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Linfield alumni bring value to their fields, communities



In early November, every time I turned on my car radio, another outstanding Linfield graduate was in the news. I heard Margaret (Shepard) Van Vliet '85, director of Oregon Housing and Community Services, interviewed about homelessness in Oregon. Another

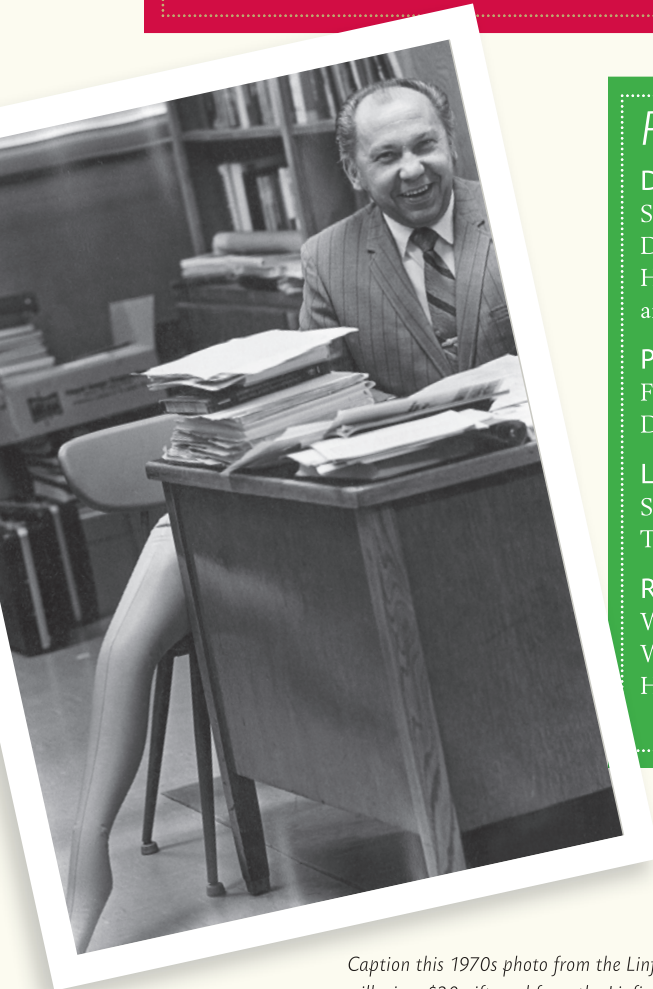
day, Michael Lindblad '94, Oregon's Teacher of the Year, was featured on Oregon Public Broadcasting's *Think Out Loud*. Later that same week, OPB ran a story about the sale of 10 Barrel Brewing, co-owned by Garret Wales '06.

On three different days the program featured Linfield alumni from three different decades who work in three very different fields. They are leaders in business, education and community service. Each

graduate differs in style and skill set and yet all of them are impacting Oregon. I listened with pride as our alumni were interviewed. Each sounded so articulate. Clearly, they are the products of a liberal arts education and used this opportunity to practice critical thinking and clear communication skills.

Though not all alumni are on the radio each week, it was a wonderful reminder that Linfield is educating creative leaders who are engaged locally, nationally and globally. Our alumni bring value to their communities whether they are educators, civic leaders or business owners. I'm glad I happened to tune in just in time to hear a few of them shine.

– Debbie Harmon Ferry '90
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Caption this 1970s photo from the Linfield College Archives of the late Elmer Fricke, professor emeritus of math, and the most inventive entry will win a \$20 gift card from the Linfield Bookstore. Responses may be included in an upcoming Linfield publication. Email creative entries to alumni@linfield.edu.

Pencil us in!

Denver
Saturday, March 7, noon
Denver ChopHouse & Brewery
Hosted by Eric Deffenbaugh '00 and Justin Ball '00

Palm Desert
Friday, March 20, noon
Desert Willow Golf Resort

Los Angeles
Saturday, March 21
TBD location, time

Reno
Wednesday, March 25, 6 p.m.
Washoe Steakhouse
Hosted by Debbie Day

Boise
Tuesday, April 7, 6 p.m.
Hillcrest Country Club
Hosted by Gary Smith '72

Eugene
Tuesday, April 14, noon
Oregon Electric Station

San Francisco
Wednesday, April 15, 6 p.m.
Bin 38

Nursing Alumni celebration
Saturday, April 25, 12:30 p.m.
Portland Campus

Mom's Weekend
May 1-2

For more information, call 503-883-2547 or alumni@linfield.edu, linfield.edu/alumni

Save the date!

Homecoming 2015 Sept. 11-12

Come home to Linfield. Reunions are planned for the classes of 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995 and 2005, along with other affinity groups. Consider nominating an exceptional classmate or Linfield supporter for an Alumni Award. Deadline for nominations is May 15.

linfield.edu/homecoming



Get to know one of our SAA leaders

You may see her greeting alumni at a campus gathering, serving birthday cake at "Happy Birthday Linfield," working with students as a resident advisor (RA) or playing first base on the Linfield softball team. But whatever her role, Danielle Duman '17, Student Alumni Association co-chair, is working to spread a culture of philanthropy at Linfield.

The basics: Elementary education major, Spanish minor with math and ESOL endorsements

Hometown: Eugene

Why SAA: I like being able to connect with the many alumni who make our Linfield experience possible. Through SAA, I can interact with donors and alumni, plan events for the campus, and teach my peers about philanthropy and giving back.

On alumni interactions: Alumni want to see Linfield students be successful and want to help in any way they can to make our dreams and goals possible. They are great resources, have many connections and are able to provide contacts for internships and sometimes even future jobs.

On giving back: Donors have made it possible for me to attend Linfield, my dream school, and for that I am truly grateful. I hear stories from donors and trustees and it inspires me to stay connected with and find ways to promote philanthropy on campus.

On Linfield opportunities: I have been provided with a lot of great opportunities and an amazing Linfield experience. One of the main reasons I wanted to become an RA and be involved with SAA was to help others to have an enjoyable experience at Linfield as well.

On being a student athlete: I always knew I wanted to be a collegiate athlete, but academics have always come first. Linfield provided me with the best of both worlds as I am able to receive a great education while also playing for a competitive softball program. I have been able to become a part of another great family at Linfield, Catball.

The bottom line: Linfield is truly a special place. Without the support of our many trustees, donors, faculty and alumni, we would not be provided with the wonderful opportunities available to us. Philanthropy means giving back in a number of ways: money, time and volunteer work. It's not about how much you give, but what you can give to make a difference in the lives of others.

