SIX CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS HIGHLIGHT ONE OF MOST SUCCESSFUL YEARS EVER

Finishing the 2003-04 school year with a flourish, Linfield added three more Northwest Conference championships to its name as the women’s tennis, baseball and softball teams all achieved record-breaking seasons.

SOFTBALL

Superior pitching, clutch hitting and steady defense carried Linfield to its first Northwest Conference championship in nearly 20 years. The Wildcats, who last won the title in 1986, set a school record for victories in one season, wrapping up the regular season with a 33-7 overall record, including a 14-0 mark on their home field. Perhaps most impressive was the Wildcats’ 26-2 conference record, which ended Pacific Lutheran’s eight-year stranglehold on the league championship.

SPRING SPORTS

By winning the league championship, Linfield earned the NWC’s automatic berth into the NCAA Division III playoffs. The Wildcats advanced to the West Regional May 7-10 at Orange, Calif.

Linfield was the class of the NWC from start to finish. No one could have predicted that when the Wildcats faced Whitworth in the first conference series of the season, it would ultimately decide the league title. The Pirates and PLU, the only teams to beat Linfield in conference play, tied for second place in the final standings. The Wildcats won three of four games from both clubs.

The pitching combination of Liz Coburn and Michelle Morris proved lethal for opposing batters. Coburn posted a 1.22 earned run average while setting school records for strikeouts (8) and victories (20). Morris, who threw two no-hitters during the regular season, new school standards for strikeouts (127) and saves (3).

Offensively, the Wildcats were led by all-star center fielder Shelly Steinke, who hit .408 with 25 RBI and a school-record 34 stolen bases. Steinke led the conference in stolen bases, while ranking second in hits and third in batting average.

First baseman Stephanie Morgan came on strong as the regular season came to a close, hitting .338 with 12 doubles. Leadoff hitter Nicole Hata batted .317 and stole 27 bases. Shortstop Amy Hammons drove in 34 runs, third-best in the NWC.

For the third time in four years, Linfield College is being honored as the top athletics program in the Northwest Conference. Linfield culminated the sports year by winning the McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy for 2003-04, recognizing athletic excellence among NWC institutions across all fields of competition.

A strong spring sports season spurred Linfield past runner-up Puget Sound in a close race. Linfield won or shared six NWC championships during 2003-04, including volleyball, football, men’s soccer, women’s tennis, softball and baseball. The Wildcats vaulted from fourth place in the winter standings to the No. 1 spot, accumulating nearly half their 245 point total (119) during the spring.

“It’s nice to be able to show consistency throughout all our programs,” said Linfield director of athletics Scott Carnahan. “Winning the all-sports trophy is a tribute to the total effort of a lot of people. It takes quality student-athletes, great support people, and a committed coaching staff and administration.”

Several Linfield teams enjoyed significant breakthrough seasons. The volleyball team won its first NWC championship in 20 years, the softball team reached the top of the conference for the first time since 1986, and the baseball team claimed a share of the league title for the first time since 1999.

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In the spring of 1984, Ad Rutschman ‘53 was looking for a way to bring our alumni together for fun activity and also generate some needed funding for the TopCat Club. It was then the first ”Wildcat Open” golf tournament was born.

Former golf coach Tim Miller, Steve Davis ’72, Ted Wilson, Bob Dills and myself met to discuss and plan the event, which over the years has blossomed into a super event that has provided needed revenue for the TopCat Club. Much of the credit for the success of this event goes to long time chairman, Bob Dills. He has been the driving force in the planning, organizing and procurement of raffle prizes for many years. He and his wife, Jean, have given their time, talents and money to the athletic department since their arrival in McMinnville and the athletic department has benefitted greatly.

During the late spring of this year, Bob asked to step aside from his involvement in the tournament after 20 years. I accepted his wishes to do so, but wondered where I might find another person who could and would accept such a huge task. I didn’t need to look very far, as Scott Brosius has agreed to become the new chairperson of the “Wildcat Open.”

Scott, Steve and I have met on a couple of occasions to discuss some ways we might make the tournament better for the participants and for the Topcat Club. Based on some ideas from Bob and others, I think we have found some win-win things to enhance the tournament for this year.
Softball standout Shelly Steinke has been honored as Linfield’s top female athlete for 2003-04. Steinke, a sophomore from Canby, Ore., led Linfield to its first conference title since 1986 and the best record in program history. The Wildcats unseated seven-time champion Pacific Lutheran, beating the Lutes three times in four games at midseason to take the upper hand in the conference race.

As the leadoff hitter and starting center fielder, Steinke carried Linfield to a 37-9 record and a runner-up finish at the NCAA Division III West Region tournament. She was first team Northwest Conference all-star for the second straight year, and earned acclaim as a first team West Region all-star. The Wildcats qualified for the NCAA regional playoffs for the first time in their history, falling one victory short of a berth in the national tournament. She was named to the West Regional Tournament all-star squad after leading the five-team playoff in hits and runs.

"Shelly has a knack for making the big play. Although outwardly she is humble and unassuming, she plays with a lot of inner confidence," said Wildcats coach Jackson Vaughan. "Her speed is her best attribute. She can turn what would be a routine out for most other players into a base hit. And with her speed in the outfield, she takes away a lot of hits from the opposing team."

Her mental fortitude and sheer determination were also apparent during the Wildcats’ record-breaking season.

"Shelly is very tough mentally. After her doctor advised her to sit out a weekend to heal an nagging ankle injury, she went ahead and played anyway," recalled Vaughan. "In those four games, she hit .667 with four doubles and five stolen bases."

Steinke was also a second team CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII honoree, recognizing achievement both on the field and in the classroom. She carries a 3.90 grade point average while majoring in elementary education.

All-America quarterback Tyler Matthews is Linfield’s top male athlete for 2003-04. Matthews completed his career as the most prolific passer and winnigest quarterback in Linfield’s long and storied football history. In three seasons as the starting quarterback, Matthews led the Wildcats to a 26-3 record, three Northwest Conference championships and a pair of NCAA Division III playoff appearances.

As a senior, Matthews was named first team All-America by the American Football Coaches Association, passing for 3,084 yards and 36 touchdowns - both Linfield single-season records. In 2003, Matthews set single-game records for passing yards (452 vs. Redlands) and pass completions (29 vs. Southern Oregon). He surpassed the 300-yard plateau four times and threw four or more touchdown passes in five games. He set career passing records for yards (6,798) and touchdowns (69).

Matthews shared NWC Offensive Player of the Year honors, ranking fourth nationally in pass efficiency (163.2). He led the NWC in passing yards, touchdowns and total offense and was twice named NWC and Football Gazette Offensive Player of the Week.

After leading the Wildcats to an 11-1 record and a No. 3 national ranking, Matthews was the runner-up for the prestigious Gagliardi Trophy, awarded to the top football player in Division III. He later was the co-recipient of the Ad Ruthsman Small College Male Athlete Award, presented annually to the outstanding student-athlete competing at a non-Division I institution in the state of Oregon.

Selected to play in the Division III all-star game in Cancun, Mexico, Matthews set several Aztec Bowl passing records.

"Tyler really elevated his leadership ability during his senior year," said Linfield coach Jay Locey. "He knew there was going to be more leadership responsibility thrust upon his shoulders, and he responded. At the same time, he had fun, thoroughly enjoying himself."

Seniors Harrison Bertsch and Liz Coburn are the recipients of the Vern Marshall award, saluting the Linfield athletes with the greatest tenacity.

The award honors Vern Marshall ’57, the former Linfield athlete, and college and professional sports referee who passed away in 2002.

A native of Rathdrum, Idaho, Bertsch was the defensive captain on the Wildcats football team that went 11-1 and reached the NCAA Division III quarterfinals. He ended his career as the single-season and career leader in assisted tackles. Bertsch ranks eighth all-time in total tackles with 237.

Bertsch was among a group of seniors that helped Linfield win 37 of 42 games over the last four seasons. A communication major with a 3.89 grade point average, Coburn became the first Linfield athlete to be named a CoSIDA first team Academic All-American.

Marshall, whose name the award bears, officiated for 13 years in the National Football League. He also was a high school and college basketball and baseball official and in 1991 was voted the outstanding basketball official in the state by the Oregon Coaches Association.

A four-year football and baseball letterwinner for Hall of Fame coaches Paul Durham and Roy Helser, Marshall also lettered three times in basketball.
With good weather on their side throughout much of the spring, contractors working on Maxwell Field and the surrounding track remained ahead of schedule. Excavation began in mid-March as workers laid drain tile and electrical conduit into the sub-base.

In April, surface preparation continued. Truckload after truckload of gravel arrived at the site and the field surface was leveled and smoothed.

May was a busy month as perimeter curbs were installed and surface preparation was completed. New NFL-sized field goal posts were put into place. Four concrete columns that will serve as bases for a night lighting system were erected.

Installation of the FieldTurf got underway in mid-May. Workers needed less than two weeks to install over 60,000 square feet of artificial surface.

The lettering package includes purple-and-white trimmed lettering with "LINFIELD" in one end zone and "WILDCATS" in the other. A bright red, 10-yard wide "L" at midfield completes the field decoration.

After the on-field graphics were completed, workers covered the field surface with sand and pieces of recycled rubber, giving it the necessary cushion.

While the field is nearly done, many smaller projects remain unfinished throughout the venue. The 25-year-old scoreboard has been removed. In its place will go a modern Daktronics model that includes a full-color video display. New 25-second play clocks will be put into place. Shot put, long jump and pole vault pits and runways are being developed.

Later this month, asphalt will be pressed into place around the entire perimeter of the field in preparation for the pouring of the rubberized track. Striping of the track will commence.

The newly renovated field and track will be formally dedicated Saturday, Sept. 4, at a ceremony following the final preseason football scrimmage. Alumni, fans and sports supporters are encouraged to attend.

The scrimmage will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the dedication will get underway at approximately noon.

**FUNDING UPDATE: SHORTFALL REMAINS**

Although $1,061,000 has been either pledged or donated at press time, funding for the field and track project is still $50,000 shy of what is needed to pay for all of the materials and additional work scheduled.

Any donation is happily accepted and payments can be made over a two-year period.

If you have already contributed to this great enhancement of our facilities, you have my sincere thanks. If you haven’t become involved and wish to be a part of this historic improvement, please send your pledge or check to:

Athletics Master Plan
Linfield Athletics
900 SE Baker Street
McMinnville, OR 97128

Sincerely,
Scott Carnahan ’73
Director of Athletics
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BASEBALL

Great team chemistry, coupled with outstanding pitching and consistent defense, carried Linfield to one of its most successful seasons in program history. The Wildcats, ranked as high as No. 12 in the American Baseball Coaches Association poll, went 32-11 to set a new school record for most victories in one season. Linfield shared the Northwest Conference championship with George Fox after both clubs finished 20-4 in league play. The Wildcats beat the Bruins twice in their three-game series, enabling Linfield to claim the NCAA Division III West Region tournament. In the playoffs, the Wildcats came from behind to beat Cal State Hayward 5-4, but consecutive losses to George Fox and La Verne put an abrupt halt to what was otherwise a fine season.

The Wildcats began the NWC schedule in a hole, dropping two of three games to Pacific Lutheran. But the team kept its composure, winning 19 of the next 21 NWC games to clinch its first league title since 1999. Pivotal to the Wildcats’ run to the title were dramatic come-from-behind victories on the road against Whitworth and at home against Whitman. The month of April included a 12-game winning streak. Led by third baseman David Moore, six Wildcats hit .350 or better. Moore averaged a team-best .401 while driving in 40 runs. Catcher J.J. Stolsig batted .391 with 36 RBI. Outfielder Tommy Paterson paced the Wildcats with 50 RBI and 18 stolen bases while batting .378. Brian Baker, elevated at mid-season from the junior varsity, came on strong to hit .365 with five home runs and 23 RBI. Jake Roberts smashed a team-high eight home runs, hitting .358. The 2004 team established new single-season standard for most hits (514) and the Wildcats’ 323 RBI was the third-highest total on record.

Linfield had arguably the strongest pitching staff of any NWC club. Alex Justus posted an eye-opening 10-1 record with a 2.92 earned run average. Jordon Rasmussen posted similar numbers, going 8-1 with a 2.63 ERA. The pair combined for 139 strikeouts. The pitching staff set a school record for most strikeouts in one season (286).

MEN’S TENNIS

Though Linfield was within reach of a third-straight Northwest Conference championship, the Wildcats came up a little bit short in the end, losing in the conference semifinals to eventual champion Whitman. The ‘Cats defeated Puget Sound 7-0 to claim third place at the NWC tournament, marking the fourth consecutive season Linfield has finished among the top three teams.

Facing the most challenging schedule in program history, the Wildcats concluded the season with a 13-10 record, 10-3 against NWC opposition. Included in their record were four setbacks against nationally ranked NCAA Division III programs, as well as losses to Division I teams Gonzaga and Portland.

Linfield won its first six NWC matches before getting knocked off 4-3 by Whitman. Pacific Lutheran, the NWC runner-up, also pulled off a 4-3 squeaker over the Wildcats prior to the conference tournament.

Linfield veteran Tim Layman was named NWC Player of the Year. Layman compiled a 10-3 conference singles record and was 11-1 in doubles - all at the No. 1 position. Chris Rivera received NWC Sportsman of the Year honors. In addition to Layman’s first team designation, Rivera and newcomer Jack Fleming were voted to the all-NWC second team. Playing primarily No. 2 singles and doubles, Fleming was 10-1 in conference singles, 8-1 in doubles. Rivera posted a 9-3 singles mark and was 11-1 in doubles.

WOMEN’S TENNIS

Fueled by youthful exuberance, Linfield achieved another high-octane season, capturing its third straight Northwest Conference championship. The Wildcats rolled to an 18-5 overall record, setting a new record for most victories in one season. For the second straight year, Linfield went 14-0 in conference play, extending its unbeaten streak against NWC teams to 33 matches.

Five Linfield players received all-conference recognition, led by senior Nicole Ralston, who was named to the all-NWC first team. Second team all-conference accolades went to veteran Lindsey Carlson, and freshmen Becca Johnson, Megan Rodgers, and Kasey Kuenzli.

The only disappointment to the season was falling short of an invitation to the NCAA Division III tournament. Losses to regionally ranked opponents Redlands and Pomona cost Linfield the opportunity to compete in the postseason.

Individually, Caroline Kunz was the Wildcats’ most consistent singles player, posting a 19-3 record at No. 6. Kuenzli, only a freshman, was 19-4 in singles and 17-5 in doubles. Johnson (18-5), Rodgers (16-7) and Carlson (14-3) also forged impressive singles records.

As a team, Linfield was ranked No. 8 in the final NCAA West Region poll. Ralston was ranked 24th among regional singles players, and along with Kuenzli, was rated 11th in doubles.

TRACK AND FIELD

Four Linfield athletes were crowned Northwest Conference champions and a host of others earned all-conference recognition during a season filled with individual accomplishment. Three Wildcats qualified for last month’s national championship meet in Decatur, Ill.
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The Wildcats came away with a pair of third-place team finishes at the conference championship meet held at the University of Puget Sound's Baker Stadium.

The women's squad improved to third place in the team standings after finishing fourth in 2003. And although the Wildcat men lacked an individual champion, Linfield's depth carried the squad to a third-place showing for the second straight year.

Leah Moore came from behind on the second day to win the NWC heptathlon title. Moore, Lindsay Larson and Riley Bernard carried Linfield to a 1-2-4 finish. Larson edged Whitworth's Suzy Viducich for the NWC high jump title. Both athletes cleared 5-4 1/4, but Larson was awarded the trophy by virtue of fewer attempts. Linfield's Caitlin Mahoney was third with a mark of 5-2 1/4. Mahoney went on to win a championship of her own, taking the women's 100 hurdles in 15.69 seconds.

Danielle Bielenberg outdueled teammate Joni Claypool for the women's shot put title. Bielenberg recorded a personal best and NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 44-0 1/2, while Claypool threw 41-4 1/2 to garner second place. Bielenberg also placed fifth in the discus (119-10) and sixth in the hammer (129-11). Three freshman women achieved notable success. Meryl Witt was runner-up in the 3,000 steeplechase and raced to a third-place finish in the 5,000. Pole vaulter Juli Huddleston place third in the conference, soaring 10-10 1/4. Rebecca Duerr threw 121-5 in the discus to place third.

Among the men, Jesse Fipps was conference runner-up in the 400 hurdles and placed fifth in the 100 hurdles. In the jumps, Dayson Tiogangco was third in the pole vault (14-0 1/2) and Brandon Hazenberg was third in the long jump (22-3). In the throws, Derrick Gleason placed third in the discus (138-10). Andrew Thron took fourth in the shot put, just inches ahead of teammate Bo Lockhart.

MEN'S GOLF

Linfield enjoyed a successful year under third-year coach Greg Copeland, placing fourth in the team standings at the season-ending NWC tournament.

Jonathan Stone carded a three-round score of 224 to tie for fifth place. Stone shot steady rounds of 74-72-78, earning distinction on the all-conference team. He helped push the Wildcats to a fourth-place team finish for the third consecutive season.

Linfield played perhaps its most consistent golf of the fall and spring seasons at the NWC tournament, shooting 306-305-313-924. The Wildcats placed 32 strokes behind NWC champion Willamette. Whitworth was second at 901, followed by Pacific Lutheran at 906.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The 2004 season was one of uncertainty as Linfield's roster remained in flux throughout much of the spring. Several players opted to concentrate on academics during the spring term, leaving Coach Marty Bergan scrambling to fill out the lineup card. In the end, the Wildcats placed fourth at the eight-team Northwest Conference tournament, snapping Linfield's streak of four consecutive NWC titles.

Wildcats freshman Leslie Wheeler was the NWC runner-up, two strokes back of Puget Sound's Emily Lau at 161. Team captain Brandi McElfresh shot 169 to place fourth. Also scoring at the NWC tournament were BreAnne Ellis at 203, Katie Bomberger at 206, Jennifer Reardon at 207, and Lisa Huntley at 218.

Wheeler and McElfresh, Linfield's most consistent players throughout the spring, were among six players to earn all-NWC honors. McElfresh, a four-year letterwinner, received the all-conference citation for the second time in her career.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Linfield produced its fifth consecutive winning season, finishing 13-7-1, including a 3-3 record against NCAA Division III opponents. The 'Cats competed with 24 players, the largest roster in the program's eight-year history.

Linfield began the season with five straight victories at the Sweet Onion Invitational. Led by the 14 goals of Lynn Schneider, the Wildcats outscored their opposition 50-10 during the two-day tournament.

Linfield traveled to Texas during spring break, winning three of four matches at the Dallas Invitational. The season wrapped up at the PNLA tournament in Portland. Playing in a bracket stacked with top-quality club teams, the Wildcats emerged with a 2-3-1 record.

Jessica Mortlock led the team with 45 goals and 21 assists. Schneider contributed 36 goals and seven assists, while Laura Grant netted 25 goals and 16 assists. Elise Booth had 24 goals and eight assists. Jen Robbins started all 21 matches in goal, logging 149 saves and a 6.90 goals-against average.
HALL OF FAME TO WELCOME NEW CLASS

Seven former athletes and one national championship team are latest to be selected for induction into the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame.

Those who will be enshrined at the seventh annual Hall of Fame banquet include:

- The late Don Hansen ’43, who once scored 44 points in a single basketball game. Hansen twice led the Northwest Conference in scoring and played on two championship teams;
- Three-time national pole vault champion Curt Heywood ’93. Heywood was a six-time All-American and two-time Academic All-American;
- Former All-America distance runner Melanie Leckenby ’90, who competed in cross country, track and swimming. She earned 12 varsity letters during her career and was the 1987 NAIA District 2 cross country champion;
- Kris Mueller ’84, a conference 10,000-meter champion and district marathon champion. Mueller still holds conference records in the 5,000 and 10,000 events;
- Two-time All-America football player Bernie Peterson ’74, who starred at tight end for the Wildcats and was a member of two NWC championship teams;
- Football and baseball standout David Rohrer ’64, who helped lead Linfield to the national playoffs in both sports. Rohrer was a two-time football All-American and was the Wildcats’ most inspirational football player in 1962;
- Al Wills ’52, a tackle who blocked for All-America running back Ad Rutschman ’53 in the early 1950s. Wills, the first Linfield player from the state of Hawaii, went on to a successful career in coaching and athletic administration;
- Linfield’s 1984 national championship football team, which came from 22 points down in the second half to beat William Jewell, Mo., in the NAIA championship game, becomes the fourth team to be enshrined.

The Hall of Fame banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15, at Ted Wilson Gymnasium. The evening of recognition begins with a semi-formal dinner at 6 p.m., following the Linfield-Willamette football game that afternoon.

ANNUAL WILDCAT OPEN IS AUGUST 6

Friday, Aug. 6, is the date of the annual Linfield Wildcat Open golf tournament at Michelbook Country Club in McMinnville.

The event includes 18-hole tournament, sack lunch, barbeque dinner and beverages. Space is limited to the first 180 golfers so it is wise to get your entry in early when registration materials arrive in your mailbox.

The format is a five-person scramble. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. Team entries are encouraged, or we will be happy to place you with a team. Prizes will be awarded for low scores, both net and gross. Closest-to-the-pin and long-drive prizes will also be given.

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Here are the changes we plan to implement for this year’s event:

- The entry fee will be raised to $100 per person, but the additional $10.00 will provide everyone with an extra meal and a power cart…We believe with everyone riding in a cart, play should move quickly;
- Everyone will be given a sack lunch in their carts upon start of the tournament;
- The barbeque will be held following the golf tournament in conjunction with the raffle;
- Only 15 raffle prizes will be awarded, but their value will be enhanced;
- Raffle tickets costs: 3 for $5.00, 7 for $10.00, 15 for $20.00;
- Sponsorship of different items will be available for those looking for a way to help the Wildcats…such as lunch, prizes, or golf balls. Give me a call with your ideas.
- We will have 50/50 chips and putting contests instead of the long drive prior to the tournament; and,
- The most handicap a person can take will be an 18 unless they have a USGA card that says otherwise.

Features that will remain the same:

- Larsen Motors will continue to sponsor Hole-in-One prizes;
- Beer will be provided at the clubhouse and near the restroom between the 4th and 15th holes by Art Larrance, alumnus and owner of the Racoon Lodge;
- Long-drive competitions for both men and women, long putt, shortest drive & KP’s …also the Wilson Whammey;
- Five-person teams, with pre-paid entry to guarantee spots;
- Team pictures will still be provided;
- The TopCat Booth will be open for membership signups and will also be offering special prices on clothing items.

It is our hope that these changes will make the “Wildcat Open” more streamlined and as much fun as it has been in the past.

Sincerely,  
Scott Carnahan ’73
Director of Athletics

DOCUMENTARY SEEKS FOOTBALL VIDEO

Do you have some old 16mm football films or videotapes collecting dust in your closet?

A documentary on the history of Linfield football is being created by independent producer Mike Rhodes. He is seeking anyone willing to loan their pre-1990 footage for use in the documentary, tentatively titled, “A Tradition of Excellence.” Especially rare is footage from 1960 or earlier.

If you are able to help, please contact Rhodes directly via email at rhodes64mr@hotmail.com.
FOOTBALL PUBLICATION RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Linfield College football publication was judged among the best in the nation, according to the results of a contest conducted by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

The 60-page football brochure placed second nationally among similar-sized institutions in a recently completed CoSIDA judging contest coordinated by Kevin Britton, assistant SID at the University of South Carolina-Aiken. Fullerton College, a two-year college in Fullerton, Calif., took top honors for the “Division C” category, comprising member institutions from NCAA Division III, NAIA Division II, and NCCAA. The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (Terre Haute, Ind.) was third, followed by Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.).

Linfield SID Kelly Bird designed, wrote, edited, and provided much of the photography for the award-winning brochure.

Print Northwest of McMinnville, owned and operated by Linfield alumnus Eric Fricke ‘80, printed the brochures. Irwin-Hodson Printing of Portland, under the direction of general manager Matt Fishback ’83, printed the full-color cover. Cover images were provided by Chris Greenwood ’91, owner of Chris Greenwood Photography, and Ryan Gardner ’97, staff photographer at the Corvallis Gazette Times. Greenwood and Bird collaborated on “The Matrix Reloaded” themed cover.

Published each August, the football guide serves as a souvenir yearbook, recruiting pamphlet and reference tool for members of the media. Space is available in the 2004 edition of the guide for alumni businesses to advertise. Affordable ad rates start at $100. Contact Bird for more information, 503-883-2439.

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“This really validates that we’re doing things the right way,” said Carnahan. “We’re doing a good job recruiting quality student-athletes who are enjoying their experiences here. We’re providing them with excellent facilities and tremendous support from behind the scenes. We continue to enjoy outstanding support from our alumni, who help us out monetarily and by word-of-mouth recruiting. Our coaching staff has a work ethic that is second to none. Those things pay off when all is said and done.”

Puget Sound, the standings leader after the winter season, finished seven points behind Linfield. The Loggers’ top score in the spring came from a second place finish in women’s tennis.

Willamette matched Linfield’s output of three conference titles in the spring to hold on to third place in the standings with 222 points. The Bearcats earned titles in men’s golf and men’s and women’s track & field.

Whitworth, in second place after the winter, dropped to fourth in the final standings with 221 points. The Pirates earned runner-up finishes in women’s track and men’s golf.

Pacific Lutheran, a 15-time winner of the trophy, finished fifth with 202 points. The Lutes were followed by Whitman (118), Lewis & Clark (114), Pacific (109) and George Fox (108).

The McIlroy-Lewis trophy is named in honor of Jane McIlroy, Linfield women’s athletics director and physical education professor from 1950-82 who also coached field hockey (1952-81), basketball, volleyball, softball and tennis; and John Lewis, the Willamette baseball coach (1947-72), basketball coach (1947-67) and athletics director (1952-72).
ALUMNI NOTES AND TIDBITS

Steve and Tiffany (Reider) Reimann, both ’89, are proud parents of a son, Tiger Lucas, born Jan. 1. Tiffany played softball and Steve is a former football player.

Hal Cowan ’64 retired from Oregon State University after a 38-year career as sports information director, 28 of which were spent at OSU. Cowan got his start as a student SID at Linfield, serving as publicist for the Camellia Bowl football team in 1961.

Former football player Andy Jamison ’94 is a certified financial planner for American Express Financial Advisors in Beaverton.

Tiffany (Reynolds) Paulson ’02, a three-year letterwinner in women’s basketball, received her master’s degree in teaching from Willamette University in May.

Basketball letterman Jason McGary ’92 and his wife, Sha’, welcomed a baby girl into the world. Havana Jaden Antonia McGary was born May 4.

Chris Patterson ’96, a former all-conference men’s soccer player, married Christin Miner on March 27 in Beaverton. Chris works for Integra Telecom as a corporate collections coordinator.

Chris Lindsey ’01, a four-year baseball letterman, was awarded a $30,000 Oregon Police Corp scholarship in March. The same month, he was sworn in as a community liaison officer with the Portland Police Bureau.

Tim Schutte ’02 is athletic trainer at Aloha High School. He and Becky Hadley ’03 were wed Dec. 27, 2003. The couple reside in Tualatin.

Ty ’93 and Robin (Szedlak) ’94 Angevine announced the birth of a baby daughter, Lucy Belle on May 10. Robin (tennis) and Ty (football) were each four year letterwinners.

Howard Roth ’40 died Feb. 11 in Richland, Wash. He played football at Linfield and later served in the army during World War II.

Former Linfield baseball player Melvin Ruark ’58 passed away April 3 at his home in Lewiston, Idaho.

PAUL DURHAM LUNCHEON IS JULY 14

All former players and friends of retired football coach Paul Durham ’36 are invited to an annual luncheon next month on the Linfield campus.

The gathering will be held Wednesday, July 14, on the second floor of the Riley Student Center on the McMinnville campus. The Hall of Fame coach, who turns 91 on Oct. 13, will be making the trip to Oregon from his home in Hawaii.

Master of ceremonies is Ad Rutschman ’53. Keynote speaker is Fred vonAppen ’65. Other speakers include athletic director Scott Carnahan ’73 and football coach Jay Locey.

Socializing starts at 10:30 a.m. and the program gets underway following lunch. The cost is $14 and payable at the door. Those interested in attending are asked to phone organizer Pat Smith ’53 at 503-656-3724 by July 11.