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Welcome to the alumni parties

Sunday, June 26, 4 p.m.

Welcome to the alumni parties will take place at a number of locations around the West Coast. Current alumni living in the area will welcome new graduates and give advice about where to eat, where to look for work, where to get a great haircut and other local tips. Make the most of your Linfield connections and expand your personal and professional networks by attending a welcome party.

Mary Poppins | Sunday, July 3, 6:30 p.m.

Join other Linfield alumni and friends for a showing of Mary Poppins, the hit Broadway production at Keller Auditorium, featuring the irresistible story and unforgettable songs from one of the most popular Disney films of all time, plus brand new dance numbers and spectacular stage craft.

Salem-Keizer Volcanoes | Friday, July 8, 7:05 p.m.

Don’t miss the all-you-can-eat meal prior to the game. Watch the Volcanoes take on the Tri-City Dust Devils at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer. Enjoy fireworks following the game.

For more information, contact Debbie (Hansen) Harmon ’90, director of alumni and parent relations, 503-883-2547, alumni@linfield.edu, www.linfield.edu/alumni.

Join Linfield on Facebook, Twitter

Recently I returned from a conference where we focused on how to use social media to better engage alumni. We’ve been using social media for some time because it is a way to connect with people in ways that other tools cannot. Social media provide an interactivity that is immediate and simple, giving us the ability to post news as it happens – from feature stories to the latest sports scores.

Recently we were able to capitalize on the immediacy by using Linfield’s social media channels to announce the arrival of the national championship softball team on campus. If the team experienced a delay along the route, we could post updates on Facebook. The very nature of social media invites feedback. People can comment, post photos, respond to surveys or questions, and forward links or information to their own friends, making the experience richer for everyone.

If you are keeping up with Linfield via social media, let us know what you would like to see. I hope you will choose to “like” Linfield College and/or Linfield athletics on Facebook, and if you tweet, I hope you will follow us @linfieldalumni.

– Debbie (Hansen) Harmon ’90
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Harmon with “Golden Grads” who graduated 50 or more years ago.
Remembering Northup Hall

Northup Hall, Linfield’s library and intellectual heart for decades, provided sanctuary and calm to generations of Linfield students. As a year-long renovation concludes and the building completes its transformation from library to T.J. Day Hall, a classroom and faculty office building, alumni recount favorite Northup memories.

Linnea (Sword) Davenport ’49: I worked in the library, checking books in and out and putting them back on the shelves. But the part I liked most was binding and repairing damaged books. It was a nice job to have through college, and it helped pay for my schooling.

Evelyn (Andrus) Hanks ’57: I worked in the library all four years of college with Carolyn Smith, the librarian, and Mrs. Dyke, mother of Walter Dyke. During the day I typed catalogue cards. In the evenings I sat at the desk to help people. I loved to study in the library as I could concentrate better than in the dorm. The beauty of the place with the bookcases, big tables and chairs was a real inducement to learning.

Pauline (McClean) Thorstenson ’58: I worked in the library for four years, primarily in the basement on the repair and binding section. We repaired the spines and replaced pages of damaged books and bound periodicals into volumes. I worked with Sybil Seward and librarian Carolyn Smith.

David Bennett ’63: I spent a few hours each week in Northup Hall during my sophomore year, the only year I made decent grades. I was a pre-med major. Had I spent a few more hours in Northup each year, I may actually have become a doctor. Fortunately, I spent many hours in my law school library.

Barbara (Allen) Schultz ’70: I can still breathe in the smell of the books, the research journals, the historical documents, the stacks and the microfiche of the Linfield library. A study date on a week night to Northup Hall was one of THE social events. Our dates would come to the dorm and buzz for us from the downstairs foyer and escort us to the library. Since no talking was permitted, we studied silently together with the occasional smile or note passed and then we walked back to the dorm by the 10 p.m. curfew. Some of those dates led to campus pinnings with wedding bells not far behind.

Reka Hukari ’83: I worked in Northup and remember going down to the dark and dusty archives and wondering if there was anything living down there.

Sherri (Dunmyer) Partridge ’86: Northup was such a great place to study. I would always find my own personal cozy corner hidden among the stacks of books somewhere, and work for hours without anyone disturbing (or finding) me. There was nothing high-tech about Northup, but it always felt like true Linfield to me…warm, cozy, inviting and just a little private!

Sarah Kaip ’95: As a work study student, I remember opening the windows every morning with a big stick. Before the elevator was installed, we had to haul books upstairs with a pulley system. And the security gate would lock up when you didn’t even have a book in hand and hit you right in the gut. But the best memories of all were with the great people who worked there.

Dan Roth ’00: I would often find a quiet corner, take a magazine, and read – which would sometimes lead to an afternoon nap. Once, one of the librarians woke me up because I was snoring. When I was pressed with a deadline or deep into a research project, the reference librarians were always helpful. From getting books mailed from Switzerland to becoming an expert in LexusNexus, I always felt I had the world at my fingertips.

Joni Claypool Tonn ’06: I still remember my freshman year, literally getting lost in the twists and turns, and sitting in a random corner for hours with a book.