TALENT AND EXPERIENCE HAVE SPRING SPORTS AIMING FOR ANOTHER STRONG SURGE

BASEBALL

After finishing a school-best 35-13 record and a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Division III Finals last season, second-year coach Scott Brosius comes into the 2009 campaign looking to replace a decorated class of seniors who graduated last spring.

Brosius begins the new season with 16 players who saw limited varsity action and must replace six starting position players. With only five seniors in the program, the Wildcats look to a group of up-and-comers.

The 2009 club looks to draw on that experience to some extent while understanding this is a new year.

With the West Regional being hosted at Roy Helser Field this May, the question now becomes: Can the ‘Cats contend for another Northwest Conference crown and make a return trip to Appleton, Wis., for the big dance?

“Our expectations year in and year out are obviously to contend and play for the conference championship,” said Brosius. “And I haven’t seen anything in the pre-season that would change my mind. We should be a team that is there battling for that."

In order to reach the regional after losing so many starters, the Wildcats must rely heavily on veterans Rhett Fenton, Ty Stanley and Stew Davis.

Davis returns as one of the NWC’s most feared hitters and will see time in both the outfield and as a designated hitter while making a home in the middle of the order. Davis led the ‘Cats with a .363 batting average with a .463 on-base percentage while also hitting 16 doubles.

Sitting next to Davis in the middle of the order is Fenton. The junior slugger and two-year starter moves to first base this season. Stanley will see time either in the infield or the outfield this spring.

Besides Davis, Fenton and Stanley, the Wildcats are relatively raw. Kelson Brown, Eric Evenson and Dustin Smith are expected to see time in the infield. Brown saw some action over the past two seasons but largely as a role player behind David Bachofner. Considered by his coaches as one of the top defensive players in the conference, Brown will start at shortstop in 2009.

Sophomore Eric Evenson saw action in 24 games last season as a late-inning defensive replacement and pinch runner. After spending the majority of the season on the J.V. team, Smith played some key innings for the varsity team and started games in the postseason. Both players are expected to be key contributors in the infield.

After losing four seniors in the outfield, Brosius looks for a handful of players to step up and fill the void. The Wildcats get a boost from two key transfers in Mt. Hood Community College transfers Tyson Smith and Western Oregon transfer Ryan Lewis. Both have great speed and overall talent.

Stepping in this season at catcher are sophomores Cole Bixenman and Kevin Coleman.

Three starting pitchers return from a year ago. Garrett Dorn, Cameron Larson and Reese McCulley, all NWC second-team selections in 2008, are back to anchor the staff. Dorn struck out 74 batters in 100.1 innings pitched, while leading the starters with 2.09 earned run average and a 9-3 record. Both Larson and McCulley had ERAs of 2.30 or lower last year.

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Carney’s Corner

In athletics, coaches tend to be involved dramatically in the present while anticipating the future, but I think as we get older we tend to do more and more reflection on the past. I also think most who have participated in athletics at Linfield over the years would say that their experience as a student-athlete did have a profoundly positive impact on their life.

This fall, a group of former student-athletes will pay one last public tribute to Coach Paul Durham, the who had such a special impact on their lives.

For many years while Coach Durham was alive, this group would assemble to relive fond memories of their athletic experiences, and more so, their loving memories of Coach Durham and the life lessons they learned from him. After his passing, they have continued to meet and have lunch together annually, but without their mentor present, it hasn’t been the same.

So come fall, on Sept. 12, this group will assemble one last time to have lunch and to remember and reflect on the coach that gave them so much. They will also be introduced prior to the football game that day to commemorate the occasion. I can’t think of any other award or recognition a coach could receive that would mean more than to have...
ACCIDENT CLAIMS THE LIFE OF FORMER TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY GREAT ERIK ANDERSON

Former Linfield cross country and track and field star Erik Anderson '96 died Feb. 19 in what authorities called a "tragic accident" at the Community Colleges of Spokane.

The 38-year-old Anderson died while trying to repair a pin mechanism on bowling alley equipment in the college’s Lair-Student Center. Students were present in the alley at the time of the accident but no one saw what happened.

Throughout a 13-year teaching and coaching career, between Clark College in Vancouver, Wash., and CCS, Anderson achieved numerous awards and championship titles.

Anderson was named head men’s and women’s cross country coach at CCS in 2004 after serving as an assistant at CCS and Clark College in Vancouver, Wash. Under his leadership, the CCS men’s and women’s teams swept the NWAACC cross country championships each of the last three seasons. He served as a faculty member of the Physical Education and Health Department at CCS.

He graduated from Linfield in 1996 with a bachelor’s degree in exercise science and two NAIA All-America recognitions in track and cross country.

At Linfield, he was the 1994 and 1995 Northwest Conference cross country champion. He went on to place 17th at the 1994 NAIA National Championship meet, which remains the highest finish by a Linfield male cross country athlete in national competition.

In track and field, Anderson placed third at the 1996 NAIA Championships in the steeplechase and was a NWC champion in the 5,000 meters and the steeplechase in 1996.

He served a brief stint overseas in Operation Desert Storm as a scout for Apache Helicopters.

Anderson went on to receive his master’s degree at Eastern Washington University in 2003 in exercise science and physiology. His thesis was a study of deep water running in elite distance runners.

Anderson is survived by his wife, Mariza (Scofield) ‘97, a former Linfield cross country and track athlete, and their two daughters, Ripley, 4, and Evelyn, 1.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 26 at CCS. Those wishing to make memorial contributions should mail to Erik Anderson Memorial Fund, 106 W. Nora Ave., Spokane, WA 99205.

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his former players unite to express their life-long devotion to him.

Coach Durham was one of the six coaches whom I consider to be the foundation on which Linfield Athletics was built. Their success, and our continued success in our athletics programs, started with these men who led with great integrity and principles. Because of their contributions, when the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame was initiated Henry Lever, Paul Durham, Roy Helser, Ad Rutschman, Ted Wilson and Hal Smith were unanimously chosen to be honored in the first induction class.

I believe we are most concerned with the present and the future of our athletic programs at Linfield. But that being said, the lessons that are still being taught, and most importantly being learned by our student-athletes, are success-related skills that have been passed on from decade to decade. In a time where we see many leaders succumb to corruption and temptation, it is my hope that we can combine the past integrity and principles into the present and into the future.

I also hope that those who were touched by coach Paul Durham will return to campus on Sept. 12 to share in this special occasion.

Sincerely,

Scott Carnahan ’73
Director of Athletics

DODGING WITH DURHAM ONE LAST TIME

For many years since his retirement, friends and former players of Hall of Fame coach Paul Durham ’36 have been gathering on the McMinnville campus each summer to share stories and catch up with one another.

Event organizers are planning one final Durham bash. Instead of staging a summer luncheon, the group has decided to hold a gathering in conjunction with the first home football game of 2009.

All former players and friends of Coach Durham are encouraged to gather for "Dodging with Durham One Last Time" on Sept. 12. The group will meet 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.
Those familiar with the core values of Linfield athletics may enjoy a video production featuring the teachings of Ad Rutschman available for sale through the Linfield Athletic Office. Produced by the communications department, “Life Lessons with Linfield College’s Ad Rutschman,” features interviews with the Hall of Fame football and baseball coach and professor, plus many of his former students.

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**KEEPING SCORE: AGING SCOREBOARDS REPLACED AT WILSON GYM, HELSER FIELD**

Three aging scoreboards have been replaced in recent months at Linfield athletic venues.

Inside Ted Wilson Gym, two new scoreboards were installed at either end of the basketball court, replacing the original models that had been in use since the building was completed in 1989.

The new basketball/volleyball scoreboards use light emitting diode (LED) technology, rather than incandescent lighting, improving reliability and lifespan. One significant enhancement was the inclusion of secondary statistical boards that compile and display individual player totals for points and fouls. Team names can also be displayed electronically, rather than fixed “Home” and “Away” designations.

At Roy Helser Field, home of the baseball Wildcats, a new purple-faced scoreboard replaces the outdated red-faced model. The baseball scoreboard was installed Feb. 19, just in time for the season-opening game against Concordia.

An unbudgeted necessity, the scoreboards were funded by TopCat Club donations.

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**2009 LINFIELD FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

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**LIFE LESSONS WITH RUTSCH**

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The graduation of NWC Pitcher of the Year Brian Clark leaves the door open for a reliever or a newcomer to step in. Second-team all-NWC reliever Robert Vaughn looks to be the likely man to round out the starting rotation. Vaughn tallied a 1.62 ERA with seven saves in 2008. Evan Hilberg and Kyle Mosbrucker are two keys pieces in the bullpen. After spending time on the J.V. team, Hilberg pitched big innings in last year’s playoffs. Both relievers notched ERAs of under 1.00.

**SOFTBALL**

With 65 percent of Linfield’s offensive firepower graduated, the question looms: Can the Wildcats extend their remarkable run of five Northwest Conference softball championships?

Eight-year coach Jackson Vaughan believes his 2009 squad has the right stuff, though he knows the Wildcats will likely experience some growing pains along the way.

The strength of the team is its pitching staff, which includes four veterans who have recorded NCAA playoff victories. The addition of two quality freshmen plus a sophomore who pitched with the junior varsity last season further strengthens the staff.

Senior aces Brittany Miller and Kendra Strahm return to the circle. Miller, a second team NFCA All-American as a junior in 2008, is already Linfield’s career wins and strikeouts leader. Strahm went 17-3 with a 2.58 earned run average last season to earn a second team all-NWC citation. Letterwinners Samantha Van Noy (2-1) and Claire Velaski (3-0) are expected to be part of the mix.

Vaughan must reconstruct his entire infield. Harvey and freshman Staci Doucette are the top candidates at first base. Letterwinner Alex Hartmann anchors second base with Brittany Woods providing quality depth. Emily Keagbine moves from catcher to third base where she should be among the top defensive players in the conference. She will be backed up by freshmen Jordan Mixsell and Sami Keim. The battle for shortstop remains an ence. She will be backed up by fresh-

Friend brings back her determined and fearless style of play to anchor right field and will be backed up by Emily Lepp or Jessie Goergen. Sophomore Kayla Hubrich has shown great improvement during the pre-season and will start in left field. Hubrich is expected to be a key component of the offense after hitting .340 and stealing five bases as a freshman reserve.

One of three freshmen will earn the starting nod at catcher. Mixsell, Keim and Lepp each offer varying strengths and weaknesses, so it may take some time to settle on the regular starter.

With a string of five NWC titles in hand, it’s a sure bet that the rest of the conference will have Linfield circled on the calendar. Pacific and Willamette, each with multiple returning all-stars, appear capable of mounting strong challenges to the Wildcats’ reign.

**TRACK AND FIELD**

Given the choice, coach Dr. Garry Killgore says he prefers a handful of quality athletes over an army of average ones every time.

While Linfield seems to have no problem attracting a healthy share of participants each year, what really wins championships are those special athletes who can rise above the norm.

Two special athletes who are paramount to Linfield’s success are twin brothers Josh Lovell and Jeremy Lovell. The matching bookends placed third and fifth, respectively, in the decathlon at last season’s NCAA Division III championships and both appear capable of snaring a national title as juniors.

The Lovells will compete in the jumps, javelin, sprints and decathlon.

The Wildcats also feature a solid sprint corps that includes 2006 Northwest Conference 100-meter champion John Torsey. Competing in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, Torsey will be complemented by the return of speedster Mat Strum, himself a NWC 400 champion.

Mike Eldredge is expected to fully blossom in the hurdles after placing second in the NWC in the 110 hurdles as a freshman. Letterman Jared Florell and freshman Nate Meyr will compete in the 400 hurdles.

The middle distances look solid with junior Shawn Fisher considered the odds-on favorite to win the 1,500-meter crown. Fisher also has the potential for a top-three finish in the 800. Chris Molsaas and Tyler Davis are the leading competitors in the 5,000 and 10,000.

Three lettermen anchor the weight events. Clint Moore has developed outstanding technique in the shot put and discus. Bobby Rudel and Russell Sells should provide steady contributions in the discus and hammer.

Gabe Haberly will compete in the pole vault and decathlon alongside the Lovell brothers. Stephen Dennis could turn heads in the high jump.

The women’s squad also offers quality athletes with plenty of promise. An outstanding group of freshmen could lay the groundwork for some banner seasons ahead.

The women’s premier event is the pole vault, a specialty which features three national caliber performers. Defending NWC champion Brooke Carstensen shares the stage with exciting newcomers Catherine Street and Misty Corwin.

Two freshmen with national-meet potential share the spotlight in the javelin. Kelly Marineau and Katrina Amsberry are expected to open some eyes right away.

Cross country star Marci Klimik is setting her sights on the school record in the 5,000, but may also compete occasionally in the 1,500 or 3,000 steeplechase. Michelle Harteloo is coming off a solid cross country season and will race in the 800 and 1,500.

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Senior Kate Franklin will compete in the 800 with national-meet aspirations.

The Wildcats are sound in the throws with Carolyn Blood and Kaycee Halstrom each placing among the top three in the conference in the discus.

Chelsea Machida and Hollie Lemerande both return with a year of experience in the high jump. Seniors Anna Moore and Rachel Logan are the leading competitors in the long jump and triple jump.

Laura Sibley and Brooke Bekkedahl give Linfield an effective tandem in the hurdles. Both will also participate in the relays. In the sprints, senior Tasha Tolzmann is joined by freshmen Lynn Robinson and Brittany Brostrom.

MEN’S TENNIS
Coach Carl Swanson returns 10 let-
terwinners from a squad that finished third at last season’s NWC Championships. Linfield added two players to its roster and both are impact players.

Leading the way for the Wildcats are all-conference performers Nick Russ and Kyle Anderson. Russ, a first team pick as a junior last season, should be a consistent force at No. 1 singles and doubles.

Earning second team honors during his second season in the program, Anderson gives the Wildcats a reliable veteran in the upper flights. Lettermen Tal DeWitt and Mark Magdaong are expected to occupy the middle portion of the lineup. Freshmen Walt James and Ward Van Mens should contribute right away. James is reunited with his high school doubles partner, lettermen Brent Kingzett. Van Mens played internationally in his homeland of The Netherlands.

Experience is a crucial component of championship clubs and Linfield has plenty of it in returners Luke Rembold, Matt Kauffman and Matt Levering. Tal Edman and Alex Smith are ready to play their best whenever called upon.

WOMEN’S TENNIS
A talented, athletic Linfield women’s tennis team takes the court this spring lacking only experience.

Coach Amy Dames Smith’s 11-
member squad shares a genuine love for the game and each other, two intangibles that should go a long ways toward helping form a cohesive group.

The Wildcats have won the last seven NWC titles and have not been defeated in a conference match in their previous 99 outings.

Linfield most experienced player this spring is Sallie Katter, a junior All- American. Katter went 25-10 in singles during her first two seasons in the program and looks to be capable of leading the Wildcats at No. 1 singles.

Two freshmen will be called upon to perform at a high level very early in their careers. Abby Olbrich and Kiana Nip, each four-time district champions in high school, are ready to showcase their skills right away.

Four sophomores provide a measure of experience. Sarah Click, who went 11-7 during her debut season, reunites with Olbrich, her high school doubles partner at Vancouver’s Skyview High School. Sophie Corr, Meghan Crowder, Julie Henjum and Lydia Smith.

The season resumes after a four-month pause with four invitational matches prior to the NWC Spring Classic and NWC Championship tournaments. Look for veterans Andrew Fitch, Tyler Nelson and Kevin Duerr to lead the Wildcats toward another run at the NWC championship.

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WOMEN’S GOLF
With 10 players in the program, Linfield’s depth has never been better for third-year coach Karly Cramer.

Sophomore Brynn Hurdus should challenge for top honors in the NWC. Lettermen Brittany Johnston, Bridget Butler, Kelsey Chance, Alicia Zook and Katie Killborn join with first-year players Sophie Corr, Meghan Crowder, Julie Henjum and Lydia Smith.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE
New coach Tim Hart’s emphasis will be on fitness and fundamentals as he tries to elevate the program into a nationally ranked contender. Hart, a former Linfield men’s club team player and coach, brings an organized and enthusiastic approach.

Fourteen letterwinners return from last season’s team that sputtered to a 3-11 overall record.

Veterans Becca Levy and Ashley Johnson are the most experienced goalkeepers on the club.

Callie Martin, Christina Crane anchor what could be an exceptional defensive unit.

In the middle of the field, Michelle Dorris, Martha Inouye, Tiffany Jones, and Jessica Petrovich provide experience and leadership to newcomers Erika Helm-Buckman, Anna Goricak, Taylor Fisher and Pinky Lam.

Goal scorers Sammy Smith, Tarie Caouette and Jamie Mertz provide the Wildcats with the necessary firepower at the offensive end of the field. The trio combined for 74 goals last season.
For a team that experienced an early swoon and a late-season surge, the Linfield Wildcats held their heads high as they walked off the court for the final time in 2008-09.

It took time to mesh the cast of characters that included just one senior, a converted baseball pitcher and a point guard who began his career with the junior varsity.

Though Linfield’s overall record was 12-14, the Wildcats went 10-6 in Northwest Conference play to share third place in the standings. Most impressive was the way in which the Wildcats closed the regular season. After a 0-2 conference start in January, the ‘Cats responded with five wins in six games during the month of February. That earned Linfield a return matchup against Whitworth in the four-team NWC playoffs.

In that contest, the Wildcats battled the Pirates tooth and nail in a game that featured eight ties and four lead changes. Whitworth pulled away in the final three minutes to win 74-66 and went on to capture the NWC tournament championship.

With only two wins in its first 10 games, Linfield’s season was heading south until a trio of players stepped up to take control.

Erik Olson, Cody Tesoro and K.C. Wiser were the team’s catalysts. Olson set a Linfield single-season record with 68 3-point baskets. In his final game against Whitworth, the lanky senior poured in a career-high 32 points to finish the year with a team-high 15.9 points-per-game average.

Once a reserve, Tesoro emerged in mid-season to become a vital cog in the starting lineup. He averaged 12.4 points and 2.4 assists per game, leading the team in scoring in seven games down the conference stretch.

Wiser was quietly effective in the low post, averaging 15.1 points and 7.4 rebounds while starting all 26 games. Matt McCollum, a 6-foot-8 center who joined the basketball team after two years as pitcher for the Wildcats’ baseball club, perfectly complemented Wiser’s skills in the paint.

Turning the season around “really speaks to our guys’ ability to be resilient and stick together,” said Wildcats coach Larry Doty, who achieved his 300th coaching victory. “By doing what they did, they showed they believed in what the coaching staff was trying to communicate.”

Making the playoffs after such a rocky start was icing on the cake for the Wildcats, who went 5-3 on the road in conference play. Doty called the extended season “a nice reward for all the hard work and perseverance. The team was very deserving.”

In what turned out to be Coach Robyn Stewart’s most challenging season, the Linfield Wildcats suffered through bouts of inconsistency and a lack of confidence on their way to a 3-22 season.

It equaled the mark for fewest wins in program history set in 1991. The Wildcats finished last in the Northwest Conference for the first time in Stewart’s 11 seasons as coach.

“We had opportunities to win four of our last five games, but just didn’t get the job done,” she said. “We had a hard time sustaining our intensity, whether it was our defense, rebounding, shooting or passing.”

Losing eight games by seven points or fewer, the Wildcats were competitive in nearly every contest. “Our kids never quit on the season,” said Stewart. “They didn’t roll over, but battled hard until the very end.”

The introduction of 11 new players, including eight freshmen, was a key contributing factor to the shortfall of wins.

Three freshmen played important roles. Point guard Amanda Juarez led the team in scoring (8.4 points per game) and steals (1.7). Chrissy Baumgartner topped the team in rebounding (5.6) and Lindsay Gummersall was the team’s most accurate shooter (.442).

Also making important contributions were junior transfer Nadra Evans (7.8 points, 3.8 rebounds), sophomore Sarah Amina (7.3 points, 2.1 rebounds) and senior Whitney Honn (7.4 points, 3.4 rebounds).

Linfield was second in the NWC in free throw percentage (.702), fourth-best in program history. The Wildcats were third in the conference in blocked shots (3.64 per game) and steals (8.72). However, the ‘Cats ranked last in field goal percentage, rebounding and assists.

“Our kids stuck together and supported one another through the tough times,” said Stewart. “We’re now focusing on the two or three things we must to do to be better next year: Shooting the ball, handling the ball, and becoming a better rebounding team.”
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SWIMMING

From an individual perspective, the Linfield Wildcats’ 2008-09 season was exemplary.

Every athlete recorded lifetime-best efforts at the Northwest Conference Championships, which Linfield hosted in mid-February at the King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way, Wash.

With a roster of 22 swimmers, Linfield’s men placed fifth at the NWCC championships while the women concluded the eight-team competition in sixth place.

Rose Hollingsworth and Dominic Rieniets were the stars of their respective squads, each successfully defending NWC individual titles while setting new conference-meet records at the same time.

Hollingsworth blazed to a meet-record time in the women’s 200-yard backstroke, earning an automatic invitation to the NCAA Division III Championships. She also shattered the all-time NWC record in the 100 backstroke.

Rieniets broke his own NWC championship-meet record in the 100 butterfly while recording a NCAA provisional qualifying time. The Wildcats junior also eclipsed a 25-year-old conference-meet record in the 50 freestyle, winning that event for the third straight year.

Senior Josh Parfitt capped his college career with a second-place finish in the 1,650 freestyle, shaving 20 seconds off his season-best performance. Junior Mark Carder was sixth in the same event, realizing his highest finish at a conference meet. Yusuke Kobayashi was runner-up in the 100 and 200 butterfly events.

Gutierrez also singled out the performances of freshman Kimberlee Smith, who swam well at the NWCs in the 100 and 200 backstroke as well as the 500 freestyle.

“Given the numbers that we had and some of the illnesses we dealt with, I thought our kids performed well this season,” Gutierrez said.

DOMINIC DOTY TO LEAD WOMEN’S SOCCER

McMinnville native Dominic Doty has been hired as head women’s soccer coach at Linfield, director of athletics Scott Carnahan announced in January.

Doty spent the fall as an assistant men’s soccer coach. He takes over the women’s coaching position from Yi Lin Liu following a recent restructuring of the college’s Health and Human Performance academic department curriculum.

Doty lettered in soccer, basketball and baseball at McMinnville High School, graduating in 2003. A four-time Pacific-9 Conference all-star in soccer, Doty earned Pac-9 Player of the Year and first team all-state accolades.

He attended Santa Clara University on a soccer scholarship, but chronic injuries cut short his playing career. Doty graduated from SCU in 2007.

“Dominic brings a youthful enthusiasm to our women’s soccer program,” said Carnahan. “He has good knowledge of the sport of soccer, an appreciation of Linfield and the Northwest Conference, and is in tune with the youth soccer programs here in Oregon. It is my hope that he will help grow the women’s soccer program and help it reach new heights in the years to come.”

Linfield is coming off a 6-14 season in 2008 during which the Wildcats placed eighth in the Northwest Conference.

“I’m super excited to help this program move forward,” said Doty. “I know this group of players has a real passion for soccer and a willingness to work hard.

“There’s a lot of opportunity for growth and improvement here,” he said. “I believe we can really change the soccer culture at Linfield.”

IN COMPLIANCE

Amy Dames Smith
NCAA Compliance Officer

STEER CLEAR OF MARCH MADNESS WAGERING

The month of March at Linfield is a turning point in the year when winter sports seasons cross over to spring sports. When this time of year comes, I can’t help but think that the NCAA Basketball Championships will be here before we know it. What does that mean? The phenomena known as March Madness!

March Madness is definitely one major sporting event that’s hard not to get excited about. However, according to NCAA Rules, Linfield athletics department staff, non-athletics staff with responsibility within or over athletics (e.g., president or faculty athletics representative), and all student-athletes are limited to the extent of which they can partake in the fun of filling out a bracket in hopes of predicting the eventual NCAA Champions.

NCAA Rules prohibit “wagers” from being placed on college or professional sports. A wager is defined by the NCAA as, “any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g. cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value” (Bylaw 10.02.2). For example, if a student-athlete puts $5 in a March Madness pool with his or her roommates in hopes of winning a gift certificate, he or she would be in violation of NCAA Rules.

What are the consequences of placing a wager? They’re tough! Any student-athlete discovered to be involved in placing a wager on a college or professional sports team can lose eligibility for the remainder of a season and be charged with the loss of at least one more season, or lose any remaining regular season eligibility altogether. There is a wide scope of disciplinary measures that can be taken if a staff member is found to be placing wagers on college or professional teams.

All in all, all staff and student-athletes should resist the urge to fill out a bracket when March Madness rolls around so that Linfield can remain in compliance!
ALUMNI NOTES AND TIDBITS

Former Linfield baseball players Lester Wallace ’73 and Tom Niebergall ’74 were each inducted into the Oregon High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in November. At Clatskanie High School, Wallace coached three sports, including serving as head baseball coach for 22 years, assistant football coach for 28 seasons and athletic director for 11 years. Niebergall coached for many years at Oregon City High School.

Bud Monnes ’42 passed away Oct. 28 at age 89. At Linfield, he was a member of the Wildcats’ 1941-42 conference championship basketball team and also participated in football, earning all-conference honors in both sports. Monnes taught and coached three sports at Gresham High School for 34 years and served as president of the Oregon High School Coaches Association.

RUTSCHMAN REUNION PLANNED FOR JUNE 6

The annual Ad Rutschman football and baseball reunion luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McMinnville Elks Lodge. All former players, coaches and friends of the Hall of Fame coach are invited and encouraged to attend. The keynote speaker this year is former Wildcats All-American and one-time NFL Executive of the Year Randy Mueller ’82.

The cost for lunch and gratuity is $18, payable in advance or at the door. Those interested in attending should RSVP to coach Joseph Smith at 503-883-2579 or joesmith@linfield.edu. Please RSVP by May 21 for an accurate head count.