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“There were globs of burning propellant everywhere… and I didn’t even get punished.,” Chase said.

Maybe his parents had a premonition that such experimentation would launch their son’s career in explosives.

Chase survived with all his fingers and toes and studied physics at Linfield. He fondly remembers working at the Linfield Research Institute, which he says “made it all possible.”

Graduation came four and a half years after the Russians’ Sputnik satellite blasted the U.S. into technology Fever. Research centers were “scaring for anyone,” Chase says, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (then called the Rad Lab) in California hired him right out of college.

He moved there for a few years and a half years, then earned a Ph.D. in theoretical solid state physics at Iowa State University in 1970. He returned to Livermore and worked there until “retiring” in 2000.

He designed and tested nuclear explosive systems, led multimillion-dollar technical projects and managed the explosive development program.

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**Research results in 140 U.S. patents for chemist**

Bruce Welch '67 discovered just the career for his inventive personality. Although now retired, Welch is the inventor or co-inventor on nearly 140 United States patents. In addition, many patents related to these 140 patents have been issued in other countries. During his 31-year career at the Research Center, Barstow, Idaho, he worked in turn for Phillips Petroleum Company, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company and ConocoPhillips. To honor his efforts, his photo sculpture in glass resided in the ConocoPhillips building. Welch credits his success, in part, to Hayden Linfield, former Linfield physics professor, and his exploration as a student.

"It was always exciting to go into the lab in the morning knowing that today might be the day that Mother Nature would let me in on one of her many explorations as a student." Welch said.

Bruce Welch '67 studied chemistry while his father, Arthur Verment '49, taught math and science at McMinnville School District. Welch's two sisters also attended McMinnville School District.


In memoriam

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daughter, Isabella Ryland, July 22.

America program in New Orleans,
taught through the Teach for
Mass., is an MBA student at

Hinchcliff ’98
High School. He also passed the
Calif., teaches business at Clairemont

daughter, Shirley Rose, Sept. 27, their

Harley ’00

Michael is a
at Liberty Bank and Bank of the

He previously worked in positions
as relationship manager at Umpqua Bank.

Carol Zeigler ’99
married Ramon Sadano Jr. Sept. 15.
in the firm Hogan and Hartson LLP.

Yarmela Pavlovic ’00

degrees at George Fox University

in December.

She has been teaching kindergarten
time city firefighter. They have one

Nick Baron ’05
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Guatemala medical mission units eight Guatemalan alumni

Eight Linfield alumni joined a medical surgical mission to Antigua,
Guatemala, last spring. The volunteers were part of a team of 27 that
provided medical care for the native and indigenous people from
the surrounding area of Antigua. During the two-week stay, the group
performed 84 surgeries, extracted 170 teeth, and provided spiritual
and emotional support for the patients and their families.

Linfield volunteers, pictured here in Obras Sociales del Santo
Pedro surgery
suites, include, from left, Amiee Floyd ’98, Judy (Jandrey) Hubbard ’63, Brenda
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Bruce Welch ’67

Bruce Welch, GSH

Alysia (Heffron) Hilton

She received two Purple Hearts during his service in Vietnam, and
returned to the United States to complete his Ph.D. from the University of Utah in 1974.

With an aragonite chemistry degree in hand, Welch joined a pharmaceutical company and set to work with
catalysts. He explained that polyethylene molecules are manufactured by using catalysts to attach several thousand
ethylene molecules together.

Welch developed a process to convert ethylene to propylene, which
was used in refineries around the world. His work with scientists at the German University of Bayreuth led to the
invention of a polyethylene resin, iMnFCT, now sold by ChevronPhillips.

“We hope that the results of our research, in some small way, have advanced man’s ability to use chemistry to enhance life and will have a positive effect on generations to come,” Welch said.

Alysia (Heffron) Hilton

2004 ’81 is one of the founders of Beyond Addictions, an orga-
nization that is often in the news.

Bruce Welch, winner of the
National Anesthetists Award for his project
encouraging an increase in nurses in the
field. Five of her classmates have
completed her master’s at Oakland
University in December.

Kasee Sukhi ’11 of Napa, Calif., graduated from the
fire department academy.

Michael and Kelly (Herald) Risse ’06 of Kansas City, Mo.
both completed their master’s degrees at George Fox University

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An evening at Evergreen IMAX

Nearly 200 alumni and friends attended a special President’s Circle reception and dinner at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum IMAX 3D Theater in McMinnville. Among those attending were, clockwise from top right, Aaron Larson ‘08 and Kalloine Henry ‘83, Donna Wooley, trustee, and Mary Bratals Anderson ‘70, Susan Chambers, Craig Hasch ‘95, and Dave Haugberg, trustee; Kristie (Paulol) Carmody ‘73, Mike McBride ‘71 and Kamy Carmody ‘73, Rosalind Turner and Flora Montazi.

Got news?
Have you changed jobs? Received a promotion? Returned to school? Received another degree? Started a business? Did you get married or have a child in the last 12 months? If you have news for your classmates and other Linfield friends, visit us online.

Singing her way across the country

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Some might say Jazmin Gorsline ‘99 has multiple personalities… and all of them love to sing.

Gorsline has played Lili in Carousel, Laurey in Oklahoma, Julie in Carousel and Luisa in The Fantasticks. Now as Eliza Doolittle, her persona has expanded yet again.

Gorsline is the understudy for the lead role in My Fair Lady, the legendary musical currently presented by the National Theatre of Great Britain. She is also performing in the ensemble, and by June, when the 10-month U.S. tour is complete, she will have performed the show 328 times in 20 states.

“It is the most challenging and rewarding role I have ever prepared for, with the different dialects and transformation Eliza makes from the beginning to the end of the show,” she said. “Everyone thinks of this show as a story of Henry Higgins turning a flower girl into a lady, but in reality the true story is how she changes Henry Higgins’ life. It is written so well and there is so much you can do with the role.”

For Gorsline, who set her sights on a career in opera as a child, the experience is a dream come true. Linfield reinforced her vision, providing Gorsline with vocal training that has prepared her well for her career. She said Gwen Leonard, professor of music, was instrumental in laying her technical music foundation.

“The entire music department provided such a welcoming environment in which to learn and grow and explore,” she said. “Now when I’m up there performing, the musical aspects and singing aren’t something I have to think about. I prepare, but then I rely on instinct and training.”

As a Linfield student, Gorsline appeared in Opera Workshop scenes from The Medium and Die Fledermaus, and earned a master’s from the Eastman School of Music in New York, auditioning for musical theatre productions between studies.

“I began to realize that it was possible to have a career in musical theatre and that was what would make me the happiest,” she said.

Gorsline has performed steadily over the past few years. Her big break came this year, when she was cast as the standby for the lead role of Lili in Carousel, Gorsline’s all-time favorite show, at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. My Fair Lady followed.

Jazmin Gorsline ’99, right, performs in the ensemble to “I Could Have Danced All Night” during a production of Lerner & Loewe’s My Fair Lady. Also pictured, from left, are Dana Delia and Lisa O’Hare.

Leonard is not surprised by Gorsline’s success. She said Gorsline performed graduate-level repertoire in her senior recital, a result of her self-motivation and creativity.

“When Jazmin sings, there’s something unique about her tone that makes people listen,” Leonard said.

“In terms of her intellect and talent, she was an outstanding singer, always interested in making what she was doing better.”

Although the tour of My Fair Lady is just getting started, Gorsline welcomes the exhausting activity and the exhilaration ahead.

“I think my favorite part will be exploring the different cities and seeing how different audiences respond to the show each night,” she said. “So far, audiences have been wonderful, and I’m very excited to see what lies ahead.”

— Laura Davis