New Life for the Old Oak

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The Old Oak was a majestic presence here since the chartering of Linfield in 1858. Although its stately branches no longer offer shelter from sun and rain, it is still very much a part of daily life at the college.

In addition to a commemorative plaque where the Old Oak stood near Pioneer Hall, its wood has been used to create beautifully crafted furniture around campus. The items include:

- Accent table, Pioneer Hall Reading Room
- Accent table, Jonasson Hall, Melrose Hall
- Accent tables, Academic Affairs, Melrose Hall
- Bar front cladding and top cap of counter, chair rail around the wall and commemorative wall plaque featuring the story of the Old Oak, Starbucks, Riley Hall
- Display case, bowl and pedestal stand used for tradition of acorns at convocation and commencement
- Conference table, 021 Melrose Hall
- Conference table, President’s office, Melrose Hall
- Podiums
- Window benches, Taylor Hall

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Clockwise from top left: conference table in Melrose Hall; accent table in the Office of Academic Affairs; bowl used for tradition of acorns at convocation and commencement; closeup of wood in the accent table in Academic Affairs; seal on the podium used for lectures and presentations; and pedestal for the bowl.