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Alumna crafts logo celebrating sesquicentennial



Amy (Westersund) Rogers '96

A logo designed by a Linfield College alumna will represent the college when it turns 150.

Amy (Westersund) Rogers '96, a Forest Grove-based graphic designer, created the award-winning logo, which will be featured during Linfield's Sesquicentennial celebration in 2007-08. Graphic artists were invited to submit designs in June.

Rogers got her professional start as a student during Linfield's Career Mentor Day, when she visited with the

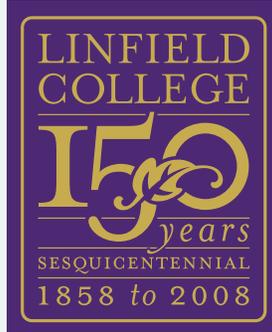
late Kristen Karlbom '88, a Nike illustrator.

She later interned with Karlbom at Columbia Sportswear as well.

After graduating from Linfield with a studio art degree, Rogers worked for Electro Art and CMD Agency, both Portland design firms, before starting Amy Rogers Graphic Design in 2001. She is a member of the *Linfield Magazine* advisory board and the Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce.

"I wanted the design to feel rich and scholarly with a sense of tradition," Rogers said. "I included an oak leaf because I associ-

ate Linfield with the beautiful grove of old oak trees. They symbolize wisdom to me."



Vivian A. Bull Music Center dedicated



Trumpets, strings, bands and vocalists were just part of the celebration Sept. 29 during the dedication of the Vivian A. Bull Music Center on the Keck Campus. Counter clockwise at left, President Thomas L. Hellie assists Bull in cutting the ceremonial ribbon to dedicate the new facility. The concert band performs in the new Woolley Rehearsal Room during several performances that afternoon. A string group performs during tours after the dedication. The long-awaited home for the Music Department completes the Arts Quadrangle on the Keck Campus which includes the James F. Miller Fine Arts Center; Ford Hall, home to Marshall Theatre; and the Jereld R. Nicholson Library.





Dedicated faculty remembered

Sisters Nancy (Terrell) Yacher '57, left, and Mary Ellen (Terrell) von der Heyden '59 share a memory of their father during the dedication of the Terrell and Elkinton residence halls Sept. 9. The new halls were named in honor of two of Linfield's distinguished professors: Horace C. Terrell, professor of English from 1933 to 1961, and Harold Elkinton, professor of economics and business from 1927 to 1969. Several alumni and friends gave tributes to the beloved faculty members, noting that they transformed the lives of many of the students they taught.

Linfield welcomes new class

Toting duffle bags and laptops, members of Linfield College's newest class arrived on the McMinnville and Portland campuses for fall semester.

At McMinnville, 455 students enrolled in the class of 2010, along with 60 transfer and 30 international exchange students. On the Portland Campus, 144 new students will major in nursing or health sciences throughout the year.

On the McMinnville Campus, 55 percent of the new class are women and 45 percent are men. Sixteen percent are students of color including international students. Students represent 348 high schools and have an average GPA of 3.61. Scores average 1125 for SAT and 24 for ACT. A full 28 percent are from the top 10 percent of their high school class.

New class members have been involved in student government, music, theatre, art, communications and other high school activities. They have also found time for community service projects including Amnesty International, Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross and Relay for Life, to name a few. They are leaders with six valedictorians, 14 student body presidents, 38 newspaper or yearbook editors, 91 team captains and 97 club officers.

On the Portland Campus, incoming students have an average GPA of 3.66 on prior college work. Seventeen percent of the new students are male and 16 percent are students of color. Forty-four percent of the transfer students have a prior bachelor's degree and some have completed degrees at the master's and doctoral level. Prior degrees include psychology, exercise science, business and biology.

Many of Portland's incoming students are working in professions such as health care, business, technology, research and education. Some have had the experience of living, working or studying in other countries and many are raising families.

Linfield ranked number one by *U.S. News*

For the sixth consecutive year, Linfield College has been named the top college in the western region in the Comprehensive Colleges-Bachelor's category in rankings released by the magazine *U.S. News & World Report*.

In the ranking by peer institutions, Linfield received a 3.9 overall average out of a possible 5, the highest score in that category.

"We are always pleased to be recognized by our peers and outside organizations for the quality of our academic programs," President Thomas L. Hellie said. "It's also important to note that our teacher education program recently received an outstanding evaluation from the State of Oregon for its reaccreditation. And our nursing graduates achieved a 97 percent pass rate on their licensing examinations, dramatically higher than the national average of 86 percent."

In addition to *U.S. News*, Linfield also received a "Best in the West" rating from *Princeton Review*. Student opinion data from a total of 656 schools is featured on the Best Colleges: Region by Region section of *PrincetonReview.com*. Linfield is one of 123 schools on the site to receive the "Best in the West" designation. Those schools "uphold the standards of our Best Western College Distinction and provide students with a wide breadth of excellent schools to consider," according to the publication.