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A Linfield College theatre production was one of four selected to compete at the American College Theatre Festival regional conference at the University of Idaho in February. *Crave*, by British playwright Sarah Kane, originally ran in March 2008 under the direction of Janet Gupton, associate professor of theatre arts. The play analyzes how various addictions affect the lives of individuals. Linfield was one of four schools invited from the region. A national selection team will choose shows from all eight regions to advance to the national festival, held in April at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. This is Linfield's fifth invitation in 20 years to perform at the regional festival. Five Linfield students also competed in individual events at the conference. Will De Bicarri '10, Trish Castaneda-Gonzales '09 and Afton Pilkington '09 were nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting competition. Matt Cantelon '09 and Tess Malone '09 participated in sound and lighting design, respectively.

## Henberg named C of I president



Marvin C. Henberg, a member of the Linfield College faculty and administration for 15 years, has been appointed president of the College of Idaho in Caldwell, effective July 1.

Henberg served as vice presi-

dent for academic affairs and dean of faculty for 11 years, before being appointed interim president for several months following the retirement of Vivian A. Bull and prior to the appointment of Thomas L. Hellie. He is currently professor of philosophy.

Henberg played a major role in shaping Linfield's present direction, including the adoption of a new general education curriculum in 1997. He served as chair of the Planning Council, which has developed a strategic agenda to help

set priorities and guide the college's future growth and financial development.

He is the author of *Inspired Pragmatism: An Illustrated History of Linfield College*, published in celebration of Linfield's 2008 sesquicentennial.

"After 15 years in McMinnville, my wife, Laurie, and I go to Idaho with mixed feelings," said Henberg. "Linfield College has been a great adventure, and we will be ever thankful to our many community friends, colleagues and fine former students."

## Grant to boost China studies at Linfield

China studies at Linfield College will be enhanced thanks to a grant of more than \$98,508 from The Freeman Foundation of New York.

The grant will increase opportunities to study the languages and cultures of Asia, according to Victoria McGillin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Linfield.

“Linfield is committed to creating a Chinese studies program that will inspire current students and attract future Chinese language scholars,” McGillin said.

Over the next three years, Linfield students, faculty and community members will be offered a number of opportunities as a result of the grant, including an annual visiting scholar from the China Studies Institute of Peking and Shanghai Universities who will provide Chinese language instruction at Linfield; faculty stipends focused on China to encourage Chinese-themed topics in Linfield courses; and student travel grants to increase the number of Linfield undergraduates studying at the college’s partner institution located on the campuses of Peking University and Shanghai University.

The grant will also make possible the launch of a three-year series, China in McMinnville. The program will include events, lectures and performances open to the community. Linfield will work with the Confucius Institute at Portland State University, the Northwest China Council and the World Affairs Council to bring theatre productions, concerts, lectures on philosophy and more to campus.

The Asian Studies Program has deep roots at Linfield. The college currently offers a major and minor in Japanese language and a minor in Asian studies. In addition, the Asian Studies Program provides Chinese language study and courses offered in several departments.

## Czech professor is Renshaw lecturer



Josef Jařab, professor of English and American literature and director of the Center for Comparative Cultural Studies at Palacký Uni-

versity in Olomouc, Czech Republic, is the Renshaw Distinguished Visitor at Linfield College spring semester.

Jařab will teach in the English Department and also present public lectures, with the dates yet to be determined.

Jařab was the first freely elected university administrator in Czechoslovakia following the Velvet Revolution and served as the rector of Palacký University for seven years. He is a founding member of the Czech Learned Society and the first chairman of the Czech Fulbright Committee. He was a member of the Senate of the Czech Parliament, where he was responsible for the Committee on International Affairs, Defense and Security, and for a decade he represented Czech humanities in the European Science Foundation.

The Renshaw Distinguished Visitor is under the auspices of the Philip Renshaw Endowment for the Liberal Arts. The endowment was established by Renshaw ’31, a former trustee and one of the college’s most generous supporters.

## Photo class documents inauguration day

Linfield College photojournalism students produced “McMinnville Talks,” an audio slideshow of interviews taken on inauguration day.

The students spent the day documenting the reaction of students and local residents to President Barack Obama’s inauguration

celebration. They used new multimedia kits with digital cameras, audio recorders and digital video cams funded with a gift from the Bladine family, the *News-Register* and Online NW, in memory of Phil Bladine ’40, long time newspaper owner.

The Bladine family and the *News-Register* have a long history of working with Linfield. Phil and Jeb Bladine ’69 both started their college careers at Linfield before transferring to the University of Oregon. They have been active in the Partners in Progress campaign and hired many Linfield students as interns. Meg Bladine, Phil’s widow and Jeb’s mother, is a trustee emerita. Chelsey (Bladine) Nichol is a 2001 graduate.

To view the audio slideshow go to [www.newsregister.com/article/24643-mcminnville-talks-views-inauguration](http://www.newsregister.com/article/24643-mcminnville-talks-views-inauguration).

## New trustees join board

Four individuals have been elected to the Linfield College Board of Trustees:

**David Baca ’78**, managing partner of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Portland;

**Kerry Carmody ’73**, chief operating officer, Providence Health and Services, California Region, Mission Hills, Calif.;

**Kellanne B. Henry ’83**, investment director of Schnitzer West, LLC, Seattle, Wash; and

**Doug Tunnell**, CEO and winemaker at Brick House Wine Company and owner of Brick House Vineyards, Newberg.

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