Our greatest strength is our community

Shouts and laughter filtered into the President’s House one evening during new student orientation. I looked out to see hundreds of first-year students racing back and forth, throwing frisbees and chasing each other through the Oak Grove. They were claiming Linfield’s semicircular space as their own, joining generations of students who have run and played, dreamed and studied, worked and rested under the oaks.

As I watched the students, I couldn’t help but think about what they might learn and experience during the next four years. I thought about the professors and staff who will influence them and provide direction and mentoring. I wondered where their passion for learning and service will lead them.

I thought too about the Linfield alumni I have met since becoming president 17 months ago. Individuals whose passion led them to become physicians, teachers and entrepreneurs. They too once played in the Oak Grove.

The alumni I have met deliver a consistent message. It isn’t about athletics, the buildings on the Old Oak. It’s about the faculty and the staff at Linfield—the professor, administrator, coach, staff member or resident advisor who became a friend or a mentor. It’s about the faculty and the staff at Linfield—and the Oak Grove.

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Linfield at 150: Linfield’s faculty predecessors

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Student dynamo accepts challenge

Chipo Dendere ’08 completed an internship at the Carter Center last summer. That is just one achievement of this exceptional student who serves as student body president.

Expanding culture, meaning of space

Professor David Sumner explained the expansive of the American West to European and Asian students during his Fulbright Lectureship in Germany.

Committed to the environment

Nancy Broshot, this year’s Edith Green Distinguished Professor, put her passion for the environment to work in Portland’s Forest Park.

Sharing his knowledge with Africa’s students

Professor Martin Dwomo-Teeneboah is helping to bring technology to Africa University, the first private institution of higher education in Zimbabwe.