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Jim Tweed ’69 of Iselin, NJ is CEO of Hydra Fuel Cell Corp. and earned his AS degree at Linfield. He’s a forth- comenight school teacher, recently retired after officiating football games for 32 years. He was a member of the Education Forum. Lynne Mahl ’68 of Longview, WA is a partner with the Oregon State Bar and the largest producer of prunes in the country. Steve Poppa ’73 of Chelmsford, MA is a software engineer and newsletter editor at a retirement community George and Sue (Alder) Thomas ’60 of Eugene received the Bronze Medal of Honor for valor in the Vietnam War for his bravery in combat.

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Laurne "Harold" Hord '53 of Kennewick, Wash., retired from teaching in 1986 and is writing his ninth book.

Clinton & Doris (Shelburne) White '41 and '54 of McMinnville are retired.

Charles Jaeger '44 of Kadoll, Tex., is retired and lives in Sanger, Calif. with his wife, Jean Jaeger, with whom he married.

Richard Schneider '57 of Athina, Ala., is CEO of the Institute of Global Economics and the Indian Student Scholarship Program in India. He spends six months every year in India.

William Stacy '54 of Haines, Alaska, is retired.

Donald Cord '54 of Anchorage, Calif., has retired after 50 years of practice as a family medicine consultant.

Patricia (Buckingham) Lang '54 of Squaw, Calif., is a co-founder of the Maya de Mayoos Foundation, which helps indigenous women in Chiapas, Mexico.

Mark (Dudley) Thomas '58 of Tonasket, Wash., and his wife own and operate Chef De Pomme (House of Apple) Restaurant in the Crownt Tower Hotel in Hardin, Mont. The Hidden Hills Guest Ranch is located on 400 acres.

Robert and Charlotte (Ashley) Olidahl '59 and '58 live in Tidewater, Va., and own and manage Patricia Benefit, LLC.

Pat (Owens) Nims '50 of Orange City, Fla., is living in John Kvin, a continuing care retirement community.

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Jim Tweed '60 of Isaacia is CEO of Hydra Fuel Cell Corp. of Eugene, Ore., and brought together his 1960 classmates in Salem, for a forum and high school reunion, recently held after officiating football, basketball and baseball games.

James Whitney '61 of Apo's, Calif., is in the Air Force and a newsletter editor at a retirement center.

George and Sue (Alderman) Whitney '62 of Pendleton were married in 1982 and live on a ranch that includes part of the Oregon Trail. Sue's great-grandfather, Thomas Otis, is said to have raised a claim where Pendleton now stands and built a cabin there in the Old Calo tow; equally well selling the claim to Mr. Comis.

Robert Joneson '62 of Cwop, Wash., is a general manager. George Gentry '63 of Long Beach, Calif., berated the Bronze Star Medal for his service in a fire during a recent annual ceremony. Gentry served as a fireman lieutenant in the Army's 16th Infantry Regiment during the Vietnam War in 1967.

Eugene and Beverly (Bryson) Saab '64 are living in Seaside, where Eugene recently moved from the Seattle School District.

James Sagawa '65 of Land City, Hawai'i, works as a post-graduate lecture and producer for young talent in Hawaii. 

Ken August '64 of Salem retired after 12 years as special team coordinator for the Portland Willamette football team. He also has coached at Dallas and McKee high schools during his 44 years of coaching.

Richard Kaiser '64 of Spurts, Wash., the director of Empyrela Urichus Tempe Center, the Roseburg chapter of the interna- tional diversity awareness group.

Janice (Mulholland) Montgomery '65 of Vancouver, Wash., is a tax consultant and an interna- tional business consultant for Sunbelt.

Robert Hodel '66 of San Jose, Calif., is the author of Rich Asueren for the American Bar Association.

Bert Whiney '67 of Tidewater, Va., is a licensed surveyor.

Marilyn (Gaski) Bok '68 of Salem is a nutritionist and coordinator at a retirement center.

Caterina (Farcas) Chiaruttini '68 of Elk, Nev., is vice president of the Embroider's Guild of America.

Tim and Emily (Gite) DuBois '67 and '66 love life in McMinnville. Tim is an assistant pro- fessor of education at Western Oregon University and Emily is an advisor at McMinnville High School.

John Ogden '67 of Eugene is a respiratory therapist.

Marcia (Gansmon) Moquin '68 of Salem is a child nutrition specialist with Oregon Department of Education.

Lynnda Mable '68 of Dome City, Mass., is a park ranger with the National Park Service. She is semi-retired. Speaking is her husband and her newspaper column. Back in the Ranch, has run his ranch since 1982.

Michael Obara '69 of West Covina, Calif., was inducted into the West Coast High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He fought and reached at WBOC for 40 years and now teaches classes at the high school in Pisa, Italy.

1970-79

Terry Miller '70 of Castle Rock, Wash., was inducted in the R.A. Long High School Hall of Fame in Longview. He mentored as a basketball coach and assistant coach at a high school.

Janice H. (Richard) Jackson '70 of Door Harbor, Wash., is a gardener and a gardener.

Bart Wescott '71 of Batn, Wash., is a regional director of consumer lending at Columbia Credit Union.

James Lambert '72 of San Marcos, Calif., is president of Jewish Family Services in San Diego, a long- time consulting career and a career as a pastoral counselor.

Marcas (Gansmon) Moquin '73 of Salem is a child nutrition specialist with Oregon Department of Education.

Richard Crow '73 of Missouri is a professor at the University of Oregon and the Portland Art Museum. He also serves as principal for the 100-stu- dent Alternative School.

Three Weddell '74 of Ass, is a retired and a professor at the University of the Pacific and a private voice teacher.

Tori Aldred '74 of Cape Coral, Fla., has taught at City of Cape Coral Fine Arts Program for eight years after leaving Dean-Witter's Discontinue. She teaches children's clay purposes and clay study.

Vikki (Stluich) Weile '74 of Austin co-authored The United States Health Care System: Structure, Health and Delivery.

Bruce Kobler and Janine Sarti, both '77, were in poverty in Long Beach, Calif., while working for Paloma Perez Health System as a registered nurse. They married and have a daughter.

Ian has run in Montana for Chemicals in Drinking Water.

Janine (Winkler) Smith '79 of Lyon plans to pursue her nursing studies.

Trey C. Collins '79 of Bryant, Tex., is an assistant professor of early childhood education at Texas A&M.

March (Genthe) Gotski '80 of Reno, Alaska, is a registered nurse in the National Park Service. She has been stationed in the Logistics Support Center and the consulting company that does work for Weyerhaeuser and plays in two bands.

Pamela Heim '80 of Portland is a student at George Fox University but is taking many U.S. history courses for her content area. This summer she will take six credit-hours focusing on the Constitution, at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Jon Coney '93 of Portland was in the regional education manager for the wealth management group plan at Wells Fargo.

David Elhin '93 of Hayley Hendrickson '93 of Portland had a daughter, Jackson David, July 3, their second.

Todd Farrier '94 of West- moreland, Pa., received an interna- tional leadership from the University.

Passion for history garners admirers

Erin Nooy's passion for American history helped her earn a prestigious degree. Erin Nooy '10, who teaches social studies at McMinnville High School, received the 2007 James Madison Fellowship. The award, presented to only one teacher in each state, provides up to $24,000 toward completion of a master's degree in American history.

Nooy is working toward a master’s degree in history at George Fox University but is taking many U.S. history courses for her content area. This summer she will take six credit-hours focusing on the Constitution, at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

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Scott Brown '85 of Portland is a registered nurse at the Williamette Valley Cancer Foundation of Oregon. He also hosts the pre-game show with Mark How '93 of Spokane, Wash., on Ideal's basketball and managing sports. He and Wendy, his wife, have two children.

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Vancouver, Wash., teaches fifth grade at a Montessori school. She is planning a six-CD series. Homemade Mahine for men and women.

Marco Perra '95 of Centro Colón, City, Costa Rica, is a economist and finance manager at Dole Food Company. He completed a M.B.A. and also teaches at a local university.

Erin Nooy '05 works with Joel Daminich at McMinnville High School during a review for exams.
The Linfield College softball team was honored with a share of the George Pasero Award Team in recognition of its 2007 NCAA Division III national championship. Given annually to the outstanding team or organization, the award was presented to the Linfield College team members at the 56th Oregon Sports Awards, held at the Tiger Woods Center on the Nike World Campus. Linfield shared the award with the Oregon State baseball team and the Oregon cross country team, which also won national titles during 2007.

The Wildcats, who fought off elimination twice at the NCAA Finals in May, finished their remarkable season with a record 45 wins while emerging as the first women’s team from Linfield to earn a share of the George Pasero Team Award in Divison III Softball. Mitch and Emily (Baker) Charest had a daughter, Lauren Paul, July 5. Emily received a law clerk for the Third District Court in Las Cruces.

Cort Webb ’96 of Portland has his own radio show, Cort and Foxey on KJPQ in Portland. Elena Quinones ’96 of Salem completed a master’s in global management.


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Merilee (Congrow) Zimbalstein ’00 of Portland, Ore., and her husband, Tad, have a daughter, Addyson Rose, Nov. 19.

Brad Pickering ’00 of Portland is a regional and special commercial lending officer of Comerica Bank Community Bank.

Katie Hryciw ’95 of Portland presented a duo-concert Madrigal Dance, in October at Linfield College. Ariana White ’97 of Portland returned to Wash. Byrd, a son, Orion Paul, c/o 11.

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of Phoenix in July as an intern with BC 12th district police and health at Wayne State College. Short-Pieters '98 of Longmont, Wash., is the tutor coordinator at Lower Columbia Community College. Jonie Rickles '98 of Olympia, Wash., is the finance director for the City of Puyallup.

Anne (James) Lewis '95 of Austin, Texas, and her husband, Bryan, had a son, David, April 10, their second.

Katie Beaudin '98 of Janesville, Wis., is pursuing work for an investment advisory firm for Ameron Hawaii and she works in management for the City of Bellingham.

Carla Annepan '00 of Klamath Falls married McKinley Gould Aug. 26, 2000. She has a degree in paralegal studies. Annepan, both of Toledo, have added four biological children to their family.

Sarah (Monfort) Torrens '03 of Klamath Falls married Daniel Stitt of Klamath Falls, both of Toledo, have added four biological children to their family.

The exhibit was organized by the New-York Historical Society, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and the American Library Association. It has been made possible in part through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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It also marked the sixth time that a Linfield sports team has received the Pasero Award. The Linfield football program also won or shared the Pasero award in 1982, 1984, 1986, 2003 and 2004.

Mitch and Emily (Baker) Cheshire '94 of Boise, Idaho, had a daughter, Lauren Anne, July 5. Emily ignited an early candle for the third McGrath School Diner. Mitch is a finance teacher at Franciscan Catholic School.

Tyrrell and Jessica (Gomez) Grams, both of Salem, had a son, Cooper Kyle Jr., Nov. 10.

Stacey (Bunger) Dunn '02 of Spokane, Wash., and her husband, Mark, had a son, Benjamin, July 7. She completed her MBA in human resources management in September.

Zack and Nick Duhl '02 and '03, both of Toledo, have added four biological children to their family.

Nina (Kemp) Allen '02 of Beaverton had a daughter, Grace, April 29, their second.

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Dana Roberts '00 of St. Louis, Mo., married Kathleen O'Conor Aug. 4. She is studying to become a physical therapist.

Andrew (Thompson) Wadower '00 of laughingwater, Okla., and her husband, Jones, had a daughter, Atnalee Michelle, Oct. 27, their third.

Merilee (Congrove) Zimbuehle '99 of South Carolina, Okla., and her husband, Tefere, had a son, Cadan Reone, Oct. 10, their second.

Brad Pickering '00 of Portland is a junior meteorology major and a commercial lending officer at CommerceBank Community Bank.


Mirac Watson '01 of Los Angeles, Calif., graduated cum laude from the University of Redlands in May. She is a labor and delivery nurse at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine.

Pauline Osborne '01 of Seattle, Wash., received a master's in nursing from the University of Washington. She is an oncology clinical nurse specialist at Overlake Hospital Medical Center in Bellevue.

Melinda Polk '00 of Portland, Ore., received a master's in counseling from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Johnson '99 of Denver, Pa., graduated with his master's degree in human nutrition at Oregon State University and is a health and physical education instructor at Chemeketa Community College.

Sarah (Monfort) Torrens '03 of Phoenix, Ariz., is pursuing work for an investment advisory firm for Ameron Hawaii and she works in management for the City of Bellingham.

Christopher Castro and Patricia Harvey, both of Ashland, Ore., have married. Harvey is a nurse. He works in medicine for American Hawaii and she works for the U.S. Navy in Japan.

Josephine '99 of New York, N.Y., does public relations and development for the Sierra Partnership, a nonprofit organization.
that assist the homeless by provid- ing job skills training programs and assisting with job placement.

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Jan Edmonson ’72 sits in front of a tapestry from Venezuela. As a career foreign service officer, Edmonson has enjoyed collecting ceramics, watercolors and tapestries from her global travels.

Jan Edmonson ’72 has met Nobel laureates, political opposition leaders, presidents and dictators. As a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State, she also has experienced the hardships and dangers of life in hot spots around the globe.

Currently, Edmonson is deputy director for the Near East-South Central Asia Office in the Department’s Bureau of International Information Programs. She oversees the Department’s Persian-language Web site, publications and other outreach programs to Iran and abroad.

Edmonson, whose career has focused on public diplomacy and public affairs, says she decided in first grade that she wanted to do something that would allow her to travel. She applied only to Linfield after a neighbor gave her a catalog, and fell in love with the campus immediately.

“Linfield set me on the path to success— the size of classes, wonderful professors and the camaraderie of the Linfield community,” she says. “It gave me an incredible foundation for my work.”

After receiving her B.A. from Linfield, she earned two master’s degrees in international relations from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston. In 2001 she received an M.S. in national security strategy from the National War College.

Among her international experiences, Edmonson served in Panama during the U.S. invasion that ended its military dictatorship in December 1989. From her apartment, she saw Manuel Noriega’s headquarters explode and burn.

In August 1994, Edmonson was in Havana during the only anti-Castro demonstrations and riots in the history of Cuba.

Her most recent overseas assignment, in 2002–2005, was at the U.S. Embassy in Zareh, Djibouti.

“My favorite place that I’ve lived is Burma, (now known as Myanmar)” from 1996 to 1999, she said. “The Burmese people are simply remarkable—it is one place where the people do not deserve the government they have. I also love northern Italy—the food, the wine, the lifestyle, the food, the wine…”

Despite her fluency in Spanish and ability to speak Burmese and Croatian, Edmonson wishes she were more proficient in languages. For Persian, she relies on her Iranian staff.

Edmonson’s staff members, not named here because of security, say she “uses her strong management and people skills to gather the troops and to support them, keeping the focus on successful and productive team work. Her sense of humor keeps us going on more difficult days.”

Edmonson says her proudest accomplishment is “that I have represented my country very well overseas in a variety of foreign cultures, often in difficult or dangerous conditions; and that I’ve respected my local staffs’ professionalism, dignity and cultures.”

When her Washington tour is up in summer 2009, Edmonson hopes for an assignment in Afghanistan. Then, she says, “I will probably retire in a couple of years and go on my ‘busman’s holiday’—traveling and reading about exotic lands. And playing golf.”

She lists parts of the world she still yearns to visit: “I’d like to see the Great Wall in China, Red Square in Moscow; the fjords of Norway, and visit Vietnam (my generation’s war).”

Indonesia (just because), Scotland, Ireland, Wales (family roots), New Zealand and Iran. And I’d like to walk in Linfield’s Oak Grove at least one more time.

~ Beth Rogers Thompson

In memoriam

Dorothy (Davis) Russell ’33 of Seattle, Wash., Nov. 5. Earl Laughton ’34 of Lakewood, Colo., Aug. 7. Margery (Stewart) Landstrom ’34 of Portland, Ore., Aug. 17.


Madel (Williams) Wonderly ’39 of Salem, Nov. 22. Survivors include her husband Franklin ’38 of San Diego, Calif., Dec. 15.}

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