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An artist's rendering shows the exterior of the proposed new Northup Hall. The south entrance will be enhanced and expanded and a shaft through the center of the building will add light inside. Many of the original architectural features will be retained in the building, which was designed by architect Pietro Bellusci and built in 1936.

Major facelift set for Northup Hall

Imagine a center that combines the liberal arts, professional studies and experiential learning with opportunities that spread far beyond the confines of the college setting.

Imagine a hall that houses diverse academic departments and invites conversation and collaboration among students and faculty. Imagine a class that could integrate management theory and the analysis of leadership in Shakespeare's tragedies.

All of that and more is planned for Northup Hall, which will undergo a major renovation to house the Departments of Business, Economics, English and Philosophy. It will also become home to a new Center for Regional Studies that will expand and support opportunities for members of the Linfield community who seek to learn about, research and serve organizations of various kinds in the Willamette Valley.

Northup was constructed in 1936 and housed the college library until it was moved to new facilities on the Keck Campus in 2003.

"A new Northup will become a concrete symbol

for the integration of experiential learning, liberal arts education and professional preparation that has long been a Linfield hallmark," said Barbara Seidman, dean of faculty and vice president for academic affairs.

In addition to faculty offices, the building will also house interactive classrooms that will meet the 21st century educational needs for business students as well as other departments. Gathering areas for students and faculty will foster a sense of shared purpose and interdepartmental conversations.

The Linfield Center for Regional Studies will enhance undergraduate education by developing partnerships with business, public agencies and non-profits to provide opportunities for training, research and service learning. The center's goal is to establish long-term experiential learning practices with students that focus on local, regional and global intersections with the Pacific Northwest.

Fund raising for the \$11 million project is under way as a focus of the college's sesquicentennial.