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Henberg named interim president

Marvin C. Henberg, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty for 11 years, will guide Linfield College during the next several months after being named interim president by the Board of Trustees.

Henberg was appointed in May following a national search. He was not a candidate for the permanent position and will not be a candidate in the ongoing search, Henberg, who replaces retiring president Vivian A. Bull, will serve until a new president takes office sometime in 2006.

“The Board of Trustees is delighted to have a person of Marv Henberg’s caliber and experience lead Linfield College at this time,” said Glenna Kruger ’68, chair of the Board of Trustees, in announcing the appointment. “Dr. Henberg has a thorough understanding of all aspects of Linfield and will provide strong leadership to keep the college moving forward during this period of transition.”

Henberg said he looks forward to this opportunity. “I love Linfield and I am happy to serve while the college identifies a leader who is worthy of following Dr. Bull,” he said. “It is important that we build upon our recent accomplishments and further strengthen our reputation for excellence.”

Henberg has identified five areas that he will focus on in the coming year:

• Bolster the college’s fundraising efforts, with a reputation for excellence.”

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Henberg taught at the University of Idaho from 1976 to 1994. He served as chair of the Department of Philosophy for six years and was the inaugural director of the University of Idaho honors program. He has earned numerous teaching awards throughout his career. He is active in the McMinnville community and is past president of the McMinnville Kiwanis Club. He and his wife, Laurie, are outdoor enthusiasts.

Henberg has played a major role in shaping the college’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 has a passion for education that has been the motivation behind his career.

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Henberg was raised in rural Wyoming and was a first generation college student. He won a full scholarship from Washington and Lee University in Virginia, where he graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in English literature and philosophy. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1970. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and completed bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Magdalen College at Oxford University. His Ph.D. in philosophy is from the University of Texas at Austin.

Linfield College faculty are dedicated to teaching young people by engaging and challenging them within and outside the classroom. But Linfield faculty are not limited by their professional fields—they sing, play music, and explore topics far beyond their own specialties, thus enhancing their teaching skills. Here we profile five, just a sampling of the talented faculty with whom students interact. We also feature the work of two talented alumni—award-winning photjournalists who share some spectacular photos. You’ll find stories on several students, one who is helping review her native language, one whose internship brought focus to her career, and another a budding composer who shares her insight into musical composition. We also say farewell, not just to 480 graduates and five faculty and administrators, but also to President Vivian A. Bull, who, in her final columns, reviews the charge students gave at her inauguration.

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