Good Government By the Book

New Multnomah County Chairman Ted Wheeler, ‘81, knows a thing or two about good government. In fact, you could say he wrote the book on it.

“Government that works: Innovation in State and Local Government,” published 14 years ago, grew out of Ted’s graduate work at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Now, after winning election over embattled incumbent Diane Linn with a staggering 69 percent of the vote in May 2006, Ted, who is both a voting member of the county Board of Commissioners and its top executive official, is in position to put those principles to work.

While the personality conflicts that plagued the board in recent years have largely been smoothed-over with the departures of Linn and term-limited Commissioner Serena Cruz Walsh, the county faces a bigger challenge: Dealing with life after “I-Tax,” a temporary county income tax surcharge that provided nearly 10 percent of the budget.

There is also the small matter of the now-infamous Wapato jail, which was completed in 2004 but never opened because the county lacked the money to operate it. Ted has vowed to open it, but says the cuts the board will be forced to implement when it releases its budget in the coming months will make it more difficult.

This isn’t necessarily an endeavor Ted would have picked out for himself when he was at Lincoln in the late ’70s and early ’80s, a time when the school was, he says, fairly divided into groups of “jocks, nerds and stoners.”

Ted was on the swim team, served as senior class president and, with an eye on attending a good college, was a diligent student.

“I guess I was a nerd,” he says, “I don’t think I spent much time contemplating my future.”

The future took him to Stanford, Columbia and Harvard universities, where he earned a bachelors degree and two masters degrees. He spent nearly a decade in Boston, where his anger at the blithe disregard of citizen input in the early stages of the Big Dig project led to an aborted run for the Boston City Council in 1993.

Coming home in 1999, he led a financial services company. He had always been involved in public service, and over the next few years took on a number of volunteer activities, including with Hollow Family Shelter and the Friends of Forest Park. He founded Portland YouthWorks Inc., joined the advisory board of the World Affairs Council and the board of the Oregon Sports Authority.

An avid mountain climber who has scaled Mount Everest and went to the North Pole for his honeymoon, he took part in rescue missions with Portland Mountain Rescue.

Married to wife Katrina in 2005, he has on a desk in his office several photos of six-month-old daughter Quinnlan, and eagerly shows the photos to visitors.

Ted’s enjoyed popularity on the county board and in the community since winning election. He knows that the difficult decisions that must come with the next budget will likely shorten the honeymoon.

While a budget is still in the discussion phase, he expects to see cuts of at least $10 million. While he believes many of those cuts can be made by recognizing efficiencies, many will require much tougher — and less popular — choices.

Still, there’s no job Ted would rather have right now — including a higher office. “I might be back in Washington, D.C., today debating flag burning,” he said. “Or I could be here where I can really get things done. County government is where the rubber really meets the road.”

Ted Wheeler (‘81)

If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one? 
Abraham Lincoln
02/12/1809 - 04/15/1865
16th president of the USA
THE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Dear Lincoln Alumni:

As president of the Lincoln Alumni Association, I would like to give a brief introduction of myself. My name is Leslie McClung Costandi and I graduated in 1975. My grandfather and parents attended Lincoln and my children are fourth generation students. I am still currently involved at Lincoln as an active parent and volunteer.

I feel fortunate to be in a position of seeing the daily functions at Lincoln and also being involved in the alumni association. The importance and connection that the alumni association has with the school is very much needed and appreciated.

My youngest child is now a senior looking forward to graduation and the opportunity to move on and enjoy a new adventure. I had the opportunity to address eighth-grade students and their parents and remembered the excitement of my children and their enthusiasm for moving into high school and a new chapter in their lives.

Lincoln alums have an opportunity to make a difference in these students’ lives. We are looking forward to offering scholarships to college-bound students and hope to start making connections through mentoring and internships. The alumni association was created to promote and support educational excellence and we need your help!

Please consider getting involved. The possibilities are endless.

Wishing you a great 2007

Leslie McClung Costandi
Class of ’75

Reunions

This is what we know at press time. For current information check the alumni Web site at www.lincolnalum.org and click on Reunions. We will update regularly as we get final information.

1947 - We have heard rumors that a reunion is being planned, but we have not been able to track down particulars. Check our Web site above for later developments.

1957 - Your committee has been working on this one for two years, so expect something wonderful. Festivities will be August 24 and 25, 2007 with both events taking place at University Place - 310 SW Lincoln St in Portland starting at 6:30 PM. Friday the 24th will be a reception and Saturday the 25th will be a dinner dance. If there is enough interest there will also be a tour of the school at 11 AM on the 25th. Contact Bill Walker for the reunion announcement, registration forms and the Class of 1957 Directory personal information form at wwwalker@comcast.net or write to 8404 SW Ninth Ave - Portland, OR 97219.

1967 - The 40th reunion for this class of boomers is scheduled for Friday, August 3, 2007 at the Riverview Golf & Country Club. Time is 6 PM for dinner, socializing and dancing. Additional events are being planned for Saturday, August 4th.

To sign up, contact Pam Hackett at Classic Reunions, Inc. 503-626-3669 ext. 105 or 1-800-474-3669 ext. 105 or email her at Pam@classic-reunions.com. For more information contact Reunion Committee Coordinators Donna Schmidt at jondonna2@verizon.net or Chet Orloff at chetorloff@msn.com.

1977 - The 30th reunion for the class of ’77 will be Friday, October 5, 2007 at the Tualatin Country Club. Festivities will be from 7 PM to midnight. For more information contact Classic Reunions at 503-626-3669 or go to www.classic-reunions.com.

1987 - Well, here is another class with only tentative plans. It looks as though the dinner will be on a Friday in September of 2007 followed by a picnic the next day. Locations, exact dates and times to be determined. Keep a look out on our Web site for the latest news.

1997 - This class of youngsters is just starting to plan its reunion. Date, place and time are still not known. Check our web site or email Joel Fowlks at joelfowlks@hotmail.com.

PARK BLOCKS REUNION WHEELS IN MOTION

Dates have been set for the “Lincoln on the Park” reunion for all alumni who attended the “old” Lincoln High on the park blocks. This would be graduates from 1913 through 1955.

Set aside September 12 and 13 in 2008, (that’s eight). On Friday, September 12 plan to meet classmates for drinks and hors d’oeuvres in the old school hallway. No worries about the hall monitor sending you to see the principal. Saturday, September 13 we’ll gather for a banquet at the Mountain Park Recreation Center. Your committee is lining up attractive rates at convenient motels and arranging for shuttles for the Saturday event.

The reunion committee needs to get an idea of how many will be coming. If you plan to attend, please e-mail Andy Friedle Dignan (’49) at patdiggy@cs.com or send a note to Tobi Moore O’Neil (’50) at 19095 SW Mobile Pl - Tualatin, OR 97062. This does not commit you to attending but will help in planning. And last but far from least, the committee needs seed money. For $100 you will get recognition with a Class Sponsor plaque in the hallway on Friday night. Send a check with your note to Tobi Moore O’Neil and let us know if you want anything special on your plaque besides your name and graduation year.

See you in ’08!
Peyton Chapman figured out early on that being a lawyer wasn’t for her. “I’ve always been idealistic and it just wasn’t as inspiring as I’d hoped,” Lincoln’s first-year principal says.

Peyton, 41, came to Lincoln last September after 12 years in the Portland school district as a teacher and administrator. Looking back at the choice she made in her 20s to leave law and go into education, she can put her finger on what it is she likes so much about her new job — it is, she says, “purposeful work.”

“I want to empower other people and in law I felt like I was empowering myself but couldn’t always use it to help others,” she says. “I didn’t always feel like part of the solution.”

Peyton understands there’s a widely held view that with its higher test scores and income levels, that Lincoln has all the resources it needs.

But each school has its own unique problems and Lincoln is no exception. Perhaps the two most pressing: A widening achievement gap between the higher- and lower-performing students, and a 55-year old building designed for 1200 students that is busting at the seams with about 1500.

The sun is going down on a gorgeous spring day in early April. Peyton is still in her office even though it’s nearly 8 p.m. Problems? She has a social studies teacher teaching in the band room, but he’ll have to leave when band is offered again next year (there’s some good news, too). She doesn’t know where to put him because she ran out of classrooms long ago.

She’s hoping the district will let her partition the cafeteria for classrooms because — as anyone familiar with Lincoln knows — students haven’t actually eaten lunch in there since the Nixon administration.

Peyton’s first job in Portland was at Sellwood Middle School. She also taught at Hosford Middle and Franklin High before becoming vice-principal at Madison.

She has three children; her daughter is a freshman at Lincoln. Teaching was her “dream job,” but she seems cut out for the job of principal, which she likens to being the mayor of a small city.

“It’s one of the hardest jobs in the country,” she says. “But it’s also the most rewarding.”

Fountain will get a helping hand

The fountain in the courtyard in the front of the school is getting a much-needed restoration, courtesy of the student body executive council. The project will be completed in mid-May. The executive council has met with a contractor who will seal the fountain’s concrete basin so that it looks nicer and won’t drain water, tile the rim of the fountain and install water jets under “Shore Birds Landing,” the fountain sculpture done by local artist Thomas Hardy.

“The fountain is in pretty bad shape right now, because the water is never turned on and when it is, it is very unimpressive,” says Austin Shiner, Lincoln’s student body president. “The executive council wants to give back to the school in as many ways as possible, and improving the fountain was a really cool idea, we thought.”

Designed and constructed in 1961, the fountain was presented during a Thanksgiving assembly. It came from a bequest from the late Judge Otto J. Kraemer, class of 1892.
Committee looking to grow endowment fund

The push is on to expand the Lincoln Alumni Association Endowment Fund.

The endowment fund committee has released its 2007 fundraising plan to increase the endowment to $200,000.

In addition, the endowment committee will begin presenting a $1,000 scholarship award to a graduating senior each spring.

The endowment, created in 1999, currently totals $52,000. It is used to provide funding for the betterment of students through scholarships, educational and creative projects, and events.

Contributions to the fund are tax-deductible. Donations can be mailed to:

Lincoln Alumni Association Endowment Fund
PO Box 23339
Portland, OR 97281

Questions about the fund can be directed to committee chairwoman Carolyn Mae Jackson, 503-639-3401. Or reach the Alumni Association hotline at 503-452-2225, or by e-mailing lincolnalum@hotmail.com •

In Their Own League

Big-time success is nothing unusual to the Lincoln Dance/Drill team, which in March won its sixth-straight state title. The team, with 48 members, was recently honored at a school assembly.

The team has been coached and choreographed for the last 11 years by Sara Anderson, who also coaches the Junior Blazer Dancers. Sara is a dedicated teacher, instilling in her team discipline, a strong work ethic, confidence and poise.

The dance team is very popular, with more than 100 dancers trying out for half as many spots each year. The competitive season lasts seven months, culminating with the state championships at Memorial Coliseum each year in March. •
In Memoriam

This list includes deaths since Spring, 2006 newsletter. Please let us know of any others who have died since then.

Lorraine Hansen, 1922
Flora Burkhardt Erfeldt, 1925
Mabel Wagenblast Falkenhagen, 1926
Robert Howard II, 1927
Gertrude Engerman Zell, 1927
Nathan Cohen, 1929
Irma Keiling Montgomery, 1931
Judy Smith Hedlund, 1932
Lloyd Kamin 1933
Aunetta Powell Potter, 1933
Frances Rogers Hyde, 1933
Fred B Voi, 1933
Hildene Westerlund, 1933
Margaret Bruce, 1934
Marie Dunne Morton, 1934
Kirby Haskell, 1934
Philip Marcus, 1934
Ruth McCormick Peets, 1934
Lillian Berg, 1935
Daisy Grimm Larson, 1935
Paul Raz, 1935
Robert Schulze, 1935
Rae Hungerford Mason, 1936
Dorothy McCormick Gallaway, 1936
Ruth Morris McDade, 1936
Irving Peck, 1936
Margaret Troost Shuford, 1936
Dorothy Wong Chung, 1936
Florence Oeland Williams, 1937
James Goodsell, 1937
Bernice Hochfield Semler, 1937
Edna Hutchinson McNaught, 1937
Donald Plympton, 1937
Jack Rosen, 1937
Howard Schatz, 1937
Henry Wagner, 1937
Ronald Weckert, 1937
Mary Alice Briggs Thompson, 1938
Jean Downing Henle, 1938
Margaret Hogen Shanks, 1938
Charles Bowles, 1939
Carolyn Clark Blackstock, 1939
Susan Grout Chilton, 1939
Sara Rogers Franzwa, 1939
Barbara Weaver Robinson, 1939
George Dunn, 1940
Wilma Fishman Meyer, 1940
Vern Heeszel, 1940
Gwendolyn Joyce Denny, 1940
Vincent Piccioni, 1940
Clay Bleck, 1941
Arthur McArthur, 1941
Kazuo Ochiai, 1941
Paul Osmond, 1941
C Dorcas Tomlinson, 1941
Joseph Wahmer, 1941
Stanley Walker, 1941
Rosemary Alber Gunn, 1942
Barbara Barnes Lindlheim, 1942
Warren Jones, 1942
Jeanne Petterson Thoreson, 1942
Dan Wessler, 1942
Lillian Patti Kennedy, 1943
Norman Roberts, 1943
Ruth Hauglum Miro, 1944
Joan Irving Green, 1944
Charles Wollin, 1944
Robert Andrews, 1945
Beverly Heyfron Gentry, 1945
Donald Osstensoe, 1945
Robert Lamkin, 1946
Ervin Osbourn, 1946
Syl Staller Soskin, 1946
Lillian Tarnovsky McKendrick, 1946
Nadine Ullberg Brady, 1946
David Butterfield, 1947
Patsy Dunaway McDulin, 1947
Anthony Elich, 1947
Shirley Gibbs Glasby, 1947
Malcolm Montague, 1947
Margaret Sackette Chirgin, 1947
Robert Chambers, 1948
Yvonne Lefebvre Davis, 1948
Lowell Miller, 1948
Suzanne Somers, 1948
Blake Hering, 1949
Robert Kaufman, 1949
Claude Smith, 1949
Lee Cosart, 1950
Willie Bowles, 1951
Joan Faber Ellis, 1951
Gertrude Forman Shabasson, 1951
Judith Bromberg Epstein, 1952
James French, 1952
Bill Hills, 1952
Joyce Smith Godon, 1952
Nancy Southier, 1952
James Clegg, 1953
Harry Coleman, 1953
Evelyn Johnson Wilson, 1953
Delta Stahl Kinski, 1953
Eva Strand Harvey, 1953
Robert Ashbury, 1954
Edward Mesher, 1954
Charles Miller, 1954
William Panton, 1954
Phylis Overman Poehert, 1955
Lelenne Overman Poehert, 1956
Gary Hunt, 1956
Richard Moe, 1956
Larry Godard, 1957
Sally Gray Weaver, 1957
Mary Johnson, 1957
Andre Laborde, 1957
William Case, 1958
Ron Saito, 1960
Annie Godfrey Dupuy, 1960
Darrel Link, 1961
Read Richardson, 1961
Elizabeth Schultz Haggin, 1962
Mary Campbell Rongerude, 1963
Helen Ball Kemmer, 1964
Susan Gillam, 1964
Mark Luby, 1965
Deon Bucher Mcalip, 1966
Daphne Green Young, 1966
Lester Flink, 1967
Thomas Holman Jr, 1967
Ruth Butler Cooper, 1968
Christopher Kies, 1968
Tracy Ann Smith, 1968
Gyle Pisotchi, 1969
Marguarite Boyd Bamimore, 1971
Brian Workman, 1971
Mark Fischer, 1972
Ann Masters Martine, 1972
Thomas Neill, 1972
Douglas Nauman, 1974
Andy Scarburry, 1974
Craig Hornecker Burnham, 1975
Ruth Ruelen Eng, 1975
Jane Gekler, 1976
Geoffrey Reynolds, 1989
Matthew Neyhart, 2005
Andrew Brinkley, 2006
Kraig Crow, 2006

“We are the poorer for the loss of their company, but are well served that they were once among us”... – Anonymous
Expanding the Cardinal Family

Lincoln continues to grow — and outgrow its building. A long-term development committee formed with the support of Portland Public Schools will study expansion and redevelopment opportunities for the Lincoln property.

The community-led initiative is designed to solve the school’s overcrowding and facility problems, utilizing a public-private model such as that used in the development of Rosa Parks Elementary in the New Columbia area last year.

The current Lincoln building, which dates to 1952, was designed for 1200 students and currently serves about 1500. The school is closed to transfer students and most classrooms are significantly undersized. The committee hopes to come up with a solution that expands capacity and accommodates an up-to-date learning model. Opportunities to incorporate other uses onto the property to create a vibrant community campus are currently being explored.

Seed funds of $30,000 are needed to continue visioning efforts and develop conceptual plans for the Lincoln property. People interested in sharing ideas, getting more information or making a contribution can contact the committee at LHS-visioning@comcast.net.

From the Past . . .

Far away in the trenches there are members of the February 1918 class. . . .The Great War has snatched away the illusive film which veiled a so-called civilization. . . .What of the chaos to follow in the wake of the war? Recovery from the greatest conflict in world history will not be immediate. There must be an organized effort on the part of level-headed, far-sighted trained men and women for a prudent reconstruction. History must not be allowed to repeat itself. . . .Among these men and women may we find the members of our February class of 1918, still true to their motto: “Pret Pour Mon Pays” (Ready for my Country).

- February 1918 yearbook.
"IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME..."

The Lincoln High School Alumni Association invites you to an old-fashioned picnic

WHERE: Oaks Amusement Park, foot of Southeast Spokane Street along the Willamette River in Portland. The picnic is in Areas 15, 16 and Riverview 1 at the north end of the park. Parking is free and handicapped parking is available.

WHEN: August 5, 2007 from 11:00AM to 5:00PM.

WHO: All Lincoln alumni, family and friends are invited.

PRICE: $20.00 per person – Includes a catered lunch by Oaks Park of fried chicken, choice of four salads, rolls/butter, dessert and soft drinks. Lunch will be served at 1:00 PM. Beverages cannot be brought onto the grounds. Bring a lawn chair to sit in.

ON THE BILLBOARD:

- Entertainment provided by Hal Hart '47 and the Portland Rose Dixieland Band.
- No host beer and wine available 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- Lots of reminiscing with classmates. Bring memorabilia to share.
- Midway thrill rides, roller skating, and games.
- A reminder: Oaks Park requires pets be on a leash and you provide clean-up.

QUESTIONS? Phone: (503) 452-2225 or E-Mail: lincolnalum@hotmail.com

PLEASE REPLY NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2007
Oaks Park requires number of attendees 30 days in advance for food order.

MAIL TO:
LHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 80338
PORTLAND, OR 97280

For LHSAA Picnic August 5, 2007 Oaks Park, Portland, OR

NAME______________________________
First __________________ Maiden ____________ Last ____________

ADDRESS__________________________________________________________ EMAIL__________________________

CITY, STATE_________________________ ZIP __________ PHONE ______________

CLASS OF__________ NUMBER OF GUEST ______ ENCLOSED CHECKS__________
(Make Checks Payable to LHS Alumni Association)