LOVELL BROTHERS TOP ALL COMERS IN NCAA DECATHLON

The first individual track and field national championship in eight years highlighted a record-setting season.

Twin brothers Josh Lovell and Jeremy Lovell finished 1-2 in the men's decathlon at the NCAA Division III Championships in Marietta, Ohio, headlining a seven-person Linfield delegation to the NCAA Championships.

Scoring 7,080 points, Josh Lovell captured the program's first NCAA championship since Amber Larson won the 400-meter hurdles in 2001. He exceeded his previous career-best point total of 7,003 but fell just short of the Linfield record of 7,113 held by former

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Jeremy Lovell sat in fourth place entering the decathlon's final event but blazed to a nine-second personal best in the 1,500. His sixth-place showing in that event earned him second place in the points standings with a career-high 6,857. That topped his previous best of 6,737 at the NCAA multi-event championships.

Both Lovells earned All-America honors for their lofty finishes, as did Linfield freshman Catherine Street.Coming through a school-record effort of 12 feet, 10 ¾ inches, Street placed third in the women’s pole vault. Also performing well at the NCAA Championships was distance runner Marci Klimek, who earned ninth place in both the 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs.

At the Northwest Conference Championships in April, Linfield’s men placed third in the team standings while the women were fifth among eight competing teams. Josh Lovell was named NWC Men's Athlete of the Meet after winning the decathlon and long jump. He also ran legs on both winning relay squads.

Gabe Haberly became the latest in a long line of NWC pole vault champions from Linfield, winning the event by eclipsing his personal best of 14 feet, 6 inches.

John Torsey captured the individual title in the men’s 200-meter dash and led a 2-3-4 Linfield finish in the 100. Josh Lovell was third and Jeremy Lovell claimed fourth.

In the throws, Clint Moore collected a runner-up finish in the men’s discus, throwing 151-8.

On the women’s side, Street set a NWC championship-meet standard in the pole vault, breaking a nine-year-old record. Fellow freshman Misty Corwin captured second place in the same event.

An NWC runner-up in 2008, sophomore Chelsea Machida captured the women’s NCAA title in the high jump with a season-best mark of 5-3 1⁄4.

In the javelin, freshmen Katrina Amsberry and Kelly Marineau placed second and third, respectively at the NWC meet. Both qualified for and competed in the NCAA championship meet.

Klimek was runner-up in the women’s 5,000 and placed fourth in the 1,500. Laura Sibley earned third place in the 400 hurdles, Brooke Bekkedahl was third in the 400 dash and Rebecca Fister claimed third in the 800.

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JOSH LOVELL, BRITTANY MILLER NAMED LINFIELD ATHLETES OF THE YEAR FOR 2008-09

Track and field national champion Josh Lovell and softball All-American Brittany Miller have been named Linfield male and female Athletes of the Year following a vote of the athletic department’s coaching staff.

Lovell was a dynamo on the track in 2009, winning Linfield’s first individual national championship since 2001. He received Northwest Conference Athlete of the Meet honors at the NWC championship meet, helping Linfield to a third-place team finish.

As a testament to his all-around mastery, Lovell holds top-five marks in the conference in seven different events.

In his specialty, the decathlon, Lovell scored a personal-best 7,080 points at the NCAA Championships, second-most in Linfield history.

The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) singled out Lovell as the organization’s 2009 National Field Athlete of the Year.

“He has an outstanding work ethic, is very coachable, and has more humility than most people ever come close to,” praised his coach, Dr. Garry Killgore.

Miller enjoyed an exceptional senior season, rolling to a 15-4 win-loss record in 25 appearances. Her 181 strikeouts was most in the NWC this spring. She posted a 1.22 earned run average while holding opponents to a .132 batting average.

Three times during the 2009 season, Miller was named NWC Pitcher of the Week. She was also recognized by as the national Pitcher of the Week by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association following an 18-strikeout performance against Pacific that set a new Linfield single-game record.

Miller was singled out as the NWC Pitcher of the Year, was a first team all-West Region selection and went on to receive second team All-America honors from the NFCA.

She holds 12 career pitching records, including wins (71), strikeouts (632), shutouts (26) and saves (6).

Majoring in sociology and psychology, Miller received scholarly distinction as well when she was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America third team.

“Athletically, Brittany is the most talented pitcher to come through the program since I’ve been at Linfield,” said her coach, Jackson Vaughan ‘97. “As a student, she places a high priority on academics. To be able to perform as well as she has in softball while working toward a double major, that’s a tribute to her intelligence, talent and drive.”

She is the daughter of Jim and Beth Miller of Port Orchard, Wash.

VERN MARSHALL AWARD GOES TO SENIORS KENDRA STRAHM AND JOSH PARFITT

Softball star Kendra Strahm and swimmer Josh Parfitt are co-recipients of the Vern Marshall Award, saluting the Linfield student-athletes who demonstrate the greatest tenacity.

Chosen by the coaching staff, the award was created in honor of Vern Marshall ‘57, a former Linfield athlete, and college and professional sports referee who passed away in 2002.

A four-year letterwinner in softball, Strahm was a major cog during the Wildcats’ four consecutive Northwest Conference championships.

A right-handed pitcher, she finished her career with a win-loss record of 48-11. Her 48 pitching victories equals the second-most career wins in program history. She appeared in 83 contests, amassing 267 strikeouts and eight shutouts.

“Kendra loves the game of softball and loves being a Linfield Wildcat,” said coach Jackson Vaughan ‘97. “Her love of softball and for Linfield is contagious.”

As a sophomore, Strahm rebounded from a devastating knee injury to be a key performer during Linfield’s run to the 2007 NCAA Division III national championship.

She suffered another injury to the same knee late in the 2009 season and it was feared her pitching career might be over. But Strahm fought past that injury and went on to earn a complete-game victory over nationally ranked Louisiana College in the regional playoffs.

The daughter of Doug and Mary Strahm of Medford, Ore., she earned a bachelor’s degree in exercise science and plans a career in medicine.

A four-year swimming letterwinner, Parfitt specialized in the distance freestyle events. He capped his college career with a second-place finish in the 1,650 freestyle at the Northwest Conference Championships in March. In that championship race, he shaved 20 seconds off his season-best performance and also went on to place second in the 500 freestyle.

Known for his relentless training habits, Parfitt developed himself into a championship-caliber athlete. After capturing the 2008 NWC title in the 200 freestyle, Parfitt’s hopes for a repeat performance were nearly derailed.

“Josh battled some illness as a senior, but he put in four strong years,” said his coach, Gary Gutierrez. “No one trained harder than Josh.”

Parfitt’s name is prominent in the Linfield swimming record book, where he ranks among the top three in four individual events.

“Whether it was swimming or exercise science or his two work-study jobs, Josh worked tremendously hard in every aspect of his life,” said Gutierrez.

A native of Damascus, Ore., Parfitt earned a bachelor’s degree in exercise science. He is the son of John and Cindy Parfitt.
IN THE 21ST CENTURY, THE SIZE OF YOUR FOOTBALL GUIDE NO LONGER MATTERS

Across America last week, sports information directors and members of the sports media were buzzing over the joint announcement from traditional football powerhouses Michigan and Ohio State that the two storied programs would no longer print media guides.

Football guides began as mimeographed booklets in the 1950s that served as reference material for media covering the team. By the 1980s and ’90s, they served a dual purpose as a recruiting brochure. Ballooning to nearly the size of encyclopedia, the guides chronicled every obscure statistic, record and tangible virtue of their respective programs and conferences.

At the Division I level, the printing of football media guides turned into such a competitive arms race that the NCAA finally had to put the brakes on the runaway train. Nebraska, Texas, Notre Dame, USC and Tennessee were among the frontrunners setting the sky-high standard for the bulky books. In 2005, the NCAA passed legislation that no guide in any sport could exceed 208 pages. By then, Missouri’s 2004 football guide was a 614-page behemoth.

The printing wars had a trickle-down effect. When I began as sports information director at Linfield in 1989, our football publication was a modest 36 pages. The 2008 guide was double that at 74 pages.

I made it my personal labor of love to expand and enhance the Linfield publication over those 20 years, even winning an award for best Division III football guide in 2006. Costs for producing the guides continued to rise along with the price of postage. At the same time, much of the football guide’s content was duplicated (and in the case of team records, expanded) on the Linfield Athletics Web site.

With people’s reading habits evolving to electronic mediums in the information age, the time appears right for Linfield to press forward with its transition to the “New Media” to convey our unique message.

Like the big schools, Linfield is looking to save money, reduce its carbon footprint and refocus marketing efforts on cutting-edge technologies. With an eye to the future, we will no longer publish an annual football guide.

“With the new media environment and current economic climate, the decision to cut back in this area was prudent,” Michigan athletics director Bill Martin said in the landmark news release. “We understand there is a need for a stronger commitment to new media. Our alumni and fans want more timely information.”

To which Linfield A.D. Scott Carnahan and I concur.

As crazy as it sounds, Michigan and Ohio State together will save nearly $250,000 annually by not printing the guides. Tennessee, which discontinued its guide, will save $89,000.

Linfield didn’t spend anywhere near that much, but the costs, both in expense and staff time, were sufficient enough to take a closer look at our football guide’s worthiness.

The Linfield community mourned the loss of longtime registrar and faculty athletics representative Dr. Ken Williams ’55, who passed away March 30 at age 76.

With tributes from former college president Dr. Charles U. Walker and current director of athletics Scott Carnahan ’73, a touching memorial service for Williams was held April 3 in Ted Wilson Gymnasium.

For 26 years, Williams was Linfield’s FAR, responsible for compiling eligibility information on each student who turned out to compete in an intercollegiate sport. He retired from the college in 1997.

During his tenure, he served four times as president of the Northwest Conference Faculty Athletic Representatives. Under his leadership, the conference dealt with a variety of issues including The College of Idaho leaving the NWC, Whitman dropping football, women’s athletics being added, financial aid standards, and the initial work of leaving the NAIA and joining the NCAA.

In 1984, former Linfield President Charles U. Walker praised Williams’ work during the 1984 NAIA national football playoffs. NAIA officials complimented him for the effort and coordination demonstrated by Linfield in playing host to three consecutive home playoff games.

He was inducted into the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001 and also received NAIA District 2 Meritorious Service and Linfield Alumni Service awards in honor of his skill and commitment to intercollegiate athletics and the college.

Williams’ connection to the college began in 1951, when he came to Linfield as a freshman student from what is now Weston-McEwen High School in Athena, Ore. He graduated from Linfield in 1955 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and earned a master’s of education degree in 1962.

He worked for Linfield for a total of 34 years, starting in 1959 and ending with retirement in 1997. They were not consecutive years. During that time he spent some four years in public school education. His jobs at the college included registrar, assistant to vice president for academic affairs and dean as well as acting academic affairs dean, interim academic affairs vice president and dean. He was also alumni affairs director, Upward Bound director, special services director and Portland campus director.

As a Linfield student-athlete, he earned three letters in track and field, played freshman basketball and competed for a year in football.

In retirement, he continued to attend Linfield athletic contests “for the love of Linfield, Wildcat athletics and all of those involved,” according to his wife, Gail, class of ’58.

He is survived by his wife, and four children: Ken Jr., Gregg, Brent, class of ’91 and Brenda (Westfall), class of ’82.
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**SOFTBALL**

How close did the Linfield softball team come to reaching the NCAA Finals for the third time in four seasons?

It took an extra-innings home run by Texas-Tyler All-American Whitney Wyly in the West Region championship game to prevent the Wildcats from advancing out of a loaded tournament in Marshall, Texas. Linfield won 3-2 in the regional playoffs, taking Texas-Tyler to extra innings twice before falling, each time on game-altering home runs.

Linfield, which entered the playoffs ranked No. 1 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll, concluded another record-setting season with a 39-6 overall record. That tied the club single-season record for fewest losses in one season and set a new standard for best winning percentage.

Despite needing to replace their entire infield plus break in a new starting catcher to begin the season, the Wildcats won their sixth consecutive Northwest Conference title with a 26-2 league record.

The Wildcats reeled off 14 straight wins to start the season, including victories over perennial playoff contenders Chapman and St. Thomas. Linfield went 8-2 on its spring break trip to California, returning to Oregon with a deepened sense of the potential that lay before them.

In NWC play, Linfield won its first 19 conference games. The Wildcats led league statistics in batting average (.345) and fielding percentage (.974).

Eleven Wildcats were named to the all-conference team, with Brittany Miller receiving NWC Pitcher of the Year honors, Staci Doucette being accorded Player of the Year recognition and Vaughan earning his sixth Coach of the Year award. Also earned spots on the all-NWC first team were second baseman Alex Hartmann, third baseman Emily Keagbine, catcher Emilee Lepp and outfielder Jaydee Baxter.

Doucette, one of eight freshmen on the team, earned first team All-America honors from the NFCA. She hit 12 home runs while batting .447, the second-highest single-season average on record. That tied the club single-season record for most home runs.

Miller, named a second team All-American, was a workhorse in the playoffs, appearing in all five playoff games. She finished with a 15-4 record and 181 strikeouts. Keagbine and Hartmann were each honored as third team All-Americans.

The Wildcats’ sixth straight season of at least 30 wins will go down in the record books as one of the best of all-time.

**MEN’S GOLF**

Maintaining a competitive fire throughout the fall and spring seasons was the objective of the Linfield men’s golf team during 2008-09.

Playing smart and consistent golf, the Wildcats successfully defended their Northwest Conference title to earn a second straight invitation to the NCAA Division III Championships.

Traveling to Port St. Lucie, Fla., to compete in the NCAA Championships, the Wildcats shot a combined score of 310 on the PGA Village courses to place 25th in the team standings. Competing as an individual, Linfield junior Tyler Nelson finished with a four-round score of 307 to tie for 60th place.

In October, the Wildcats used a strong second-day performance to capture the Fall Classic for the third straight year. Going into the spring portion of the season, Linfield led Division III with the lowest team scoring average at 292.

The spring season included challenging tournaments such as the Wynlakes Wynthernationals in Montgomery, Ala., and the Cal Lutheran Invitational.

The Wildcats faced arduous playing conditions that included rain, sleet and wind. Despite the harsh Northwest weather, Linfield won invitational tournaments hosted by Willamette, Linfield, Puget Sound, Pacific and George Fox.

At the NWC Championships in Tokatee Golf Club, Nelson shot 150 to tie for second place. Andrew Fitch and Yutarco Sakamoto tied for fifth, one stroke back. The three Wildcats each received all-conference citations.

**BASEBALL**

The NCAA West Region baseball tournament finally landed in McMinnville in 2009. However, the Linfield Wildcats were not among the six teams invited.

Breaking away from historical precedent, the NCAA opted to pre-determine its regional playoffs sites for the 2009 season and Linfield’s Roy Helser Field fit all the necessary criteria. But the Wildcats still needed to earn their way into the postseason tournament, either as the Northwest Conference champion, or as a possible at-large participant.

The defending NWCC champion Wildcats were off to a great start to begin the season, jumping to a 20-3 record heading into April. But inconsistency down the stretch cost the team a shot at playing in its own regional playoff tournament. Linfield went 8-9 over the final five weeks of the regular season, splitting a pair of four-game series against Willamette and Lewis & Clark, two opponents that finished below the ‘Cats in the NWC standings.

Ranked as high as No. 11 in the Top 25 poll, Linfield notched its 18th consecutive winning season with a 28-12 overall record.

Within the conference, Linfield went 22-9 to claim third place behind co-champions George Fox and Pacific Lutheran. George Fox earned the NWC’s automatic berth. But PLU was left out, spurned by the selection committee despite a 31-9 overall record.

As a possible playoff contender, Linfield had ample offensive punch, hitting .327 as a team, ninth-best in program history. Seven Wildcats hit .350 or better. Leading the team with matching .385 averages were dependable leadoff hitter Eric Evenson and freshman speedster Zach Boskovich. Catcher Cole Bixenman led the team with nine home runs and 53 RBIs while batting .383, and slagger Stew Davis capped a noteworthy career with 14 doubles and seven home runs.

Injuries plagued the pitching staff, sidelining potential all-star Robert Vaughn for virtually the entire season and hampering the effectiveness of 2008 playoff hero Garrett Dorn. Combined, Linfield pitchers posted a 4.22 earned run average and were limited to just three shutouts in 40 games.

Righthander Reese McCulley emerged as a star, rolling to an 8-0 record. Evan Hilberg (5-2) and Cameron Larson (6-3) also recorded decent seasons on the mound.

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WOMEN’S TENNIS

Linfield’s remarkable run of seven straight Northwest Conference championships came to an end in 2009, but not before the Wildcats set a record that may never be broken.

The Wildcats pushed their conference win streak to 108 matches before finally being upended by Whitworth in mid-March. Nevertheless, Linfield achieved another dominating season, rolling to a 17-5 record, including a 15-3 mark in conference play. All three NWC losses came at the hands of Whitworth, which beat the Wildcats one final time in the championship match of the NWC tournament.

Coach Amy Dames Smith was philosophical when reflecting on the end of the Wildcats’ long streak of wins and conference titles. Void of any seniors, Linfield’s young roster played beyond its calendar years.

Junior Sallie Katter played steady all year long at No. 1 singles and doubles. Sophomore Sophie Larson (18-3 singles, 15-6 doubles) and Sarah Click (13-7 singles, 15-5 doubles) were consistent throughout the season. Freshmen Abby Olbrich and Kiana Nip provided vital contributions.

Two Wildcats earned all-NWC recognition following a vote of the conference’s nine coaches. Katter (9-9 singles, 18-3 doubles) and Olbrich (18-2 singles, 18-2 doubles) were each accorded spots on the all-conference first team.

“As time went on, it was clear this group loved being together, competing for one another, and were hard workers who were eager to learn and grow,” said Dames Smith. “These qualities led to a great amount of improvement individually, and as a team. It was rewarding to see.”

MEN’S TENNIS

Enjoying one of the winningest seasons in program history, the Linfield men’s tennis team again challenged for the NWC title.

Finishing third at the NWC Championships in April, Linfield completed the 2009 season with a 16-7 overall record that included a 15-4 conference mark. Linfield’s 15 conference wins equaled the high-water mark set in 2003. The Wildcats knocked off NWC runner-up PLU during the dual match season and pushed eventual champion Whitman to the brink before falling 5-4.

Linfield was ranked as high as ninth in the West Region by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Three Wildcats went on to receive acclaim on the NWC all-star team. Junior Kyle Anderson earned first team all-NWC honors and established himself as one of the top players in the conference.

Senior Nick Ruess was named a second team all-conference performer. Ruess concluded his career with a 31-18 singles record in conference play. He was also 29-15 in the NWC in doubles. Fellow senior Luke Rembold wrapped up his career with a 16-1 NWC singles record and an 18-3 NWC doubles record.

Joining Ruess and Anderson on the honor roll was freshman Ward Van Mens, who garnered all-NWC second team recognition.

Van Mens and fellow rookie Walt James “had a huge impact on our success,” according to Swanson.

Sophomore Mark Magdaong blossomed during his second season in the program. Magdaong went 20-3 in singles play (15-1 in the NWC) and was 9-7 in doubles (9-4 versus the NWC). He went on to reach the Round of 16 at the prestigious Ojai tournament in southern California, knocking off last year’s finalist in decisive fashion in the first round.

In the ITA West Region singles rankings, Anderson was ranked 33rd, Ruess was 35th, Van Mens 37th and Magdaong was rated 44th. In doubles, Brent Kingzett and James earned the No. 7 West Region ranking.

Sophomores Tal DeWitt and Kingzett also made important contributions during the season.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Expectations continue to rise for the Linfield women’s lacrosse program under Coach Tim Hart.

A former player and coach with the Linfield men’s club program, Hart’s dogged enthusiasm for his sport is nothing short of infectious.

Though Linfield won just four of 12 matches this spring, the Wildcats accomplished a number of milestones, including an impressive victory in California over Pomona-Pitzer and a spirited second-half rally against regional rival Pacific in the final home match of the season.

Senior Sammy Smith led the way at the offensive end of the field, scoring a team-best 40 goals while adding nine assists. She finished her four-year career as the record holder for points per game (3.84) and goals per game (3.19). Smith also ranks second in the Linfield record book in points (165) and goals (137).

Freshman Anna Gorciak was a solid contributor with 34 goals and three assists. Tarie Caouette added 23 goals, despite playing in just nine matches.

WOMEN’S GOLF

Coming on strong in the final tournament of the season, the Linfield women’s golf team placed third overall in the Northwest Conference point standings.

A strong second day at the NWC Championships saw Linfield surge into second place at Yakima’s Apple Tree Golf Club. Wildcats Brynn Hurdus and Sophie Corr both finished among the top-five individuals, each earning all-NWC honors for their efforts.

Hurdus chipped in for birdie at the 15th hole on her way to a 163, tying for second place individually. Corr shot a 171 with two birdies and took fourth in her first major championship.


Puget Sound captured the tournament trophy with a final score of 696, four strokes ahead of Linfield. In the final NWC team point standings, UPS shared the top spot with the Whitworth Pirates, each with 28 points.

During the regular season, the Wildcats were runners-up at the Linfield, Pacific, Puget Sound, George Fox and Lewis & Clark invitational tournaments.

In tournaments counting toward the final point total, the Wildcats placed fifth at the NWC Fall Classic and were third at the NWC Spring Classic.

A double eagle on the 18th hole propelled Hurdus to medalist honors at the eight-team Linfield Invitational.
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This summer, we trust that when you receive information requesting contributions to the TopCat Club that you will give generously. Now more than ever, the athletic department must rely heavily upon donor contributions to supplement the day-to-day needs and operations of our successful athletics program. Please consider doing all you can to help fund our mission.

Sincerely,

Scott Carnahan ’73
Director of Athletics

Fun is the name of the game at the annual Wildcat Open.

Mark Friday, Aug. 7, on your calendar. That’s the date of the annual Linfield Wildcat Open golf tournament at Michelbook Country Club in McMinnville.

The event includes an 18-hole tournament, box lunch, barbeque dinner and beverages. Space is limited to the first 180 golfers. The cost is $150. For an entry form, call 503-883-2421.

The format is a five-person scramble. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Team entries are encouraged, or we will be happy to place you with a team. Prizes will be awarded for low scores, both net and gross. Closest-to-the-pin and long-drive prizes will also be given.

WILDCAT OPEN IS AUG. 7

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CAN LINFIELD ATHLETES BE EMPLOYED AT SUMMER CAMPS?

Summer is in the air, school is about to be let out, and for many parents and kids that means summer camps! Linfield will be the site of several sports camps run by Linfield coaches. Basketball, baseball, football and swimming camps will be offered for kids from near and far to participate in. The NCAA has some fairly specific rules in place for summer camps that coaches must follow. The main reason for this is to avoid a situation that could be considered a “tryout” or “all-star” camp.

A school’s sports camp or clinic must include instruction or practice of the sport - it may not consist solely of competition. The camp must also be designed in a way to improve overall skills and knowledge in the sport. In addition, it is also not allowed for a Division III school to host a camp that is only devoted to agility, flexibility, speed and strength tests for prospective student-athletes. Something like that would most definitely be considered a “tryout camp” and is prohibited by the NCAA (Bylaw 13.11.1.5). The camp must also be open to anyone - there are no exclusions as to who may attend other than age and numbers of participants (Bylaw 13.12.1.2). Finally, prospective student-athletes may not receive free or reduced admission (Bylaw 13.12.1.4).

One might wonder if it is possible for Linfield athletes, or even a prospective Linfield athlete, to be employed at these summer camps? Good news! The NCAA allows for both. The main concept to keep in mind is both must be paid at the going rate within the locale for similar services (Bylaws 13.12.2.1 and 13.12.2.2.1). It is also not OK to establish different levels of pay for Linfield athletes working at these camps based on skill level.

All in all, it should be a great summer to take part in a Linfield sports camp...especially when we remain in compliance!

DODGING WITH DURHAM ONE LAST TIME

Former players and friends of the late Hall of Fame Coach Paul Durham ’36 are encouraged to meet in McMinnville on Sept. 12 for “Dodging with Durham One Last Time.”

The group will gather on campus on that Saturday at 9:30 a.m., four hours prior to kickoff. Linfield plays Hardin-Simmons at Maxwell Field that afternoon.

After registration and informal socialization, the program begins at 11 a.m. Lunch is at noon. All participants will be introduced prior to the football game.

For more information, contact alumni relations director Debbie Harmon at 503-883-2607 or dharmon@linfield.edu.
HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 12TH CLASS OF INDUCTEES

Eight former athletes have been selected as part of the 12th class of inductees to be enshrined into the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame. The group is slated for induction at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the annual AT&T Wireless Hall of Fame banquet, following that afternoon’s Linfield-Pacific Lutheran football game.

The Hall of Fame class of 2009 includes:

• Basketball great Roger Baker ’69, who led Linfield to the 1968 Northwest Conference title. Baker also competed internationally in the sport of team handball in the 1972 and 1976 Olympic Games. He won gold medals in the Pan Am Games;

• Football and track & field standout Doug Dean ’89, a member of two NAIA championship football teams and school record holder and sixth-place national finisher in track in the hammer;

• Four-year football starter Bob Ferguson, who earned NAIA All-America honors as a senior on the 1965 Champion Bowl team. His teams were 32-5-2 during his career. He went on to earn a Purple Heart during combat duty in the Vietnam War;

• Brad Gilbertson ’83, a four-year football letterman and NAIA All-America center as a member of Linfield’s 1982 national championship team;

• Two-sport star Pat Martindale ’77, an All-American and school record holder in the javelin in track. He also competed one season in football;

• NAIA national high jump champion Kerrie O’Sullivan ’98. The two-time NAIA All-American and one-time Academic All-American was Linfield’s first individual national champion in track;

• Joe Salta ’78, a starter on four consecutive NWC championship teams who was voted a NAIA All-American and Linfield’s best defensive player as a senior. His teams went 30-8 over the course of his career; and,

• Ken Weinberg ’92, school record holder and runner-up in the decathlon. Weinberg set school records in the decathlon, javelin, pole vault and 4x100-meter relay. His shared school and conference record in the 4x100 relay still stands.

The Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame was established in 1998 as a means to honor outstanding former athletes, coaches, staff and contributors, and to preserve the memory of their past achievements.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Linfield Athletics Web site and are due by April 15 in order to be considered for the current year’s class.

FORMER WILDCAT KEVIN MOSLEY PERISHES IN FIERY CRASH

Former Linfield baseball and football player Kevin Mosley ’77, died March 23 as he attempted to land a FedEx jet at Tokyo’s main international airport. His co-pilot, Anthony Stephen Pino, 49, of San Antonio was also killed.

Mosley, 54, got his pilot’s license when he was 16 and flew his Hillsboro High School friends in a rented Piper Cub to see the ocean.

He landed fighter jets on an aircraft carrier in the open seas, flew passenger jets for Horizon and, finally, cargo jets for FedEx.

Investigators believe a sudden gust of wind or “wind shear” may have caused the tragic accident.

Mosley had found his niche flying cargo jets for FedEx over the past decade, preferring them to flying passenger jets.

Mosley played baseball and football at Hillsboro High School, graduating in 1973. He later played baseball and football at Linfield, graduating in 1977, before joining the Marines. He lettered four times in baseball as a pitcher, posting a 10-7 win-loss record and a 2.94 earned run average. He ranks sixth in the Linfield career record book for games finished (17) and is tied for 16th for most complete games (10). He also lettered in football in 1974 as a defensive back.

LINFIELD PLACES THIRD IN ALL-SPORTS RACE

Whitworth pulled away from Puget Sound and Linfield to win the 2008-09 NWC McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy. Whitworth won its second straight trophy and third overall by a margin of 37 points.

Whitworth captured its first women’s tennis championship since 1997 and tied for its first-ever women’s golf title to finish with 250 total points. Whitworth won five NWC titles in 2008-09.

UPS held onto second place in the final standings with 213 total points. The Loggers earned a share of the 2009 women’s golf title, one of four NWC titles this academic year.

With 199 points, Linfield climbed from sixth to third in the final standings by scoring 102 points in the spring. Linfield won the NWC softball crown for the sixth straight season and also earned its second straight men’s golf title. Linfield also added a runner-up finish in women’s tennis.

Willamette swept the track and field titles and finished fourth with 194 points, while Pacific Lutheran shared the baseball championship with George Fox and finished fifth in the standings with 187 points.

Whitman (143), third after the winter standings, fell back to fifth despite winning men’s tennis. But the Missionaries are at a disadvantage in the spring without track or softball.

Pacific (135), Lewis & Clark (122) and George Fox (121) rounded out the standings.

The NWC All-Sports Trophy recognizes athletic excellence among NWC institutions across all fields of competition.

It is named in honor of Jane McIlroy, Linfield women’s athletics director, coach and physical education professor from 1950-82, and John Lewis, former coach and athletics director at Willamette from 1952-72.
**ALUMNI NOTES AND TIDBITS**

Casey Powell ‘97 stepped down after seven years as Whitman baseball coach to take an assistant coaching position at Seattle University, which is restarting its program after a 25-year hiatus. Powell was the NWC Player of the Year in 1996.

Former softball standout Meredith Brunette ’08 is pursuing a graduate degree in physical therapy at Pacific University.

Baseball letterman Joshua Guterman ’08 has been hired as athletic trainer for the Casper (Wyo.) Ghosts, a rookie league team in the Colorado Rockies organization. A former pitcher, Guterman played four seasons at Linfield while completing his bachelor’s degree and earning his athletic training certification.

Former sports information director George Murdock ’66 is leaving his job as editor of the East Oregonian newspaper to become superintendent of the Douglas County (Ore.) Education Service District.

**SEASON TICKETS ON SALE SOON**

Applications for football and basketball season tickets are expected to be in the mail to all current season ticket holders during the second week of June.

Orders with full payment are due back by July 17.

To request a season ticket application be mailed to you, contact the ticket office at 503-883-2421.

**VIDEO DISPLAY BOARD SEGMENT MERITS AWARD**

Linfield will be among the award recipients on June 20 when the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators honors the winners of the “Best of NACMA” competitions at the organization’s annual convention in Orlando, Fla.

The awards program honors outstanding achievement in college athletics marketing and promotions in 18 categories. Each category is divided into three divisions based on school size.

Former football all-star Ryan Carlson ’97 collaborated with Linfield sports information director Kelly Bird to produce a winning entry in the Video Display Board Segment category.

The two-minute audio/visual production, titled “Expect To Win,” was presented on the Maxwell Field display board just prior to the team’s entrance to the field from the locker room before each home football game. The video depicted current Wildcat players completing their pregame routines and was complemented with tightly edited video clips spanning six decades of the Linfield football program. The video ended with a crescendo that cued the entrance of the team to the field.

Carlson served as videographer and editor. Bird served as writer and technical advisor.