

# LINFIELD ATHLETICS NEWSLETTER

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Directing an athletic department is a very challenging position and most of the time it is very rewarding. Since I was hired to this position 10 years ago, I have found that we have a great number of people who are very interested in the overall success of our programs and have continued and even increased their level of support and involvement. Without this interest and support we would not or could not continue to move toward our goal to reach and maintain excellence in all of our athletic programs.

Behind the scenes, we have had many people step forward to help in a variety of ways. Many of you have helped with our continued needs for

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## LINFIELD'S BRETT ELLIOTT RECEIVES GAGLIARDI TROPHY

Linfield quarterback Brett Elliott was named recipient of the Gagliardi Trophy, given annually to the outstanding football player in NCAA Division III. The award was presented Dec. 15 at a luncheon in Salem, Va., to kickoff Stag Bowl festivities. The award honors excellence in academics, athletics and community service.

Elliott completed 69.9 percent of his passes (277 of 396) for 4,019 yards and 49 touchdowns in 2005. He was second in Division III in pass efficiency with a 191.5 rating and third in total offense at 371.6 yards per game. Linfield led the nation in scoring offense at 47.9 points per game. Elliott passed for more than 300 yards nine times this fall, equaling a Division III record. He also set a new NCAA career standard for completion percentage at 68.1 percent. Elliott ended his Linfield career with 8,614 passing yards and 110 TDs.

He was named West Region Offensive Player of the Year by D3football.com, leading the Wildcats to a 10-1 record and their fourth straight appearance in the West Region final.



A communication major, Elliott was selected for his academic achievements and leadership on campus and in the community. Elliott worked with the

*Linfield Review* campus newspaper and radio station KSLC. He served a summer internship with KFXX radio in Portland, was a freshman colloquium speaker, volunteered as a weekly tutor and mentor to a fifth-grade student at Newby Elementary School for nine months and visited a cancer patient in a Portland hospital as part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Linfield interim president Marvin Henberg, in support of Elliott, wrote, "Brett is a very special young man who wears his accomplishments lightly, sees football as only one part of his life, and reaches out to others in palpable ways."

Coach Jay Locey, in his letter of support, wrote, "Few student-athletes today could match the wide-spread impact and accomplishments that Brett has achieved. He has remained humble and genuine. He is truly a tremendous ambassador for Division III."

## FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL TEAMS ENJOY GREATEST SUCCESS AMONG FALL PROGRAMS

Success was both bountiful and fleeting for Linfield sports teams as the Wildcats experienced a range of highs and lows during a highly competitive fall season. Here's a look at each program's results:

### FOOTBALL

"It's tough to get to the top, and it's even tougher to stay," Linfield Hall of Fame coach Ad Rutschman once said, referring to the daunting challenge of repeating as national champion.

A season filled with accomplishment, marked by dozens of broken records and highlighted with national acclaim, came crashing to an end Dec. 3 when an estimated 5,000 spectators circled Maxwell Field to watch No. 1 Linfield battle No. 2 Wisconsin-Whitewater for 60 minutes in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III football playoffs.

Featuring 10 lead changes and countless incredible individual plays, the game of unbeaten national title contenders ultimately was decided on a 1-yard run in the final minute of play. The Wildcats, winners of 23 straight games and 18 in a row at Maxwell Field, lost 44-41 to Wisconsin-Whitewater in a game that is being called perhaps the most

exciting in Linfield's long and storied football history.

"It was one of the best games I've ever been involved in, in terms of going back and forth," said Wildcats coach Jay Locey. "The level of play was phenomenal. It was a championship-caliber game."

The heart-pounding was a disappointing end for a highly touted team that appeared capable of repeating as national champions. The 'Cats finished the season at 10-1.

"Expectations were high, but it's great to have those expectations," Locey said. "Our guys matured because of it and remained focused. We just came up a little short."

- Among the list of accolades for the 2005 football team:
- Led the nation in scoring, averaging 47.9 points a game;
  - Achieved the program's 50th consecutive winning season;
  - Captured a sixth straight Northwest Conference title;
  - Placed 23 players on the NWC all-star teams;
  - Ranked No. 1 the entire season;
  - Coach Jay Locey was named NWC Coach of the Year;
  - Elliott was selected to play in the 2006 Hula Bowl and the Las Vegas Classic all-star games;
  - Receiver Casey Allen competed in the Aztec Bowl Dec. 17.

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1961 FOOTBALL TEAM, 1976 MILE RELAY AND 7 OTHERS INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME



Alan Schmidlin '80



Cliff Saxton '52



1961 Camellia Bowl Football Team



Ed Kama '81



Joe Robillard '69



Lisa Lind '89



Dave Hansen



Randy Carter '76



Stewart Minors '76



Carl Shaw '76



Keith Lazelle '76

Linfield celebrated its rich sports heritage Nov. 5, inducting the eighth class of its Athletics Hall of Fame.

A riveted audience of nearly 250 in Ted Wilson Gym watched as the 1961 Camellia Bowl football team, the 1976 national champion mile-relay track team, five exceptional individual athletes and two long-time supporters of the program took their places in the pantheon of Wildcat legends.

Inducted in traditional ceremonies were:

- The 1961 Football Team, the first Wildcat team to play in a national championship game in any sport, establishing the standard of excellence that has flourished ever since.
- Carl Shaw, Keith Lazell, Randy Carter, and Stewart Minors, who comprised the men's 1976 mile relay team that won an NAIA championship and set a school record that has never been threatened.
- Alan Schmidlin '80, first-team All-America quarterback who passed for more than 5,000 yards and led two unbeaten teams.
- Joe Robillard '69, whose pass interceptions and punt returns 37 years

ago are still in Linfield's record book and football lore.

•Cliff Saxton '52, the third Linfield football player to earn All-America honors and a four-year starter.

•Ed Kama '81, first-team All-America tackle on some of the Wildcats' most powerful offensive teams.

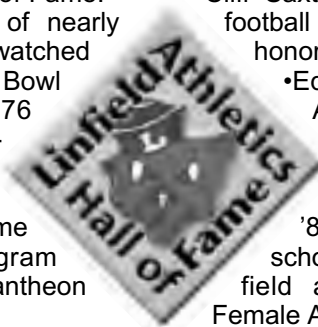
•Lisa Lind Prevedello '89, who held or shared five school records in track and field and was Linfield's first Female Athlete of the Year.

•Dave Hansen, who has been at the heart of Linfield's football radio broadcast team for 32 years and is also Dean of Students.

•Del Smith, founder and owner of world-renowned Evergreen Aviation and a financial supporter of Linfield athletics for more than 30 years.

Steve Lopes '84 also was elected to the Hall of Fame this year but was unable to attend the 2005 ceremony, so his induction has been postponed to 2006.

Paul Durham, coach of the 1961 Camellia Bowl team, received two standing ovations. Durham, 92, came from Honolulu to accept induction for his players, 33 of whom were present.



**DEL SMITH ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION GIFT FOR ATHLETICS**



During his acceptance speech at the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet, Del Smith announced a \$1 million donation from him and the Evergreen Aviation family in support of Wildcat athletics.

A member of the Linfield College Board of Trustees, Smith was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his meritorious service to the program.

"We believe the Linfield athletic program is one of the best classrooms on campus," Smith said. "Linfield athletics teach young students principles to be successful. Success is defined as integrity, Christian values, virtuous behavior and achievement – not fame and fortune which are false values."

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facility enhancement. Many have responded to our yearly needs by contributing to our TopCat Club. Others continue to help us by recommending quality student-athletes who might be a good fit for our athletic teams. Without exception, you all have continued to exhibit the Linfield pride and loyalty that is definitely a part of our heritage, supporting our teams by your attendance at our competitions.

Over the past two decades, we have made great strides with upgrades to our athletic facilities. Because of that fact, our student-athletes, faculty, and general student population have benefited greatly. As I think about these improvements, I am reminded of a couple of stories that two of our great former coaches made back when we didn't have adequate facilities. A common comment made by legendary basketball coach Ted Wilson when showing a recruit Riley Gymnasium was, "Our gym isn't the best, but we will take you to some nice places to play." Another happened on my visit to Linfield in the spring of 1969. Coach Ad Rutschman was showing me the locker room in Riley Hall and we walked by the "Training Room" which was about as big as a common clothes closet. I peeked in and looked at the whirlpool machine that had wires sticking out everywhere and dirt and mud in the bottom. When I asked if that was the whirlpool for injuries, he replied, "Oh no, that's what we use to clean the mud off our cleats, no one ever gets injured here." My point is, that you don't necessarily need the best facilities to be the best if you have good people coaching in your programs.

That being said, times and attitudes have changed and continued improvement and enhancement to our facilities is essential to the health of our athletic and academic programs. We have many needs to take our programs forward into the next two decades. Each year, for the past 10 years, our enrollment has gradually increased. This means continued pressure to accommodate the rising numbers that attend our athletic events as well as our curricular and recreational needs campus-wide. Athletically, we have more participation than ever with over 500 student-athletes participating and an increased number of intramural programs and club sports that have gained great popularity. The campus is vital and alive and for that we are blessed.

The College has been enhanced greatly by new facilities and land being added since 1998. The acquisition of 115 acres and four buildings from the Hewlett-Packard Company has grown the campus from 78 acres to 193 today. The James F. Miller Fine Arts Center opened in 2001, followed in 2003 by Withnell Commons, and Kenneth W. Ford Hall, which houses the Marshall Theatre, and the Jerald R. Nicholson Library. Ground breaking ceremonies took place this fall on the new Vivian Bull Music Building that is expected to open in the fall of 2006. Along with these improvements, several new residence halls have been built and two new dormitories are under construction at this time.

As the College's plan for the future becomes more clearly defined, it is my hope that all who have an interest in Linfield will join together to help make these plans a reality.

Best wishes to you during this holiday season.

Sincerely,



Scott Carnahan  
Director of Athletics

**HARKSEN, DONALDSON RECEIVE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HONORS**



Lindsay Harksen '06



Dwight Donaldson '05

Linfield volleyball star Lindsay Harksen and Wildcats football standout Dwight Donaldson have been named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America teams in their respective sports. Individuals are selected through voting by the College Sports Information Directors of America, a 2,000-member organization consisting of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

Harksen, a finance and mathematics major, was named the Academic All-American of the Year for the college division, marking the first such honor ever bestowed upon a Linfield athlete.

A 5-foot-11 right-side hitter, she helped lead her team to a 21-5 record and an NCAA Division III tournament bid and was selected a second team All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. In addition, she earned three straight first-team all-Northwest Conference awards. She led the Wildcats in kills (354) and hitting percentage (.294), and set the Linfield career record for blocks.

Maintaining a perfect 4.00 grade point average at Linfield, Harksen is one of four first-team Academic All-America selections with 4.00 GPAs on the seven-member first team.

Donaldson, maintaining a 3.86 GPA as a physics major, was named to the college division Academic All-America football team. An unquestioned leader on the offensive line for Linfield's 10-1 team, Donaldson was accorded first team Northwest Conference all-star honors for the second straight year. He also garnered Academic All-District distinction as a junior in 2004.

The Academic All-America Teams program honors 816 male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution.

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Linfield's 17 seniors enjoyed unprecedented success, posting an incredible 44-3 record over the past four years and a spotless 35-0 record during the regular season.



Casey Allen '05

Allen became the Wildcats' career leader in points, catches and receiving yards. In all 46 team and individual records were equaled or broken.

Defensively, Linfield was led by linebacker Brandon Olson, tackle Michael Ketler and monsterback Josh Ort. All three were first team all-Northwest Conference and West Region all-stars.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Enjoying one of the most productive and rewarding seasons in program history, the Linfield Wildcats rolled to a 21-5 record in 2005, reaching the West Region semifinals of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Picked to finish fourth in the rugged Northwest Conference, the Wildcats rose to second place with a 12-4 conference mark. Their surprising success was achieved with two seniors, a trio of talented transfers and several promising freshmen.

Armed with only one returning starter to begin the season, Coach Shane Kimura was unsure how the team would mesh. But the 'Cats came together quickly to form a tight-knit group. The result was a 10-0 start to the season – best ever by a Linfield team. The Wildcats went unbeaten at both the Pacific Boxer Invitational and the Trinity River City Classic, knocking off several Top 25 teams in the process. Linfield went 7-1 at home over the course of the season, with the only blemish coming during an exciting five-game setback at the hands of NCAA playoff qualifier Puget Sound. The Wildcats defeated eventual NWC champion Whitworth 3-0 at home, but fell by the same score when they visited the Pirates later in the season.

At the NCAA West Region tournament in Spokane, Linfield defeated SCIAC co-champion Cal Lutheran 3-0 in the opening-round game, but was eliminated by the hometown Whitworth Pirates in four games.

The Wildcats were multi-dimensional on offense, using the power of middle blocker Lauren Kreiger and the finesse

of right-side hitter Lindsay Harksen. Kreiger hit a solid .248 while leading the team with 104 blocks. Harksen topped team statistics in kills (120), hitting percentage (.288), and service aces (50). Linfield also got contributions from setter Chelsey Gellatly, who averaged 10.77 assists and 2.87 digs per game, and from libero Kelly Rilee, who averaged 4.94 digs per game.

Other primary contributors included outside hitters Kelsey French, Katelyn Baker and Michelle Wyatt, and middle blocker Molly Taylor.

Kimura, in his 28th season, coached his 900th match in mid-October, a 3-0 sweep of Whitman at Ted Wilson Gymnasium.

Harksen, Kreiger and Gellatly were each named to the NWC all-star team. Harksen went on to receive second AVCA All-America honors.

Perhaps more impressive was Harksen's distinction as ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American of the Year. The four-year starter and three-time all-star maintained a perfect 4.00 grade point average in finance and mathematics.



Lauren Kreiger '07

**MEN'S SOCCER**

Notching a seventh consecutive winning season, the Linfield men's soccer team finished runner-up to Whitworth in the Northwest Conference standings with a record of 10-1-3 and an overall mark of 11-4-4.

The Wildcats concluded the regular season with four straight shutout victories, outscoring the opposition 16-0. But it was not enough to earn them a coveted berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

"It was a very good season, but not a truly great season," said Wildcats coach Eric Watson. "It was satisfying because we had some very good individual performances, and collectively, the team started to play much better toward the end of the year."

Linfield placed seven players on the NWC all-star team, the most of any conference school. Defender Tyler Lundy, midfielder Kevin Popich and forward Chris Paradis was named first team NWC all-stars. Joining the trio on the NWC second team were goalkeeper Grant Williams, defender Paul Collins, midfielder Jason Wong and forward Mike Grabast.

Watson, in his fourth season, was named NWC Coach of the Year.

In Watson's mind, the Wildcats "were a playoff-caliber team, but the numbers just didn't line up," to receive a West Region playoff bid. "It was frustrating not to be able to continue our season into the playoffs," he said.

Linfield's lone conference loss came at the hands of Whitworth, which went on to represent the NWC in the national semifinals. The Wildcats forged a 1-1 tie with

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Whitworth on the Pirates' home field, and earlier played to a 1-1 standoff against NCAA playoff participant UC-Santa Cruz.

Paradis was the Wildcats' top scorer with nine goals. Popich was the leading points producer with seven goals and eight assists. Grabast's 10 assists were the third-highest single-season total in program history. Wong scored five goals and added seven assists. Popich and Wong ended their careers fifth and sixth, respectively, on Linfield's career points list.

Also playing important roles in the Wildcats' success in 2005 were Chris Nicoletti and Greg Schuft, as well as first-year players Nick Powers, Tim Solimano and Spencer Winter.

At season's end, Popich was voted the team's most valuable player while Nicoletti was named most improved. Schuft received the Wildcat Coaches Award, and Collins was the recipient of the Hall of Fame Award. Josh Robinson earned the 12th Player Award. Powers and Mikey Belzberg shared the First-Year Player Award.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Linfield's fortunes took a dramatic upturn during 2005. The women's squad experienced the greatest leap, vaulting from ninth place in the Northwest Conference to fourth. The men were nearly as impressive, going from sixth to fourth.

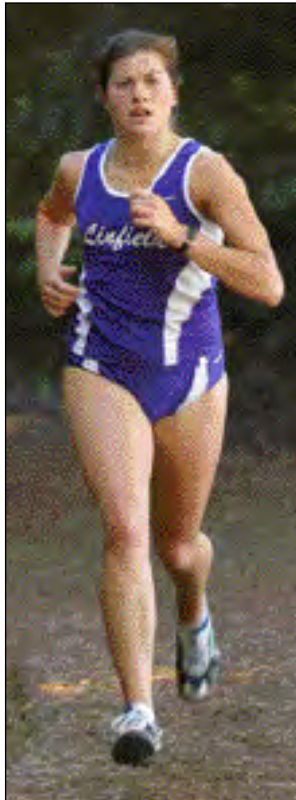
Coach Garry Killgore was ecstatic with the Wildcats' effort at the NWC championship meet. "It was a very gratifying day," he said.

Joanna Murphy was the highest finishing Wildcat, taking sixth place in the women's race, which earned her a place on the all-Northwest Conference first team for the second year in a row. Whitney Mentaberry finished 10th in the women's race for second-team all-conference. Other top performers included Amanda DeHass, Jasmine Klauder and Stephanie Dawkins.

Leading the Linfield men at the NWC championship was senior Kent Sasaki, who was 11th. Sasaki earned second-team all-conference recognition. Also contributing to the Wildcats' success were Justin Brandt, Harrison Wilson, Dan Sagers and Kelly Warren.

The turnaround continued at the NCAA West Region meet two weeks later. The Wildcat women finished seventh of 14 scoring teams and the men were eighth of 15 scoring teams from the western states.

Killgore couldn't have been happier. "The women last year didn't even qualify to compete at regionals," he said. "And the guys were in the lower end of the conference last year. This year, they finished in the top half of the region."



*Joanna Murphy '06*

**MEN'S GOLF**

Freshman Kevin Duerr tied for ninth place and the Linfield men finished fourth at the Northwest Conference Fall Classic at Tokatee Golf Club. Duerr, who had missed the previous two events with an injured shoulder, shot 77-74-151, seven over par for the two-day tournament.

Earlier, Kyle Henderson and Andrew Fitch helped Linfield win the fourth round and the overall championship of the Northwest Conference Southern Division Four-Way Tournament.

Coach Greg Copeland's Wildcats won all four rounds of the new 72-hole event, which was played on four courses on four different days.

**WOMEN'S GOLF**

Though none of them had ever played the course before, the Wildcats won the final round of the Northwest Conference fall competition at Salem's Creekside Golf Club, and with it, the overall championship of Southern Division Four-Way Tournament. Linfield won three of the four rounds of the new-format tournament, which was played over four weeks on different courses.

Coach Marty Bergan's Wildcats take momentum into the spring after surging into second place two weeks later at the NWC Fall Classic. Linfield improved 11 strokes from the first day to the second and soared from fourth to second place.

Leslie Wheeler, the 2005 NWC champion, led the Wildcats with 84-81-165 for fourth place overall. Freshman Rachel Warwick tied for sixth overall at 85-86-171.

Under the new Northwest Conference format, Linfield has accumulated six points toward the 2005-06 championship because the Wildcats finished ahead of six teams at the Fall Classic. Points are also awarded for a new Spring Classic and double-points at the conference championship meet.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

The fine line separating victory from defeat was slight for Linfield in 2005. Of their eight matches decided by one goal, the Wildcats were winners just twice. So the season went for Coach Bill Hander's club, which finished with an overall record of 5-11-4 and 3-10-3 in the NWC.

The 'Cats actually outshot their opponents 268-259, but converting shot opportunities into goals proved to be their Achilles Heel. Linfield scored 19 goals while allowing 33.

In a season in which Linfield scored so few goals, it was fitting that goalkeeper Allison Cartmill be awarded most valuable player honors. Cartmill played all but one half of one match, posting a 1.48 goals against average - fourth-best by a Linfield player in one season.

Chelsey Stoltz led the team at the offensive end of the field, totaling five goals and two assists. Ashley Covey, named the team's top offensive player, also tallied five goals. Kathleen Wochnick, voted most inspirational player, scored three goals and had one assist. In a game against the University of Dallas, Wochnick scored two goals to become the leading goal scorer in program history. She later tied the career points record.

Among the year's highlights was a 1-1 tie at second-place Willamette. That ended a string of 33 straight losses to the Bearcats. The Wildcats had lost every meeting with Willamette since 1986.

## BASKETBALL, SWIMMING TEAMS EXPECTED TO BE COMPETITIVE AGAIN THIS WINTER

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Following the graduation of four starters, including three Northwest Conference all-stars, the 2005-06 season may well be considered a rebuilding year for the Wildcats. Gone are impact players Blake Shelton, Chris Lewis and Sam Kreiger, who together combined for nearly 60 percent of the scoring load last season.

The Wildcats are coming off a season in which they posted a 14-11 overall record. Those results may be difficult to replicate given the amount of experience that returns. The NWC preseason coaches poll picked Linfield to fall to sixth after a solid third-place showing a year ago.

Seven varsity lettermen return for coach Larry Doty, who begins his 19th season. Doty has filled out the remaining roster spots with several junior varsity holdovers, four freshmen, and one junior college transfer.

The Wildcats are the least experienced at the post position, where Kreiger and Lewis played the bulk of the minutes last season. Six-foot-8 center Joe Wells started seven games as a junior in 2004-05 and will be relied upon for consistent scoring and rebounding. Six-foot-11 Matt Ellerbrook, who competed on the J.V. team for two seasons, and 6-8 freshman Jackson Baber will rotate with Wells in the paint.

At forward, Ryan Monagle is expected to shoulder much of the scoring load.

Monagle shot 53 percent from the field a year ago and is a capable double-digit scorer. Brian Murphy returns for his sophomore season with the ability to become a consistent force for the 'Cats.

Linfield has a wealth of guards to call upon. At shooting guard, the list of lettermen includes Jeremy Goodman, Matt Mishler, and Eric Hefferon. Sophomore Steve Taylor returns at point guard and will share time with transfer Khaatim Smith, who played at Bellevue Community College last season.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

With as much youth as Linfield coach Robyn Stewart has on her roster, the 2005-06 season could well be titled "The Young and the Restless."

The Wildcats were hit hard by graduation, losing seven seniors from a team that finished with a winning record of 13-12. But of the six returning letterwinners, only forward Brandi Loring was a starter last season.

While the Wildcats are admittedly inexperienced, they are not without talent. One of the keys to Linfield's success is the point guard position, where four raw freshmen are competing for the starting job. Jessica Hanato is the projected starter, but also in contention are Casey Saunders, Marissa Lindquist and Monica Chock. All four are capable ball handlers. Whomever gets the starting nod is sure to have a steep learning curve.

At shooting guard, the Wildcats return Casey Stepan, who averaged 14 minutes off the bench last season. Stepan is a reliable shooter who has the edge in experience.

Loring, who averaged a team-high 12 points a game as a junior, will start at the small forward position. Ashley Covey, who lettered in 2003-04 but did not play last season, is another key asset. Freshman Mary Findlay, a two-time all-state pick from Idaho, is expected to contribute right away.

The Wildcats have added strength at power forward, where transfer Porcia Jackson is joined by freshmen Jamie Godfrey and Courtney McFadden.

At center, veteran Bayley Coblenz has the most experience, but is being challenged by Godfrey and freshman Kate Stadel.

In the annual preseason poll, the Northwest Conference coaches picked Linfield to finish sixth.

### SWIMMING

Coach Gary Gutierrez already knows his men's team is made of pretty good stuff. They finished second to Whitworth last season and return nine lettermen who scored points in the conference championships.

In Kevin Caple, who won Linfield's only individual championship last season, the Wildcats have one of the most versatile swimmers in the conference. Caple won the 200-yard backstroke by more than four seconds in 1:59.12.

Co-captain Greg Baron is another key returnee. He reached the finals in seven events at the championship meet. Ben Karlin made the NWC finals in three freestyle races last season. Loren Klemz also made the finals in three freestyle

events and took fourth place in the 1,650.

Linfield's top freshman recruit is Josh Parfitt, who Gutierrez predicts could qualify for the NCAA Division III national championships in the 1,650 and 500 freestyle events. Other lettermen who scored at the conference championships last season are co-captain James Giering, Derek Laurie, Patrick Motz, Matt Atkinson and Caleb Stephens.

The Linfield women finished sixth in the Northwest Conference last season.

Two of the lettermen who will spearhead Linfield's drive for a first-division finish are co-captains Andrea Thomas and Alyssa Norman. Thomas is the Linfield record holder in the 1,000 freestyle (11:02.39). She reached the NWC finals in the 100 butterfly and 1,650 freestyle last season. Norman scored points in three events, the 100 and 200 backstroke and 100 freestyle.

Four other returning Wildcats scored at the NWC championship meet. They are Alexis Knep, Meagan Mandeville, Stephanie Model and Jennie Schenck. Rose Hollingsworth, Courtney Johnson, Nicole Parada and Abbie Lewis are all promising newcomers.



Kevin Caple '08



**1966 BASEBALL TEAM** - (Standing): Jay Gustafson, Rocco Reed, Jon Hart, Frank Bake, Gary Cox, Wayne Petersen, John Lee, Alan Wells, Terry Durham, Bob Daggett, Del Coursey, Barry Stenlund. Seated: Frank Molek, Art Larrance, Jay Bandonis, Tom Rohlffs.

**OREGON SPORTS HALL OF FAME WELCOMES WILDCATS**

A coat-and-tie crowd of 250 gathered at Portland's Multnomah Athletic Club Oct. 11 for the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame's 26th annual induction ceremony.

Former Linfield College athletes were featured prominently throughout the evening. Among the inductees were former Wildcat baseball star Scott Brosius and the 1966 Linfield baseball team that won the school's first national title.

After dinner and dessert, the Hall of Fame induction ceremony began with master of ceremonies Bill Schonely introducing each inductee.

Coach Roy Helser's 1966 Wildcats became the 16th team to be inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame. Not even favored to win their own league, they relished their underdog role as the NAIA tournament's No. 8 seed. The Wildcats set several tournament records, including most assists, highest batting average and most consecutive wins. Linfield also battled through a bevy of travel challenges, including players and coaches flying to St. Joseph, Mo., aboard three separate airplanes.

Fifteen of the 19 original team members were present for the induction, as well as assistant coach Del Coursey and Dorothy Helser, Roy's widow.



Bill Schonely congratulates Scott Brosius at the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame banquet.

The final recipient for induction was Brosius, who played 11 seasons of professional baseball. Schonely introduced Brosius as "a player who never forgot where he came from. He's a big league guy who now calls McMinnville his home."

Playing major league baseball with the storied New York Yankees was "the time of my life," said Brosius. "My No. 1 career highlight was playing in that first World Series. I had dreamed of playing in the World Series since I was four or five years old. All I ever wanted was to be a baseball player."

Brosius called his 1998 World Series most valuable player award "icing on the cake. We had a lineup of great players. We weren't necessarily the most talented group of players, but we were the best team."

Stardom in the big leagues and a big contract didn't come overnight for Brosius. "It was a long process getting to the big leagues," he told the audience. "I was fortunate enough to be able to play baseball in college and Linfield was the perfect place for me. I was just a skinny kid looking for an opportunity to play. I had to battle though a lot in the minor leagues. It wasn't easy, but I wouldn't trade a minute of it."

Past Oregon Sports Hall of Fame inductees with Linfield connections are Jack Riley, Paul Durham, Ad Rutschman, and Ted Wilson.

Amy Dames Smith  
NCAA  
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Officer



**IN COMPLIANCE**

**REDSHIRTING BECOMING A THING OF THE PAST**

Did you know that the practice of "redshirting" no longer exists?

As of August 2004, non-medical redshirting ceased to exist in Division III athletics. The change was included in a reform package back in January 2004, meant to align institutions more closely with the Division III philosophy.

This year's freshman class is the first group of student-athletes at Linfield who do not have the option to participate in a sport for five seasons. There remains just two ways for a student-athlete to be considered a fifth-year senior. One is if he or she were to qualify for medical redshirt. The other is if a student-athlete were to have transferred from a non-Division III institution and had used a redshirt year while attending, such as a Division I or Division II school. The redshirt year used at a Division I or II school is still recognized at Linfield. However, Linfield cannot allow its athletes to practice and not be charged with using a season.

The change is more easily distinguishable through the wording used in the NCAA Division III Manual. In August of 2004, the wording changed from "season of competition" to "season of participation."

Rather than a season being counted when a student-athlete participates in regular-season competition, it is now counted when a student-athlete "participates (practices or competes) during or after the first contest following the student-athlete's initial participation at that institution," (Bylaw 14.2.4.1).

A fifth-year student-athlete will become a rarity on Linfield's campus as time goes by, but that's okay because it means that Linfield is remaining *In Compliance!*



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### ALUMNI NOTES AND TIDBITS

Former Linfield golf team member **Tom Maloney '46** of McMinnville was inducted into the Oregon Aviation Hall of Fame on Sunday Oct. 23 at Evergreen Aviation Museum.

**Tim Marsh '70** and his wife, Diane, have been added to the Pullman, Wash., Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame. They were recognized for contributions to Pullman, including to chamber activities and to Washington State University, Pullman High School and Comets club track and field programs. As a Linfield student, Tim lettered in cross country and track, and served a year as Linfield's sports information director.

Former volleyball letterwinner **Brandie Holly '95** of Boise, Idaho, has been hired as Project Manager II by the Network Group.

Football letterwinner **John Rogers '74**, has been named superintendent of the Atascadero (Calif.) School District.

One-time track and field record holder **Phillip Bond '78** of Fairfax, Va., has been appointed general manager of Monster Government Solutions where he is responsible for the strategic planning and execution of all of Monster Government Solutions' business activities in the government sector.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, residents **Tony and Don Don (Shaw) Williams, both '92**, welcomed their second child, a son named Rhys on Sept. 27, joining sister Reilly. Tony competed in football and track. Don Don played softball.

**Kathleen (Barnes) Duke '81** of Snohomish, Wash., traveled to Africa this year to help feed 200 people. Kathleen lettered in volleyball and tennis.

Football letterman **Jim Feldkamp '85** of Roseburg is an instructor of Criminal Justice at Umpqua Community College.

**Scott Crouter '98** of Ithaca, N.Y., recently received his Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology at the University of Tennessee. He is currently working in a post doctorate program at Cornell University. Scott was a conference cross country champion and also competed in track & field at Linfield.

**George Carter '05** signed a professional football contract with the Spokane Shock of the Arena League 2.

### ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP HONORS HELBIG

An endowed scholarship has been created by the family and friends of the late **Bill Helbig Jr. '70**.

The Bill Helbig Jr. Aloha Memorial Scholarship will help support students coming to Linfield from the state of Hawaii.

Helbig, a local Christmas tree rancher and long-time Linfield athletics supporter, died in a car accident in Tualatin on May 3. He was 57.

Born in San Francisco in 1947, he was the son of William Raymond and Delta Helbig. His family moved to Hawaii when he was 4. He graduated from Hawaii Preparatory in 1966 and Linfield in 1970.

While in college, he fell in love with McMinnville. He worked in the family business in Hawaii through the 1970s, but visited at every opportunity. He settled in McMinnville for good in 1984.