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“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 colleges of Peking University and Shanghai University.

The grant will also make possible the launch of a three-year series, China in Minnville. 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.

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

Jarab was the first freely elected university administrator in Czechoslovakia following the Velvet Revolution and served as the rector of Palacky 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.

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The Bladine family and the News-Register have a long history of working with Linfield. Phil and J eb Bladine ‘59 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’s widow and Jeb’s mother, is a trustee emerita. Chelsey (Bladine) Nichols is a 2001 graduate.

To view the audio slideshow go to www.newsregister.com/article/24643-minnville-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.

Kallianne B. Henry ’83, investment director of Schnitzer West, LLC, Seattle, Wash.

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

For a complete list of the board of trustees go to www.linfield.edu/about-linfield/trustees.php
Henberg served as vice president 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. Helli. 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 Inspir’d Prog-I-mation: An Illustrated History of Linfield College, published in celebration of Linfield’s 2008 sesquicentennial.

“Aafter 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.”

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