

I REMEMBER WHEN:

I started at Linn Tech in the fall of 1964 after having graduated high school from JCSHS. The tuition was \$20 per month (I think that MU was \$60/semester) and most of the kids that went to Linn, paid each month and some asked to be carried sometimes for a month or two. I was in Electronics which was housed in a small two room building. The first year was taught by John Baker who smoked a pipe and the smelliest tobacco that would burn the hairs in your nose, it was terrible. He was a good teacher.

The second year taught by Mr. Sullivan. He had nine kids and often would have to visit the local pub at night just to get a break and that would result in him having to wear sunglasses during the next morning's electronics class. He was a good teacher and a great guy.

We were attending some of the classes in the high school next door as they were still working on more classroom buildings. We started later that fall or maybe early spring semester in a basement that had a roof put on it while they waited for additional funding to finish the building.

We sat in class with our feet up on the rungs of the chair while Mr. Light sloshed through the muddy water back and forth in front of the blackboard as he taught Physics. We had an English teacher named Franz Fawley who had transferred from Florida and who complained daily that the Missouri mud and water were ruining his clothes.

Upon graduating from Linn Tech in 1966, I entered the service as everyone was doing, and was sent to electronics school and wound up being a technician on flight simulators and later taught Instrument Flying classes to undergraduate pilots.

I currently am with DRS Technologies in St. Louis, where I have worked for 30+ years starting as a logistics engineer and progressing up through Branch Manager. Today I am SME for Engineering Services.

It has been 44 years since I left Linn but I think of it a lot, it gave me my start and I am grateful for that and, I very humbly thank all those with the patience and understanding that was necessary for me to get through.

God Bless and have a great Anniversary,

Ron Cross '66