'd like to take it one more step: "What could being a Linfield alumnus/a mean?" There are several possibilities:

- a greatly expanded social and vocational network;
- programs, services and events designed to enhance our post-college lives; and
- volunteer opportunities designed to enhance the education of current students, elevate the reputation of Linfield and, ultimately, increase the value of our own degrees.

Part of my role as alumni director is to develop programs that will boost your status as Linfield alumni. If you have ideas and suggestions about how we can do that, feel free to get in touch with me at [alumni@linfield.edu](mailto:alumni@linfield.edu).

## Go Cats!

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[www.linfield.edu/alumni/](http://www.linfield.edu/alumni/) on the **WETS**



A group of Linfield College alumni and friends, spanning the 1950s through the 1990s, explored Rome and Tuscany during an 11-day tour.

## Seeing the Italian sites

As students, Tim Kubli and Dick Allen, both '69, led the Linfield College student body as senior class president and vice president, respectively.

In November, nearly four decades later, the two caught up with one another and reconnected with other alumni during a Linfield trip to Italy. Kubli and Allen, along with 20 Linfield alumni and friends, explored Rome and Tuscany during an 11-day guided tour. Linfield partnered with Collette Travel to offer a trip that included visits to Rome, Florence, Assisi, Pisa and Siena.

The diverse group included graduates from the 1950s through the 1990s.

"It was fun to see the ties between the generations," said Allen, former Linfield Alumni Association president. "The trip has spurred me to get back involved with classmates."

Allen, who collects Italian wines, enjoyed the small towns, particularly in Tuscany.

Mark and Nancy (Foster) McCollum '73 and '75 took the tour to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

"We both agreed it was a perfect opportunity," said Nancy. "We didn't have a lot of travel experience so this was a good way to start."

Both appreciated the friendships they made along the way.

"There was a camaraderie knowing we'd all gone to the same school," said Nancy. "It was easy to talk and get to know people. We did a lot of laughing."