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### Alumni News

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## 'Last lectures' provide opportunity to reconnect



One of the hallmarks of a Linfield education is the close-knit relationship between students and faculty. I've heard countless stories from alumni who speak affectionately – and emotionally – about Linfield faculty.

With that in mind, one of my favorite ways to help faculty reconnect with former students is through a series we began a few years ago. We offer retiring faculty an opportunity to give a "last lecture" to alumni and friends. Last month we held two – for Professors Eugene Gilden and Dave Hansen.

What I like best is that each lecture is so unique. Dr. Gilden talked about several psychological concepts and

cited experiments and research to support his theories. Professor Hansen told some of his favorite stories. The lectures were different, and yet each was just right for the speaker. In both cases, it was the perfect opportunity to send the professor out with style. They each spoke to a full house made up of current students and colleagues, former students and colleagues, friends and family. We are so pleased to be part of events that allow beloved professors to delight alumni and friends one final time.

Visit the Linfield College YouTube channel for links to these lectures. Be sure you are subscribed to the *E-Cat*, our monthly electronic newsletter. Don't miss out on future "last lectures."

– Debbie (Hansen) Harmon Ferry '90  
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## Love at Linfield – The Meichos



Tom and Jean (Woest) Meicho '51 and '53 found love at Linfield.

They met on what Tom describes

as his first and last blind date.

"I was to meet her in Grover Hall," he recalled. "I was standing by the stairs waiting for her to come down. Suddenly I saw the heels, ankles, legs and a body in a gold dress. I knew that I was in love."

They went to the fall convocation at the First Baptist Church and listened to the speaker, the founder of Kraft Cheese. A year later, they married, and Tom went on to earn a B.D. from Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. They returned to campus in 1957, where Tom served as dean of admissions until 1993.

The Meichos' story, along with the stories of other alumni who met spouses at Linfield, is posted on the Linfield website: [www.linfield.edu/college-relations/alumni/linfieldlove.html](http://www.linfield.edu/college-relations/alumni/linfieldlove.html). If you met your spouse at Linfield, tell us about it. Send your story and a photo to [alumni@linfield.edu](mailto:alumni@linfield.edu).



## Nursing alumni share memories

Alumni of the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing and the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing celebrated the profession of nursing and connected with fellow alumni during a celebration Saturday, May 4, on the Portland Campus.

The event featured campus tours, social

opportunities, and a program including news from the college and keynote speaker Carol Bradley, chief nursing officer at Legacy Health.

Rhawnie Hilchey '06, a nurse at Salem Hospital since 2006, was awarded the 2013 Lloydena V. Grimes Award for Excellence in Nursing. Hilchey is respected for her high standards of patient care and renowned for ensuring patient needs are met.



A small group of alumni is making a big impact on Linfield College. The Alumni Leadership Council (ALC) meets three times each year to discuss how to nurture lifelong connections with the Linfield community. The council provides input and direction for alumni events, services, programming and communications. ALC members are, back from left, John Prutsman '57, Fred Minifie '58, Sonny Jepson '73, Gil Hargreaves '71, Brian Lawrence '99, Sean Hoar '80, front row from left, Lynn DeWard '83, Nancy (Steinbach) Haack '69 and Graham Seaton '08. Not pictured Garlinn (Hansen) Story '69, Brian Petrequin '94, Kris Kirkman '99 and Jason Little '07. For more information, email [alumni@linfield.edu](mailto:alumni@linfield.edu).

## Homecoming 2013, Oct. 4-5

Reunite with classmates during reunions for the classes of 1963, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1993 and 2003. Other reunions will also be held for political science majors, Costa Rica study abroad participants and Peace Corps volunteers. Spend the weekend touring campus enhancements and honoring our exceptional alumni award winners.

"I am excited to hear from the other alumni volunteers about how their time and experiences at Linfield related or helped them in their Peace Corps assignment. I, for one, believe Joel Marrant's Cultural Anthropology class should be required before serving in the Peace Corps," said Phyllis Bloch Shelton '85, returned Peace Corps volunteer, Honduras, 1986-88.

[www.linfield.edu/homecoming](http://www.linfield.edu/homecoming)  
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## Pencil us in!

Welcome to the alumni parties  
Sunday, June 30, 4 p.m.

Alumni of all ages are invited to "Welcome to the Alumni" parties at one of six locations. Parties are scheduled in Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Bend and Salem.

*My Fair Lady*  
Saturday, Aug. 10, 2 p.m.

Jazmin Gorsline '99 headlines the Broadway Rose Theatre Company's production of *My Fair Lady*. Join fellow alumni and friends for the performance. Cost is \$29.

Fundraising dinner  
Thursday, Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m.

The President's Circle Leadership Team and Rising Alumni Leadership Team are sponsoring the second annual fundraiser for Linfield College. Held in the penthouse at Holladay Park Plaza, the dinner is for those who are planning to make a leadership level contribution during the 2013-14 year. Email [kkarr@linfield.edu](mailto:kkarr@linfield.edu) for an invitation.

Whitworth pre-game barbecue  
Saturday, Oct. 19, noon

Join other Wildcat fans for a barbecue prior to the football game. Wear your red and purple and cheer on the team. [alumni@linfield.edu](mailto:alumni@linfield.edu)

## Welcome graduates

Class of 2013, you are now members of the Linfield College Alumni Association, along with 21,000 other Wildcats around the world. We hope you will stay in touch. You can find us online in a number of places:

Facebook, [facebook.com/linfieldcollege](https://www.facebook.com/linfieldcollege); Twitter, [@linfieldcollege](https://twitter.com/linfieldcollege); LinkedIn, [Linfield College Alumni](https://www.linkedin.com/company/linfield-college-alumni); youtube, [youtube.com/linfieldcollege](https://www.youtube.com/linfieldcollege); and our website [www.linfield.edu](http://www.linfield.edu).

Congratulations, and we hope to see you again soon.