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A View from Melrose

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Two months and counting

From 1989 to March, 2006, my wife and I lived in a densely populated Chicago neighborhood, just three blocks from the Chicago Cubs’ Wrigley Field. Not surprisingly, everyone now asks, “How does it feel to move to the small town of McMinnville, Oregon?”

Of course it feels very different. But it also feels comfortable because we are back on a college campus. I’ve spent my entire career serving colleges in one way or another, but for years I’ve done so from an office in downtown Chicago. I feel good here, perhaps because everyone has warmly welcomed us.

There’s been a lot of excitement at Linfield. For example, during my first week I was called onto the dance floor at the annual L’uau, where I got to dance in front of 500 people. When I announced the dance floor at the annual L’uau, where I got to dance in front of 500 people. When I announced the dance floor at the annual L’uau, where I got to dance in front of 500 people. When I announced the dance floor at the annual L’uau, where I got to dance in front of 500 people.

So do I miss Chicago? Well, I may miss a few friends, and perhaps the pizza, but I am inspired by the people I meet at Linfield, and I feel privileged to join a community that is so supportive of factoring and good. There is plenty of work to do here, but much of that work is simply to remain focused on quality, to tell the Linfield story and to enhance the education of our students.

In short, I feel that I’ve come home.

~Thomas L. Hellie, President

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