Highlighted by three Northwest Conference championships, the Wildcats enjoyed another very competitive spring. Linfield teams brought home NWC titles in baseball, women’s tennis and softball, and finished second in men’s track. The following is a recap highlighting each program’s successes:

BASEBALL
Despite accumulating the most victories in program history, the end of the 2005 season was less than satisfying for the Linfield Wildcats. The ‘Cats rolled to a 33-9 overall record, sharing the NWC title for a second straight season and earning the conference’s automatic berth to the NCAA Division III West Region playoffs. But the Wildcats fell short of expectations in the postseason, earning an early exit following back-to-back losses.

“The conclusion of our season was really bittersweet,” said Wildcats skipper Scott Carnahan, who surpassed 500 career victories as Linfield coach. “I was pleased with how we performed in order to reach the playoffs, but we didn’t reach our ultimate goal of getting to the World Series. Still, I consider it a very successful season.”

Linfield, ranked as high as No. 11 in the ABCA coaches poll, faced three other Top 25 teams at the West Region tournament in Orange, Calif. After falling 9-6 to Texas Lutheran and 6-2 to host Chapman, the Wildcats were an early casualty. “We had opportunities in both games to score runs,” said Carnahan. “But we didn’t play to the best of our ability. We didn’t hit or pitch as well as we had for most of the year.”

As a team, Linfield set single-season records for most hits, total bases and fewest losses. Led by first team ABCA All-American Tommy Paterson, the Wildcats went on a tear in the middle of the season, producing a 15-game winning streak that kept the Wildcats neck-and-neck with defending NCAA Division III champion George Fox.

Paterson, named West Region Position Player of the Year, led the Wildcats with 19 doubles and 11 home runs. He also stole 20 bases and set a school record with 61 RBIs. Designated hitter John Dailey, who hit a team-best .428 with eight home runs and 43 RBIs, was named a third team ABCA All-American.

Other major contributors included pitchers Alex Justus and Brant Shilliam, and infielders Brice Ott and David Moore. Justus compiled an 11-1 record, registering a 2.44 ERA with 62 strikeouts. He ended his career third on the career victories list with 27 wins. Shilliam went 9-2 with 48 strikeouts and a 3.46 ERA. Ott hit .390 with 23 RBIs and 14 stolen bases. He scored 52 runs, ranking third in that category on the all-time single-season list. Moore, who started 139 games during his career, batted .361 and drove in 48 runs while setting Linfield career standards for hits (208) and runs scored (157).

Eleven seniors graduate, leaving gaping holes for Carnahan to fill. Among them are NWC all-stars J.J. Stolsig, Josh Armstrong, Vince Downs, Grant Boustedt, and Aaron McFarland.

Legendary football coach Woody Hayes once said of being a coach, “Your desire to win must be infectious, so overriding that there is an osmosis process at work where the desire is keenly felt by the players.”

Instilling a burning desire to play to win is a basic obligation of coaching. Like enthusiasm, it is contagious. There is absolutely nothing wrong or evil in teaching young people to play to win and to excel, providing this is always done within the rules and spirit of the game. It is only when rules, written and unwritten, are violated that this concept is corrupted.

Although playing to win is essential, a game is not an all-or-nothing experience. That is, a team or a player that fails to win or succeed must not be made to feel like a failure. There are lessons to be learned in both winning and losing, and it’s the coaches’ job to see that those lessons are learned. The biggest lesson to learn in losing is teaching student-athletes that the sun will rise again tomorrow and handling adversity in a positive manner is a lifetime lesson.

There is a danger in the play-to-win attitude, of course, and that is the temptation to win at any cost, by breaking rules, using or abusing athletes, badgering officials, or employing unethical tactics to gain an advantage over an opponent. The desire to win does not excuse any of these acts, and they have no place in sports.

That being said, coaches must have an intense dislike for mediocrity in anything that concerns their program in any way.
Consensus All-America quarterback Brett Elliott has been named Linfield College’s top male athlete for 2004-05 following a vote of the athletic department coaches and staff.

Elliott enjoyed one of the most productive and successful seasons by a college quarterback at any level, passing for a NCAA record 61 touchdowns while leading his team to a national championship. He threw for a school-record 4,595 yards in 13 games, guiding Linfield to a 13-0 record and the Division III national crown. Elliott also set Linfield single-game records with 486 passing yards (versus Whitworth) and seven touchdown passes (versus Occidental). He earned Football Gazette and Northwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year honors, leading Division III in passing efficiency and total offense. Elliott’s most significant honor came in January when he was named the Ad Rutschman Small College Male Athlete of the Year at the Oregon Sports Awards. The Linfield football team earned the George Pasero Team Award.

After piloting the Wildcats to their record 49th consecutive winning season and fourth national championship, Elliott was voted a unanimous first team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, D3football.com and Football Gazette. He was a first team Little All-America quarterback, an honor which included schools from Division II, III and NAIA.

“Brett is worthy of the athlete of the year award not only for his accolades on the field, but for the manner in which he has conducted himself since coming to Linfield,” said Wildcats coach Jay Locye. “He came in and worked extremely hard to earn the starting spot. He’s handled the notoriety in a very good way. He’s been involved in the community and has really thrown himself into his studies. His accomplishments speak for themselves.”

A native of Lake Oswego, Ore., Elliott is majoring in broadcasting. He is the son of Dennis and Leila Elliott.

Pitching ace Michelle Morris is Linfield’s top female athlete for 2004-05. The Tillamook, Ore., native helped lead Linfield to its second straight Northwest Conference championship and an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III playoffs. The Wildcats rolled to a 31-9-1 overall record and won the NWC title with a 24-4 mark.

Morris, who began her career on the Linfield junior varsity, earned first team Northwest Conference accolades as a sophomore and a senior. As a junior in 2004, she was an honorable mention selection, helping Linfield set team records for strikeouts, shutouts and total victories. That season, she was voted a third-team West Region all-star.

A senior righthander, Morris went 18-5 in the pitching circle during the regular season, posting a 1.50 earned run average. She broke her own single-season record with 142 strikeouts and also set the Linfield career strikeouts record with 337. She has thrown three no-hitters during her three seasons on the Linfield varsity. She led the NWC in pitching victories and ranked second in strikeouts. Twice in the month of March, she was named NWC Pitcher of the Week.

“Michelle has been a hard worker throughout her career,” said Wildcats coach Jackson Vaughan. “She worked extremely hard between her freshman and sophomore seasons and made huge strides to become a mainstay of our pitching staff.”

She will conclude her career No. 2 on Linfield’s career victories list and is likely to finish No. 3 on the ERA list.

“Michelle is a very competitive individual,” said Vaughan. “She loves the one-on-one confrontation that takes place between pitcher and batter. She has extremely high expectations of herself and worked hard to get to where she is at.”

A 2001 graduate of Tillamook High School, Morris was a four-time ValCo League all-star and two-time ValCo Player of the Year. She is the daughter of Steve and Paula Morris.

Women’s tennis standout Megan Rodgers and perennial baseball all-star David Moore are the 2005 recipients of the Vern Marshall Award, honoring Linfield College athletes who compete with the greatest tenacity.

The award was established three years ago in memory of Vern Marshall ’57, the former Linfield athlete and college and professional sports referee who passed away in December, 2002.

Rodgers was a mainstay during Linfield’s run to a fourth straight Northwest Conference championship. The Wildcats sophomore earned second team NWC all-star consideration, compiling a 13-4 singles record and a 13-3 doubles mark.

Rodgers’ tenaciousness was also apparent in the classroom. A nursing major, she commuted 40 miles daily from the Linfield School of Nursing in Northwest Portland to McMinnville to practice and compete with her team. She is the just second Linfield student-athlete in the last 15 years to attempt such a rigorous routine.

In addition, Rodgers helped finance her education by working two nights a week as caregiver at a private home.

Moore, a four-year letterwinner at third base, appeared in 141 games during his career, starting 137. He set Linfield career records for hits (207) and runs scored (155), and ranks second in program history for at-bats (547) and runs batted in (136).

Moore is a four-time first team NWC all-star. He hit .368 with 47 RBI and four home runs.

A biology major, Moore is pursuing a career in the medical profession. A graduate of West Valley High School in Yakima, Wash., he is the son of John Moore and Sally Turner.
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SOFTBALL

Linfield entered the 2005 season as the favorite to repeat as Northwest Conference champion. The Wildcats lived up to those lofty expectations, reclaiming the title with a 24-4 conference record. Ranked as high as No. 7 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, the ‘Cats rolled to a 31-9-1 overall record, the second-winningest mark in program history.

“Anytime you can win the league championship, you’ve had a good year,” said Wildcats coach Jackson Vaughan. “Winning the title was our goal from the very beginning. It was a much different year, though. As the favorite, teams we faced were more likely to play their best game against us.”

The Wildcats finished four games of ahead of runner-up Willamette in the NWC standings. Earning the league’s automatic berth into the NCAA Division III playoffs, the team traveled to Los Angeles to compete in the West Region tournament. Linfield faced Trinity of Texas in the first round and the two teams battled for 15 tense innings before the Tigers came out on top, 4-3. The next day, Redlands ended the Wildcats’ season, carving out an emotional 9-inning before the Tigers came out on top, 4-3. The next day, Redlands ended the Wildcats’ season, carving out an emotional 9-7 decision.

The Wildcats played perhaps their best softball of the season in the middle portion of the schedule. That stretch included a come-from-behind 10-8 victory over two-time NCAA champion St. Thomas.

The Wildcats set team records for home runs (20), runs scored (221) and strikeouts (238). Slugger Amy Hammons set Linfield single-season and career record for home runs. Pitching ace Michelle Morris set new standards for strikeouts, both single-season and career.

Shelly Steinke enjoyed another fine season, earning first team NWC all-star recognition for the third straight season. Steinke hit .336 with 24 RBIs and 23 stolen bases.

Joining Hammons, Morris and Steinke on the all-NWC first team was first baseman Stephanie Morgan and freshman designated player Amanda Attleberger. Morgan hit .313 with 11 doubles and only eight strikeouts in 115 at-bats. Attleberger hit .340, second-highest on the team.

WOMEN’S TENNIS

Using a solid lineup from top to bottom, Linfield continued its dominance over Northwest Conference opponents during 2005. The Wildcats, who finished the season with a 15-4 overall record, captured their fourth straight NWC crown while running their conference winning streak to 46 matches. Linfield concluded the season ranked No. 7 in the NCAA Division III West Region rankings.

The ‘Cats won the NWC title by a decisive 8-1 margin over runner-up Puget Sound, beating the Loggers in five of six pairings and sweeping all three doubles matchups. Linfield breezed through the conference tournament, losing only one match.

The lone disappointment to the season came during the Wildcats’ spring break trip to California. Linfield was locked in a tight battle against regionally ranked Redlands, but persistent rain showers forced cancellation of the match. That left Linfield without a tangible result against a quality opponent, something that may have helped Linfield receive an invitation to the NCAA Division III tournament. The NWC won’t have an automatic bid to the its conference championship until the Division III tournament expands in 2007.

Becca Johnson, who posted a 9-4 singles record and 13-1 doubles mark, was named NWC Player of the Year. Kasey Kuenzli and Megan Rodgers were both named to NWC second team all-stars. Kuenzli was 13-5 in singles play and 15-4 in doubles. Rodgers compiled a 13-4 record in singles and was 13-3 in doubles.

Enjoying a banner season, Johnson was ranked No. 21 in West Region singles. Rodgers and Johnson were slotted No. 9 in the regional doubles rankings.

Also making important contributions to the Wildcats’ success were veterans Lindsay Carlson and Traci Sorensen. Carlson assembled an 11-1 singles record while Sorensen was 15-3. Freshman Kellie Sides and Hollin Buck lent strong support to the doubles. Buck sported a 14-2 record during her debut season while Sides was 10-6.

CO-talks Amy Dames and Carl Swanson, now 27-0 in conference matches over the last two seasons, were appointed NWC Coaches of the Year.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Linfield enjoyed another fine season in 2005, capped by strong finishes at the Northwest Conference championships and All-America performances by two individuals at the NCAA Division III outdoor championships.

“By and large, this was a very good season,” said Wildcats coach Garry Killgore. “We started off with a lot of question marks, but the team really took those challenges to heart. Our women, in particular, competed extremely well with a relatively thin team.”

As a team, the Wildcats were again a contender at the NWC championships. Newly renovated Maxwell Field served as host for the eight-team, two-day event. The Linfield men rose up to claim second place while the Wildcat women were third. Individually, Chris Boock reclaimed his title in the men’s 100 meters and Dayton Tiogangco won the pole vault crown for the second time in his career. Freshman sprinter Scott Vanassche was second in both the 100 and 200. Boock and Vanassche teamed with Drew Ragan and Lance Nelson to capture the men’s 4x100 relay title.

On the women’s side, Joni Claypool clinched the NWC women’s shot put title, edging teammate and defending NWC champion Danielle Bielenberg. Freshman Casey Stepan was runner-up in the women’s 1,500. Distance runners Joanna Murphy and Chelsea Pullen achieved a 3-4 finish in the grueling 3,000 steeplechase.

“Going into the conference meet, I thought our teams could finish anywhere from second to fifth,” said Killgore. “Their overall finish was all going to depend on how they performed that day and how the competition performed. I was very happy with second and third places. Our people exceeded expectations and set a good tone for next year.”

Prior to the NCAA championships in late May, Murphy set a new school record in the steeplechase, shaving 18 seconds off her previous best effort to break the record by nine seconds.

Three Wildcats represented the college at the NCAA championships in Waverly, Iowa. Claypool’s clutch performance in the women’s shot put broke a 14-year-old school record by nearly two feet. On her final attempt, Claypool threw 48-4, earning All-America honors for the first time in her career. Bielenberg entered the national meet ranked 14th in the women’s discus, but threw 138-8 to finish seventh, also receiving All-America acclaim. In the men’s javelin, Wildcats freshman Phil Zahn competed but did not reach the finals.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Led by five senior starters, Linfield notched its sixth consecutive winning season in 2005. The ‘Cats achieved an 11-9 overall record, including a 6-5 mark against NCAA Division III competition.

The season featured a record 11 matches at home, including home-field victories over Centenary (N.J.) and the University of Texas-Dallas. The Wildcats also captured the season series from Northwest rival Puget Sound, beating the Loggers twice in three meetings.

The ‘Cats went 2-2 at the season-ending Claremont Tournament in southern California, registering wins over UPS and Whittier.

The Wildcats featured a balanced offense and a shrewd defense. Leading the way statistically was Elise Booth, who totaled a team-high 44 goals while also adding 11 assists. Playmaker Abra McNair scored 28 goals and contributed a team-best 17 assists. Emily Pierce tallied 32 goals and six assists, while Katie Walker had 25 goals and seven assists.

Top defenders included Meghan Palakiko, Jai Blood, and Amy Twietmeyer.

In goal, Jen Robbins played the lion’s share of the minutes, stopping 145 shots and posting a 8.09 goals-against average. Robbins was honored as the team’s most valuable player.

In other postseason awards, Booth earned honors as the team’s top offensive performer. Blood was tabbed the Wildcats’ best defensive player. McNair garnered the most inspirational player award, and Julia Mortlock was selected as most improved.

MEN’S TENNIS

Finishing third in one of the nation’s top conferences, the Linfield Wildcats could look back with pride on their achievements during a challenging 2005 season.

Linfield compiled a 12-3 record in conference play, finishing third at the Northwest Conference championship tournament in April. Facing a mixture of quality Division I, Division III, and NAIA opposition, the Wildcats completed the season with a 12-11 overall record.

Among the season highlights was a 4-3 road victory over defending NWC champion Whitman. The Missionaries came back later to knock off Linfield by one point in the NWC tournament semifinals. Still, Linfield won seven of its final eight matches, ending the year with a 6-1 victory over Whitworth that secured third place at the conference tournament.

“I thought we had a very successful season,” said Wildcats coach Carl Swanson, noting that each of the NWC’s top three teams were nationally ranked at season’s end. “We went into the conference tournament as the No. 2 seed. We put ourselves in good position to win the title, but lost a hard-fought match in the semifinals.”

Leading the way for the Wildcats was Tim Layman, who gar-
nected multiple victories and awards. Layman went 13-8 at No. 1 singles and 15-8 at No. 1 doubles to earn the NWC's Player of the Year award for the second straight season.

Jack Fleming, who won eight straight singles matches and finished 17-5, teamed with Layman to form the NWC's top doubles tandem. Both players were named first team NWC all-stars.

Brian Mullin and Erik Jannsen also played vital roles in the Wildcats' success. Mullin, a four-year letterwinner, capped off one of the winningest doubles careers in NWC history.

"Tim and Jack both had fantastic seasons," said Swanson. "Brian was like our utility player. Erik played with a lot of passion and energy and really helped the team in terms of spirit."

Though Swanson graduates his top four players, 13 players are expected to return in the fall to compete for starting positions.

"This was a fun group of players. It was nice to see the seniors have successful careers and go on to graduate," said Swanson. "We played an incredibly tough schedule. But that's the reason why you compete - to face challenges and improve."

WOMEN'S GOLF

A lack of depth limited Linfield's potential during 2004-05. With only four available golfers, the Wildcats placed fifth at the Northwest Conference spring championship tournament.

"We had the potential to be among the top three teams," said Coach Marty Bergan. "But we lost some players between the fall and the spring, and that hurt out team scoring. Still, we finished strong at the conference tournament."

Sophomore Leslie Wheeler became the fifth player in program history to receive the individual medalist award at the conference tournament. Wheeler edged rival Emily Lau of Puget Sound by two strokes to earn the NWC's top honor.

Wheeler also posted individual victories at the NWC Spring Tournament in Tacoma, Wash., and at the Willamette Invitational. However, her scores were not consistent enough to receive an invitational to compete individually at the NCAA Division III championships.

"Leslie had a great year. She improved her course management and was very consistent with her short game," said Bergan. "BreAnne Ellis was our most improved player. She struggled early in the season, but kept working hard and shot her best score in the final round of the conference tournament. Katie Bomberger improved her game as well. In spite of juggling a very challenging school schedule, she participated very well."

MEN'S GOLF

Led by a pair of first-year players, Linfield surged into a tie for third place at the 2005 Northwest Conference Championships at Tokatee Golf Course.

The Wildcats were expected to finish near the bottom of the seven-team field, but ended in a third-place tie with Pacific Lutheran, each with matching scores of 912. Whitworth won the NWC crown with a score of 895, followed by runner-up Willamette at 898.

"Overall, we played really well. We were able to get contributions from the entire team," said Wildcats coach Greg Copeland. "Linfield is the only team in the conference that does not have any graduating seniors. We fielded a team of two juniors and four freshmen."

Derek Robinson shot 72-74-75-221 to finish fourth overall. Robinson was 4-over par after the first nine holes of the second round but rallied to shoot 2-under over the next nine holes to post a 74. His performance earned the freshman all-conference recognition.

Other notable rounds in the tournament were turned in by veterans Trever Phillips (75 in Round 1) and Jonathan Stone (75 in Round 2). Freshmen Kyle Henderson (74-76-77, 10th overall) and Nick Pagenkopf (74 in Round 3) also contributed.

Linfield's highest team finish prior to the NWC championships was its second place showing in the third round of the NWC Four-Way in early October. The Wildcats were 11th at the 13-team Northwest Intercollegiate and placed fifth against six other NWC teams at the Pacific Lutheran Invitational in mid-April.

With such a young and capable team, the future looks bright for Copeland and the Wildcats.

"I am already looking forward to the fall," said Copeland. "We are the youngest team in the conference and have everybody returning. If they continue to improve, this group can take the golf program to a level that perhaps has never been seen before."
ADVERTISE WITH THE WILDCATS

Aligning your company or organization with Linfield College athletics is good business.

When the Wildcats win, so do the businesses who proudly call themselves Linfield sports sponsors. It's no coincidence that many of the region's most recognizable corporate names advertise annually with Linfield Athletics.

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- **INTERNET** Linfield's popular athletics web site welcomed more than 178,000 visitors last year. The web site is among the most colorful and informative sports sites in Division III.

A variety of advertising options are available to fit every budget. Print ads are available for as little as $200 and comprehensive multi-media packages start at $500. To learn more, contact Kelly Bird at 503-883-2439 or kbird@linfield.edu.

LINFIELD MOURNS LOSS OF DON PORTER

Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame inductee Don Porter passed away in his sleep May 15 at age 71.

Though he attended Linfield for only two years, Porter’s athletic career was one destined for the record books.

In his two seasons (1954-55, 1955-56) Porter was two-time basketball All-American and Northwest Conference all-star. After his senior season, his jersey number, 34, was retired. His 26.3 points-per-game scoring average in 1954-55 is highest ever achieved by a Linfield player in one season.

After graduating from Linfield in 1956, he was drafted by both the National Basketball Association St. Louis Hawks and the U.S. Army. He played on outstanding Fort Gordon, Ga., Army basketball teams. Following the Army, he returned to Linfield, earned his master's degree and Hall of Fame Coach Ted Wilson helped him land his first teaching/coaching job at Beaverton High School. He went on to success leading the Tigard High School and Lower Columbia College basketball teams.

ANNUAL WILDCAT OPEN IS AUGUST 5

Friday, Aug. 5, 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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It is important an attitude or expectation is developed within our athletes that whatever is done has to be done the right way. Anything less than that is not satisfactory.

There are many ways to accomplish a certain task in any sport, but the athletes have to understand that when all factors are taken into account – personnel, ability, speed, and so on – the bottom line becomes performance. As a great coach of mine, Ad Rutschman, said on many occasions, “Get the dang job done.”

Mediocrity breeds mediocrity. Abraham Lincoln once remarked that an individual cannot help being born average, but no one has to stay that way. Coaches need to set a standard or expectation for excellence, as many athletes will only give you what you ask for. It is equally important to instill that each student-athlete has this responsibility not only to themselves, but to everyone associated with the program and the team. The greatest benefit to be achieved through a dislike of mediocrity is that it teaches your players to be thorough and to pay attention to detail. No matter what the sport is, the movements involved and the plays that are executed are all made up of many small details. If the details are ignored, the final product will suffer.

Finally, coaching has many great rewards, but none greater that the association and bond that is created when a student-athlete or team is successful. Those feelings and the relationships that are built last a lifetime. It is our common goal to be excellent in what we do. We are a “Team” which by definition is a group of people, usually peers, who combine their talents and abilities to accomplish a specific goal or series of goals.

Have a great summer as we look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence during the 2005-06 school year.

Sincerely,

Scott Carnahan '73
Director of Athletics

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**Don Porter ’56**
DON’T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO OWN CHAMPIONSHIP DVD

National championships don’t come around often, and for some, Linfield’s run to the 2004 NCAA Division III football title will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

After the thrilling championship victory in Salem, Va., the athletic department commissioned the production of a remarkable DVD video that is a collector’s item for any Linfield sports fan. Videographer Mike Rhodes shot exclusive video from the sidelines, the lockerroom and the post-game huddle. Linfield sports information director Kelly Bird served as writer and co-producer.

An amazing season, filled with pride, accomplishment and comaraderie, has been organized and preserved on DVD video. The 30-minute narrated video features capsulized footage of all 13 games. Included with the DVD is a special bonus feature highlighting the outstanding teams of Linfield’s national record 49 consecutive winning seasons.

The DVD is available for $22 through the Linfield Bookstore. It can be purchased online using a credit card. To order, go to the Linfield athletics web site (www.linfield.edu/sports) and click on the video icon in the upper left-hand corner.

2005 LINFIELD FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FINALIZED

Four home contests, including matchups against nationally ranked Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Northwest Conference rival Pacific Lutheran, highlight the 2005 Linfield football schedule.

The All-America passing tandem of Brett Elliott and Casey Allen are among 15 starters expected to return for the defending national champion Wildcats.

Season ticket applications will be mailed this month to alumni residing in Oregon and Washington. Those ticket requests must be returned with payment no later than July 22. Season ticket holders not returning their applications by the deadline will automatically forfeit their preferred seat location. Demand for reserved seats is expected to be high, so prompt payment is strongly recommended.

A new feature this fall will be the option of ordering single-game tickets through the Linfield Athletics web site. More information will appear in the fall edition of the Linfield Athletics Newsletter.

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ALUMNI NOTES AND TIDBITS

Baseball letterman Darren Heath '02 continues to pursue a career in professional baseball. This summer, he is playing for the Chillicothe (Ohio) Paints of the Frontier League, 12-team independent association.

Jim '94 and Robyn '95 (Halvorson) Good of Seguin, Texas, welcomed a new baby girl March 7. Cali McKenzie weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 15 inches long. Jim is a former Linfield football and track athlete and coach. Robyn competed in soccer and track at Linfield.

West Linn High School baseball coach Mike Lord '99, a former Linfield baseball player and assistant coach, guided the Lions to the Oregon Class 4A state championship game.

Sean Coste '88, who spent the last nine years as girls basketball coach at Beaverton High School, has taken a similar teaching and coaching position at McMinnville High School. He succeeds Kelly (Bradstreet) Carlson '00, who resigned after four seasons. While at Beaverton, Coste’s teams went 184-62 and advanced to the playoffs in each season. The Beavers were runners-up in 2002 at the Class 4A tournament.

Ex-Wildcat Gene Lilly ’71 of Ilwaco, Wash., is employed as an engineering specialist with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Randy Mueller '83, quarterback of Linfield’s 1982 national championship football team, has been hired as general manager of the NFL’s Miami Dolphins.

Emily Hungenberg '02, a former Northwest Conference medalist in women’s golf, is assistant women’s golf coach at the University of Northern Colorado in her hometown of Greeley, Colo.

Football and track & field letterman Matt Craven ‘97 has been appointed boys and girls track coach at Bend High School. Craven was an All-America pole vaulter in track and a starting cornerback in football. He will also teach mathematics at his alma mater.

Dr. Stover E. Harger, Jr. '74 of Sherman Oaks, Calif., is an associate professor and clinician at Cleveland Chiropractic College in Los Angeles, Calif. Harger formerly coached women’s cross country and women’s track at Linfield.

Msgt. Michael Evergin '82 of Chula Vista, Calif., participated in operations against insurgents in Fallujah, Iraq and facilitated the January elections. A four-year football letterman, he recently returned from Iraq, and will head back to the Middle East in August with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161, performing a casualty evacuation mission for seven months.

Former track and field athlete Katharine Matthews ’79 of Washington, D.C., has a solo law practice specializing in patent, intellectual property, patent prosecution, licensing and trademark counseling.

Wildcats booster Bill Helbig ’70 died May 3 in an auto accident in Tualatin. He was 57.