The Linfield volleyball team achieved the best winning percentage in program history.

VOLLEYBALL ENJOYS ONE OF FINEST SEASONS ON RECORD

With two returning Northwest Conference all-stars and a cast of solid role players, the table was set for one of the most accomplished seasons in Linfield volleyball history.

Coach Shane Kimura’s Wildcats reached the NCAA Division III West Region semifinals for the second straight year and finished with a 22-3 overall record, the highest winning percentage of any team in program history. The ‘Cats were 14-2 in NWC play, capturing a share of their second league crown in three seasons.

Linfield enjoyed its highest-ever national ranking, soaring to No. 6 in the nation before settling at 14th in the final AVCA/CSTV regular-season poll.

The march to the playoffs began in September when the Wildcats reeled off 13 straight victories, setting a school record for most consecutive wins. The streak ended in a 3-2 home loss to Pacific Lutheran, a team the Wildcats eventually shared the title with. The only other regular-season setback occurred in October, a 3-0 road loss at the hands of a scrappy Whitman team.

“Throughout the year, we came away with some tough wins,” said Kimura, reflecting on the season. ‘Our kids showed a lot of heart. There were some important matches in the middle part of the season that we came from behind in the fourth and fifth games to win.”

At the seven-team West Region playoffs in La Verne, Calif., the Wildcats continued their winning ways with a 3-0 sweep of Colorado College in the first round. The following night, Linfield's season came to a sudden end after the Wildcats ran into a red-hot Redlands team, which extended its 10-match winning string with a 3-0 sweep.

Three seniors were instrumental in shaping the record-setting season. Setter Chelsey Gellatly was clearly the NWC’s finest setter, passing out 942 assists while adding 243 digs and 95 kills. Middle blocker Lauren Kreiger was the primary recipient of Gellatly's passes, pounding 313 kills and adding 80 blocks. Defensive specialist Michelle Wyatt, a four-year letterwinner, was steady all season in the back row, accounting for 314 digs.

Outside hitter Katelyn Baker became an emerging force and one of the Wildcats’ go-to players. Baker was second behind Kreiger in kills with 252. Libero Hannah Veley was Linfield's top server and ranked second in total digs. Both Baker and Veley received honorable mention by coaches in NWC all-star balloting.

Other important contributors included outside hitter Kelsey French, who was third on the team in kills (209), and middle blocker Molly Taylor was who totaled 153 kills and 40 blocks. Freshman right-side hitter Emily Vuylsteke contributed regularly with 157 kills and 38 blocks.
Former sports greats ranging from the college’s first female national champion to its third national championship football team were inducted into the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame Oct. 28 in ceremonies sponsored by Cingular Wireless in Ted Wilson Gym.

Fittingly, the ninth annual banquet followed Linfield’s 21-3 football victory over Menlo, which clinched Linfield’s national all-divisions record of 51 straight winning football seasons.

Eight athletes, a coach and the 1986 football team were feted.

About 300 people saluted these Hall of Fame inductees:
• National champion swimmer Staci (Malin) Lindsay ‘96, who set NAIA records and led the Linfield women to their only Northwest Conference championship in 1993;
• Basketball’s Don Hakala, Jr., class of 1991, who scored more points in one season than any other player and ranks second in Linfield career points;
• Track record holder Missy (Hayward) Goode ‘96, a conference champion and NAIA All-American in the 3,000 and 5,000 meter runs;
• Steve Lopes ‘84, an All-America offensive tackle and member of the 1982 NAIA national title football team;
• Randy Marshall ‘73, a two-time NAIA All-America nose guard and member of two conference championship football teams who played in the NFL;
• Bob Sullivan ‘71, a three-time All-NWC defensive tackle and honorable mention NAIA All-America, whose teams went 28-7-1 during his four-year career;
• Four-time all-conference baseball pitcher Anthony St. John ‘88, who holds six Linfield career records, including wins, complete games and shutouts.

Volleyball All-American Carolyn (Pearce) Kraus ‘82, a four-time conference all-star who led the 1981 Wildcats to second place in the small-college national championships.

The 1986 football team, which rolled to a 12-0 record and captured the NAIA national championship, Linfield’s third in five years. (Linfield left the NAIA for the NCAA a decade later.)

Ed Langsdorf, who coached football and track and field for 20 years and led Linfield to the NAIA championship game in his first year as head football coach in 1992.

A thread that ran consistently through the inductees’ acceptance remarks was the value they placed on their time at Linfield. “Those were the best days of my life,” Sullivan said. “It changed my life.”

Lopes, who is an associate athletic director at Southern California and has been a part of many national championship programs there, declared, “Coming to Linfield was the best decision I ever made. Thank you Linfield!”

Two of the inductees met their wives at Linfield. Hakala is the third second-generation Hall of Fame member; his parents met and married at Linfield and he met his wife here.

Several inductees hailed the inspiration and teaching abilities of their coaches. Langsdorf said that none of the coaches he played for or worked with got rich, “but they all enriched my life.”

Malin praised Linfield not only for nurturing her athletically but also for her “well-rounded collegiate experience . . . it shaped me into the person that I am today.”

Sullivan said he had never been more than 100 miles from his home in Hartford, Conn., before Linfield football coach Paul Durham recruited him. “He talked to my mother on the phone for an hour,” Sullivan recalled. “When they finished, she said, ‘He’s a nice man. You’re going to Linfield.’”

At Linfield, “I was 3,000 miles from home, but my teammates took me under their wings and took care of me,” Sullivan said.

Hakala said that more than the dozens of records he set, “the team of players with me made my career special.”

Langsdorf said his boss at Linfield, Ad Rutschman, “taught me more than any other person in my professional life.”

Rutschman, accepting induction for his 1986 national championship football team, noted some of the achievements of the players and coaches in their working careers after Linfield. About 35 members of the team, plus coaches and trainer Tara Lepp, were present.

Although he set six Linfield baseball career pitching records, St. John said his greatest moment at Linfield was the day he graduated. He said Scott Carnahan, his coach and current Linfield athletic director, shouted to him from the audience, “We did it!”

The inaugural class of the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame was inducted in 1998. About 10 members have been added in each of the nine years since in categories of athlete, coach, team and meritorious service.

A 20-member selection committee chooses inductees to the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame. Nominations, with supporting information, should be sent to Kelly Bird, Linfield sports information director kbird@linfield.edu. The form can be downloaded from the Hall of Fame Web site.

The class of 2007 will be selected in June.
**SCOTT BROSIUS TO TAKE REINS OF BASEBALL PROGRAM IN JUNE 2007**

Scott Brosius ’88 has been named to succeed Scott Carnahan as head baseball coach at Linfield College. Brosius will take over the program from his former college coach on July 1, 2007.

In September, Carnahan announced his intention to step down as varsity coach following the 2007 season.

Brosius, 40, was a natural choice to succeed Carnahan, having served under Carnahan on the coaching staff for five seasons. During that time, he has gradually taken on more responsibility and today manages the baseball team’s entire recruiting effort in his role as associate head coach.

“T’m extremely excited to be able to stay here and be part of a school I love, that I’ve played at and coached at. It’s thrilling to be able to do that,” he said.

Brosius left Linfield following his junior year after being selected by Oakland in the 20th round of the 1987 amateur draft. He returned to Linfield and completed a bachelor’s degree in business in 2002.

In three seasons at Linfield, he hit .332 with 14 home runs and 77 runs batted in. During his junior season in 1987, he hit .348 and set Linfield single-season records for most at-bats, hits and RBI. He received recognition on the NAIA All-Area, all-District and all-Northwest Conference teams, and was an honorable mention NAIA All-American.

Brosius began his professional career in the minor leagues in 1988 and spent a total of 11 seasons in the major leagues with Oakland and New York. He won three World Series titles with the Yankees in 1998, 1999 and 2000. Brosius was a Golden Glove award recipient, was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1998 World Series, and played in the 1998 All-Star Game.

“Scott obviously has a wealth of knowledge about the game of baseball. He has also demonstrated that he will teach the game and break down fundamentals for our student-athletes in a very positive manner,” said Carnahan. “He understands the dynamics of coaching at Linfield, of having a balance between academics and athletics with baseball being a vehicle for teaching lifetime success-related skills.”

**NCAA PLAYOFF EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- **Win-loss percentage against regional opponents**
- **Quality-of-wins index—only contests versus regional competition**
- **Win on the road versus a team at or above .667—15 points**
- **Win at home versus a team at or above .667—14 points**
- **Win on the road versus a team at or above .500, but below .667—13 points**
- **Win at home versus a team at or above .500, but below .667—12 points**
- **Win on the road versus a team at or above .500, but below .500—11 points**
- **Win at home versus a team at or above .500, but below .500—10 points**
- **Win on the road versus a team below .333—9 points**
- **Win at home versus a team below .333—8 points**
- **Loss on the road versus a team at or above .667—7 points**
- **Loss on the road versus a team at or above .667—6 points**
- **Loss on the road versus a team at or above .500, but below .667—5 points**
- **Loss on the road versus a team below .500, but below .667—4 points**
- **Loss on the road versus a team at or above .500—3 points**
- **Loss at home versus a team at or above .500—2 points**
- **Loss on the road versus a team below .333—1 point**
- **Loss at home versus a team below .333—0 points**

In the West Region, we are definitely at a disadvantage compared with other Division III schools due primarily to our geographic location. A win against NCAA Division II opponents or an NAIA opponent does not really help a Division III team in the championship formula, but it still counts in your overall record. Linfield’s loss against Western Oregon this year did not help or hurt in the selection process, but the Wildcats’ loss to Hardin-Simmons did, as it was counted as a Division III in-region game.

Ultimately, two Division III losses put our football team in a very difficult situation based on the number of Pool C berths that remained for us.
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At season’s end, Gellatly and Kreiger each were accorded first team all-Northwest Conference honors. The two team captains were also voted first team West Region all-stars. Third team All-America recognition went to Gellatly, while Kreiger garnered honorable mention All-America acclaim.

In his 29th season, Kimura reached yet another milestone, collecting career win No. 550 with the playoff victory over Colorado College.

FOOTBALL

There are two sides to the 2006 Linfield football coin.

One side paints the Wildcats’ 6-3 season as a bitter disappointment. The other depicts a story of a brutal schedule, off-season turnover in both the player and coaching ranks, and an unusually high number of injuries.

After winning the previous six Northwest Conference championships, Linfield passed the crown to Whitworth in 2006, creating a cavernous void for team members and fans alike. And, for the first time since 2001, the Wildcats did not receive a coveted invitation to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Linfield, which began the season ranked in the Top 10, had not lost three games in one year since 1999. Accustomed to winning, the losses were difficult to accept. But underlying forces paved the way for a season that fell short of expectations.

Perhaps the greatest hurdle the Wildcats had to face was the transition in the coaching staff. Longtime leader Jay Locey took a lucrative position at Oregon State in mid-June, leaving Joe Smith, his newly appointed successor, little time to organize and prepare for the season.

Smith’s head coaching baptism came against Division II Western Oregon (a 28-14 loss) and Top 10 Division III program Hardin-Simmons (a 21-6 setback). Against Hardin-Simmons, the Wildcats lost starting quarterback Tim Benzel to a season-ending injury, creating an even steeper slope to climb.

The 0-2 start was especially hard to swallow for a program that had won a school-record 41 consecutive regular-season games.

Linfield then reeled off five straight wins, putting a seventh straight NWC title within the Wildcats’ grasp. The pivotal point of the season came in early November at Maxwell Field. Facing eventual champion Whitworth, the Wildcats coughed up seven turnovers, and despite outgaining the Pirates by a 329-85 margin, lost 17-13 to snap a NWC-record 27-game conference winning string.

Turnovers plagued the Wildcats over a three-game stretch in which Linfield gave the ball away 18 times. Still, Smith felt confident his team could again compete at the national level.

The season ended with a 40-0 shutout of Lewis & Clark, a game in which the Wildcats held the Pioneers to minus-53 yards rushing.

Injuries particularly affected the defensive line, which lost three starters, leaving Smith like a Wild West sheriff who was missing half the bullets in his gun.

Linfield was well represented on the NWC all-star team. Fifteen Wildcats earned all-conference citations, including first teamers Tyler Kaluza, Josh Vierra, Rob McCullough, Andrew O’Neal, Michael Greenberg, Mike Ketler, Cameron Rogers, Brian Mehl, and Keone Tawata. Earning second team recognition were Trevor Scharer and Andrew Woods. Honorable mention consideration went to Jake Lucey, Sean Horning, Nik Soo and Phil Rombach.

CROSS COUNTRY

A lot of time had passed - six years to be exact - since a Linfield cross country athlete last competed in a national championship event. That changed this fall when senior Joanna Murphy and junior Harrison Wilson represented the college at the NCAA Division III championships in West Chester, Ohio.

Running in a crowded field of 279 competitors, sloppy course conditions challenged even the finest athletes. Murphy placed 153rd in the six-kilometer women’s race in 25 minutes, 25 seconds. Wilson was 187th in the men’s race, covering the eight-kilometer course in 29:28.

Although their respective finishes fell short of their best performances of the season, the fact that the two Linfield stars advanced as far as the national meet was cause for celebration.

Led by Wilson’s breathtaking seventh-place finish at the West Region championships in Chino, Calif., the Linfield men’s team placed eighth in the region.

Competing as individuals at the regional championships, Murphy finished sixth in the women’s race and freshman Frances Corcorran was 25th. Both athletes earned all-region honors.

In late October, Linfield’s men rose to third at the Northwest Conference championships. Wilson ran one of the fastest times in school history to finish as NWC runner-up. Shawn Pollard, Shawn Fisher, and Justin Brandt turned in eye-popping performances.

In the women’s NWC championship race, Murphy ran the fastest six-kilometer time in school history, finishing sixth in 21:58. Corcorran followed Murphy’s lead, recording the second-fastest 6K time while placing 15th overall in 22:24.
MEN’S SOCCER

Linfield won its last three games of the season to secure an eighth consecutive winning season. The Wildcats finished the year 10-6-2 overall and 7-5-2 in the Northwest Conference, finishing fourth of eight teams.

Three players were chosen first-team Northwest Conference by league coaches and three school records were broken.

Forward Chris Paradis the Wildcats’ leading scorer over the past three seasons, was named first team all-conference for the second year in a row. He had seven goals and six assists this season for 20 points, second for the Wildcats. Forward Mike Grabast, who led the team and conference in points per game with 1.73 (10 goals, 6 assists for 26 points in 15 games), the third-highest average ever by a Wildcat. Also earning all-conference distinction was defender Chris Nicoletti, who was a thorn in the side of all opposing strikers the past two years.

Grabast set Linfield’s career record for assists with 24 (the former record was 19). He is tied for third in Wildcat career game-winning goals with eight and second in shots-on-goal with 83.

Goalkeeper Grant Williams, a three-year starter, set the school career record for saves with 259 (far ahead of the former record of 204). He had the third-lowest career goals-allowed average of 0.99 per game and the second most wins (30).

Linfield had four seniors; in addition to co-captains Grabast and Paradis, they were Williams and Adam Jaffe, third-leading scorer this season.

Since turning the corner into the win column for the first time in 1999, Linfield has not experienced a losing season in men’s soccer, winning Northwest Conference championships in 2000 and 2003.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

It was a building year for the Linfield women’s soccer program, a season in which new coach Melanie Langley introduced a fresh philosophy to a cast of players eager for positive change.

Despite the growing pains, Linfield was competitive in every match it played. But a lack of consistency from match to match prevented the Wildcats from making substantial gains in the win-loss column. A 4-10-2 record in Northwest Conference play translated into a tie for sixth place with George Fox, and the Wildcats’ 6-12-2 record was just one win better than the previous year.

Between the lines, there remained a building confidence among the players and coaches that Linfield would emerge in the years to come as a consistent contender. As evidence, the ‘Cats played to within one goal of powerhouses Willamette and Puget Sound. They ended the season with a bold statement, building a two-goal lead in the first half against Pacific Lutheran, then sitting back and playing tough defense the rest of the way. The textbook victory served as a blueprint for the way Langley wants her team to play.

A number of individuals emerged as shining stars. After changing positions to forward from the back line, sophomore Kelli Gillespie led the Wildcats in scoring with seven goals and one assist. Freshman Rachel Miles, another pleasant surprise, contributed five goals, including two game-winners. Steady veterans Stephanie Gilchrist and Martha Inouye each added three goals. The leading playmaker was Chelsey Stoltz, who registered three assists and tallied one goal.

Freshman Brianne Robinson was stellar in the midfield, along with Amber Calcagno, Darcy Gard, Stephanie Caster and Kim Skelly.

Senior Heidi Wood anchored the defense together with Kristine Siler and Cassie Torres.

Goalkeeper Allison Cartmill, a four-year letterwinner, produced five shutout victories and a 1.61 goals-against average, making 109 saves while starting every match.

WOMEN’S GOLF

Linfield took a big first step toward a Northwest Conference title after winning the Fall Classic in late October. The Wildcats also won four consecutive fall tournaments involving the four Oregon-based NWC teams.

With a three-under-par 141, freshman Tyler Nelson was medalist at the 36-hole Fall Classic. The best four Linfield scorers shot an aggregate total of 596, 11 strokes ahead of defending NWC champion Whitworth.

The Fall Classic counts for one-quarter of the conference championship. Teams receive one point for each team their score beats in the Fall Classic, meaning Linfield has seven points. They also receive one point for each team they beat in the upcoming Spring Classic, March 31-April 1, and two points for each team they beat in the NWC championships, April 22-23.

WOMEN’S GOLF

Linfield and senior Leslie Wheeler took third places at the Northwest Conference Fall Classic. Linfield finished three strokes behind champion Willamette and two behind second-place Puget Sound. Their third-place finish earned Linfield five points toward the NWC championship.

Wheeler shot 78-77-155, three strokes behind medalist Whitney Ueno of Willamette. In earlier tournaments, Wheeler captured medalist honors at the George Fox Invitational, Wildcat Invitational, and Willamette Invitational.

Linfield’s spring season opens March 8-9 at the Puget Sound Invitational.
MEN'S BASKETBALL

There is only one direction to go for the Linfield Wildcats, who plan to bite, scratch and claw their way out of a last-place finish in the Northwest Conference standings.

Linfield’s 6-19 record was the worst in 67 years in McMinnville and left a sour taste in the players’ and coaches’ mouths over the offseason.

For the six returning players, last season is a distant memory. With seven new players, including a talented transfer, there’s hope of quickly resurrecting a program that last won an NWC title as recently as 2001.

Defense and rebounding are Linfield’s known strengths. To meet the goals they have set for themselves, the Wildcats must develop an inside scoring threat and improve their on-court execution.

At point guard, veteran Khaatim Smith is being pressed by freshmen Payton Brooks and Emil Kim for the starting job. Smith and Brooks bring a measure of speed to the backcourt, while Kim’s size makes him an attractive option.

On the wings, lettermen Steve Taylor and Jeremy Goodman are likely to play major roles in determining the Wildcats’ success. Evan Timperly, a transfer from California Baptist, is a proven scorer who could be the team’s most productive addition. Michael Van Loon is blossoming into a go-to performer and is challenging for a starting position. Junior varsity holdovers Will Elliott and Sten Morgan could also earn a share of minutes.

Up front, the Wildcats don’t have a bruising center, but five capable athletes collectively give Linfield an inside presence. Six-foot-8 post Jackson Baber returns along with 6-3 lettermen Harrison Harter. After sitting out all of last season with a foot injury, senior Andy Baldwin is ready to contribute once again. Baldwin has good size (6-6) and athleticism and is playing an important leadership role. Sten Morgan, who played with the junior varsity as a freshman, and freshman Ryan Chisolm, round out the list of big men.

The NWC is expected to be as competitive as ever. Two-time defending champion Puget Sound is picked to win the NWC crown again, but Whitworth has a strong nucleus coming back and should contend. Willamette is always a legitimate contender. Lewis & Clark and Whitman can’t be overlooked.

The six holdovers from last year know what that’s like and are determined not to allow history to repeat itself.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Has Linfield found the missing pieces of the Northwest Conference championship puzzle?

A solid nucleus has been strengthened by the addition of two transfers and a pair of freshmen. Nine veterans return, including two starters.

“We’ve brought in players who can fill our needs,” said Robyn Stewart, the winningest coach in Linfield women’s basketball history.

Enter Sara Burgoyne and Brihtani Lassiter. The two seasoned veterans could be the answer the Wildcats have long been searching for. Burgoyne, a regional most valuable player at Lower Columbia Community College who also spent a year at Division II Northwest Nazarene, is poised for an outstanding senior season. Lassiter adds speed and quickness to the backcourt, not to mention valuable experience gleaned during two seasons at Lower Columbia.

The pair joins six players who received major minutes during last season’s 13-12 campaign in which the Wildcats were competitive in all but a couple of games.

“Our goal is to make the playoffs,” said Stewart, flatly. Experience is Linfield’s greatest asset. At point guard, Stewart plans to call upon Lassiter, junior Casey Stepan or sophomore Cassey Saunders. Stepan is one of the Wildcats’ most accurate perimeter shooters, while Saunders can slash to the basket and is a solid defender.

At off-guard, Stepan may share time with letterwinners Missy Lindquist and Susan O’Meara.

Burgoyne is expected to receive the bulk of the minutes at the small forward spot, but letterwinner Mary Findlay may also press for playing time. Findlay is a solid all-around player who can shoot from the outside, post-up, or cut to the basket. Freshman Anna Conklin is also in the mix.

The front line features both size and power. Porcia Jackson, a returning starter and candidate for all-conference honors, should be a consistent scorer and rebounder.

In the middle, 6-1 Kate Stadeli and 5-11 Jamie Godfrey are perhaps the NWC’s best post tandem. Both are relentless in their pursuit of the basketball beneath the rim.

Somehow, the Wildcats must find a way to muscle their way into the upper eschelon. The top three NWC finishers earn spots in the conference tournament. The team left standing earns the conference’s automatic berth to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

The Wildcats are dedicating the 2006-07 campaign to the memory of Chelsea Peterson, a freshman forward/center who was tragically killed in a single-car accident Nov. 12, just five days before the start of the season.
SWIMMING

Whitworth and Puget Sound are the elephants in the room of Northwest Conference men’s swimming, but don’t tell the Linfield Wildcats there is no room for them at the medal table.

“They’re making noises like they can win it all,” says Gary Gutierrez, head coach of the Linfield men’s swimming team. “But we have the talent and the attitude. We will be right there.”

Gutierrez says it will be difficult for the women to improve on last season’s third-place finish in the conference meet because “our (lack of) numbers will hold us back, although our talent is a little better.

Leading newcomers is Australian native Dominic Rieniets, whom Gutierrez says has national-qualifying potential in the 100 butterfly and will score points in freestyle sprints. Also, the senior season is about to begin for Andrea Thomas, who has four Top 10 listings, including the school record in the 100-yard freestyle (1:05.58) and 1,650-yard (18:11.77) freeestyle events.

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ALUMNI NOTES AND TIDBITS

Four-year football letterwinner Steve Neilsen '74 was named to the all-Century football team of Hoquiam (Wash.) High School. Neilsen is currently president of Neilsen & Hiebert Systems, Inc., a machine tool design engineering firm.

Former baseball All-American Tommy Paterson '05 married Chelsea Humphrey Oct. 14 in the McMinnville Covenant Church. Paterson recently signed a professional baseball contract with the Chicago White Sox organization and has been assigned to the Class High-A Winston-Salem Warthogs of the Carolina League.

Recent graduate Dan Sagers '06 is working in sales and business management for AQx Sports, a company specializing in aquatic training and aquatic fitness gear co-founded by Linfield track & field and cross country coach Dr. Garry Killgore. Sagers lettered in both cross country and track.

Former basketball letterwinner Tony Hale '92 of Eudora, Kan., is regional vice president for First American Title Insurance Company. He oversees company operations in five western states.

Ex-football star Gene Forman '67 recently completed his 40th season as a high school head coach. In his 13th year as head football coach at Days Creek High School this fall, he led the Wolves to a 9-3 record and the Skyline League title.

Eli Pendleton '00, a four-year swimming letterwinner, is serving his second year of medical residency at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky medical school.

Former running back Thomas Ford '04 was invited for a Dec. 15 tryout with the Los Angeles Avengers of the Arena Football League 1. His is currently director of speed and agility at the Fitness and Sports Training Center in Pasco, Wash.

Former three-sport star Travis Olson '98 is full-time assistant track & field and cross country coach at Linfield. After working part-time for the last eight years, Olson has taken on additional responsibility in the areas of coaching, game management and the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame.

One-time track & field school-record holder Shannon (Parton) Milton '96 and her husband, Aaron, are proud parents of twin girls, McKenzie and Madison, born Aug. 2.

Former Linfield baseball player Dan Weber '02 is the new baseball coach at Bend High School.

Donegal Fergus '00 is head baseball coach at Tacoma Community College. A former baseball player and coach at Linfield, he was an assistant at Lower Columbia for five years.

Shannon Schiele '05, who lettered in both basketball and track & field, is serving in the Peace Corps in Chiangutwa, Tanzania. She is teaching health, physical education and English.

Longtime Linfield sports supporter and former college controller Arnold Mills '58 passed away Oct. 8 in McMinnville.

Football letterwinner Bob Hoy '51 passed away Oct. 18.

Carol Weymler, mother of three Linfield graduates, passed away Aug. 27. Her sons, Pete '82 of Gig Harbor, Wash., Paul '87 of Buckley, Wash., and Toby '93 each lettered in football.