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“They were driven people who believed in me,” Sherwin said. “They knew I had something they could polish, and they were accessible outside of class. I appreciated being a name and not a number.”

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Chuck Hege ’80 of Graham is principal at San Blue High School.

Tina Fields ’81 of Clackamas is the principal at West Linn High School.

Keith Mars ’81 of Sherwood is running for mayor.

Kevin Darius ’81 of Wilsonville opened Acanum Financial Group.

Teresa (McDaniel) Morris ’91 of Dallas, Texas, is director placement manager for Dimitry/Cheryl’s Southwest Business Center.

John Norton ’81 of Milwaukie is the domestic violence prosecutor in the Jackson County District Attorney’s office.

Stephanie (Gren) Kennedy ’91 of Beaverton has opened Total Event Connection, an event planning business.

Charlana (Sonann) Dean Albion ’92 of Olympia, Wash., and her husband, Frederick, had a son, Eric Parker, Dec. 24.

Suzanne (Daltton) Smith ’95 of Rosburg is a guidance counselor with West Creek Job Corps in Galesville.

Ashley (Albey) Kingsey ’93 of Gardena, Calif., and her husband, Jeff, had triplets, Hunter Charles, Cole Adam and Sara Lee, March 29. She is a manager at Castle Rock Entertainment in Beverly Hills.

Ty and Robbin (Stedlak) Angerina ’93 and ’94 of McMinnville had a daughter, Lucy Belle, May 10.

Stefanie (Broderick) Kamen ’94 of Las Vegas, Nev., has created “Start Behind the Stars,” a set of playing cards featuring an all-star line-up of celebrity astronauts.

Barbara (Riley) Van Look ’94 of Grain Pros is comprehensive cat- alog coordinator for Four Mountain Games and Books.

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Bonds urges nation to “think small”

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Kathleen A. (McCarthy) Miller ’00 of Manassas, Va., is engaged to Thomas C. Roper of Tualatin ’95 and Melissa (French) Schreier of Eugene. A wedding is planned for Aug. 30.

Laurie L. Minner ’51 of McMinnville, June 23.


LeAnn Batten Lee ’95 of Lafayette was married to JohnSites ’95 of Halford, Iowa, Aug. 12.

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Beth Madsen ’94 of Portland spent the summer in Japan, co-singing with the Aoyama Opera Theatre Company. She’ll perform the solo role of the witch in Weber’s “The Flying Dutchman,” the Portland Opera’s production opening Sept. 26.

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Bond said he took advantage of every opportunity during his Linfield years, working in sports information, serving as managing editor of the student newspaper, serving as a buyer for Target Corp. in Arkansas, and an internship at Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta, Maine, where he is now working on a part-time doctoral fellowship in social psychology.

“Susie Kahn ’97 of Portland is senior merchandise manager at Nike. She spent three years working as a buyer for Target Corp. in Minneapolis, Minn."

Alex Bott ’98 ran the 1,500-meter and the mile in his senior year for the W&M men’s track and field team.

"Among the Grays Harbor Community Foundation’s board of directors is Pauline Botten ’98, of Milpitas, Calif., where she is now working on a part-time doctoral fellowship in social psychology."
Remembering service and sacrifice

They’ve been friends for more than 70 years – through childhood, college, a war and now, volunteer efforts.

Two World War II veterans, Lieutenant Tom Maloney ’46 and Captain Colin Armstrong ’51, had a chance to reflect on their friendship and the war that shaped their lives, when they attended the dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., on May 29. Evergreen International Aviation sponsored the trip for four veterans, all volunteers at the Evergreen Aviation Museum, including Maloney and Armstrong.

The group was among more than 150,000 people who attended the dedication ceremony. The memorial honors the 16 million people who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died and all who supported the war effort from home.

For Maloney, the experience was, “inspirational and quite touching. I thought about how were there and all our friends who were killed were not.”

Maloney was 20 and had attended Linfield for three years when he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve in October 1941 as a dive bomber pilot. Two months later, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. During his four years of service, he was awarded 14 service medals, including two navy crosses, one distinguished flying cross and five air medals.

Maloney lost a number of friends and family members during the war including Linfield classmates Jimmy Breeding ’39 and Gilbert Roberts ’41.

“Within a few years, rules changed on campus, too,” Armstrong agreed, adding “things were much more strict and proper before the war. The attitude was more relaxed and informal when I returned.”

After the war, Armstrong earned a business administration degree at Linfield before continuing his career in the military, serving as a carrier pilot, meteorologist and oceanographer. He spent the next two years forecasting ice in the Arctic Ocean, and went on to serve a total of 30 years, earning 14 service medals along the way. After retiring from the military, Armstrong was a Yamhill County commissioner for eight years.

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That legacy, instilled by her father and reinforced by a series of mentors, has been the basis for successful and diversified careers in biochemistry, high technology management and most recently, education.

Dyess, founder of Austin Capital and a member of the Linfield College Board of Trustees, was appointed to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education in January. She chairs the Academic Excellence and Economic Development Committee, focused on research areas that will become economic development engines for the state.

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