OVERCOMING ALL KINDS OF ADVERSITY, SOFTBALL TEAM PLACES FOURTH IN NATION

Awesome!
There’s no better way to describe the Linfield Wildcats’ 2006 softball season. The team battled through illness, injuries, hot weather and cross-country travel to finish fourth in the nation at the NCAA Division III Championships. Linfield came within an eyelash of playing for the national title, falling 2-1 to Muskingum in the season-ending game.

What makes the Wildcats’ accomplishments all the more remarkable is the way they were achieved. Linfield staved off elimination eight times in the postseason, settling scores with West Region rivals Chapman, La Verne, Trinity, Hardin-Simmons and Redlands. They did so with a scrambled lineup in which no infielder played her natural position, and without any depth in the outfield. Even the pitching staff was down to two healthy starters.

“We exceeded expectations,” said coach Jackson Vaughan. “To accomplish the things we did with all the adversity that we had was a pretty big testament to the character of this team.”

Capping the year with a 37-11 overall record, the ‘Cats equaled the club record for most victories in a season. Linfield captured its first West Region championship, and won its third straight Northwest Conference crown with a 22-6 NWC record.

The Wildcats completely rewrote the school record book, setting new benchmarks for runs (295), hits (472), batting average (.341), doubles (68), home runs (22), slugging percentage (.454), stolen bases (124), strikeouts (245) and fielding percentage (.969).

Steinke, who earned third team All-America acclaim from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, set career records for runs (134), hits (224), RBIs (105), stolen bases (99) and batting average (.383).

Voted the NWC Player of the Year, Steinke led a parade of eight Wildcats to earn all-NWC honors, including infielders Stephanie Morgan and Meredith Brunette, outfielders Stephanie Rice and Lisa Smith, and utility players Erica Hancock and Amanda Atteleberger. Brittney Miller also earned a spot on the all-NWC team. Vaughan, in his fifth season, earned NWC Coach of the Year honors. Five Linfield athletes were voted to the NFCA All-West Region team, and four earned places on the West Region all-tournament team.

WOMEN’S TENNIS
Linfield rolled up a sparkling 21-3 record that included an 18-0 mark against NWC competition. So dominant were the Wildcats in 2006 that they beat NWC runner-up Puget Sound by an 8-1 score in the championship match. Linfield won the title without its top player, sidelined with an illness, and conceded the single point only when another player was forced to retire due to injury.

Extending its unblemished run of NWC victories to 63, Linfield became the first NWC school to win five league titles in a row since PLU won six straight between 1980 and 1985.

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LOCEY LEAVES LINFIELD FOR ALMA MATER; SMITH NAMED NEW FOOTBALL COACH

Jay Locey, who led Linfield to the 2004 NCAA Division III national football championship and six Northwest Conference titles, has accepted a position at Oregon State University as assistant head football coach. He will work directly with the Beavers tight ends and running backs.

Locey is succeeded by Joe Smith, a 1993 Linfield graduate who spent 12 years as an assistant coach, including the previous six as defensive coordinator.

In his 23 years at Linfield, Locey led by example, teaching and inspiring hundreds of student-athletes, President Thomas L. Hellie said.

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BRETT ELLIOTT, LINDSAY HARKSEN NAMED LINFIELD ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

All-America quarterback Brett Elliott and All-America volleyball player Lindsay Harksen have been named Linfield College’s top male and female athletes following a vote of the athletic department coaches and staff.

Elliott, who earned the award for a second straight year, won 23 of 24 games he started and led Linfield to the 2004 NCAA Division III national championship. He was a two-time first team All-American as well as repeat selection for Northwest Conference and West Region Offensive Player of the Year.

After throwing for 4,019 yards and 49 touchdowns in 11 games last fall, he received both the Gagliardi Trophy and the Melberger Award as the most outstanding football player in Division III. His 2005 season included nine games in which he passed for more than 300 yards, equaling a Division III record. He set the Linfield single-game passing yardage record twice in 2005, including a 525-yard performance in his final game against Wisconsin-Whitewater.

In two seasons, he became the Wildcats’ career passing leader with 8,614 yards and 110 TDs. In all, he set 31 Oregon’s top small-college athlete.

In four years at Linfield, Harksen maintained a perfect 4.00 grade point average. In four years at Linfield, Harksen maintained a perfect .294. She holds the Linfield career record for total blocks (285) and block assists (253), and ranks second all-time in kills (.294). She holds the Linfield career record for total blocks (285) and block assists (253), and ranks second all-time in kills (1,256).

Harksen was the centerpiece of Linfield’s 2003 Northwest Conference championship team.

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She is the daughter of Ron and Rosanne Harksen of Sublimity, Ore., and a graduate of Stayton High School.

HAMMONS AND YATES CITED FOR TENACIOUSNESS WITH VERN MARSHALL AWARD

Amy Hammons and John Yates have been named recipients of the Vern Marshall Award, saluting the women’s and men’s athletes who display the greatest tenacity.

Hammons, a health education major from Bellingham, Wash., is a four-year softball letterwinner and a four-year starter. Hammons has been a major contributor to three Northwest Conference championship teams, each of which qualified to compete in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Hammons had started 132 straight games before tearing a ligament in her knee just two weeks into the season. The injury kept her out of uniform for three weeks, but Hammons went through an intense rehabilitation, determined to return to the field.

“Ninety-eight percent of the time, when an athlete suffers an ACL injury such as Amy did, they are not able to come back,” said Wildcats coach Jackson Vaughan. “She really worked hard on her rehab, spending a lot of time in the pool and with the trainers.”

Hammons’ name dots the Linfield record book. She holds the career record for home runs (13), ranks second in total at-bats (445) and is third all-time in games played (158).

“Amy never let her injury stop her desire to play and contribute to the team,” said Vaughan.

A four-year tennis letterwinner at Linfield, Yates showed steady improvement throughout the course of his career.

“John came in as a freshman with size and talent,” said coach Carl Swanson. “But it was his tenaciousness and never-ending desire to get better that made him a great player.”

Yates played sparingly as a freshman, then became a part-time starter as a sophomore. By the end of his junior year, Yates was a starter and became a go-to player.

“As a senior and captain, John became our most reliable player, setting the tone at practice and winning the vast majority of his matches.

“John always worked hard. He would be out on the court late at night, hitting serves and working out with the ball machine. He always wanted to know what he needed to do to get better. In the summer, he would go home to Montana and work on his game and come back an improved player.”

His work ethic was rewarded with second team all-NWC honors this spring. Yates compiled a team-best 17-3 singles record and a 13-6 doubles mark. For his career, he posted a 36-10 singles record and was 28-16 in doubles.

Yates, of Lolo, Mont., graduated May 28 with a bachelor’s degree in business. He is a graduate of Big Sky High School, where he lettered seven times in tennis and soccer.
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In the years I have been at Linfield, there have been many changes in personnel and to the physical appearance of the College. Through all of those changes the philosophy and mission of the athletics department has remained the same. Quoting the Linfield Athletics Mission Statement: "We strive for regional and national excellence in athletics while maintaining a high standard of academic excellence among all student-athletes. It is our goal to provide equal opportunities for participation in intercollegiate athletics for both men and women while fostering the educational achievements of our student-athletes and the academic integrity of Linfield College."

At the present time, I believe there is no better place than Linfield College to get the best in both academics and athletics. We continue to enjoy great success in our athletic competitions, while accommodating more participation intercollegiately than any other Northwest Conference institution. We have repeatedly been named No. 1 by U.S. News and World Report as the Best in Undergraduate College in the West.

The foundations that have been in place for years are still as solid as the Old Oak and we continue to strive with a commitment to excellence in all of our programs. We have undergone several recent changes in our athletics staff, but I am confident that the continuity and consistency will remain. Losing great people from the program is always a challenge to overcome. But by staying steadfast on our mission, and applying all of the success-oriented attributes internally and with our teams, I have no doubt Linfield will continue its strong tradition of excellence.

Sincerely,

Scott Carnahan
Director of Athletics
Linfield College
During a spring break trip to California, the Wildcats knocked off perennial powerhouse Hardin-Simmons 5-4, a triumph Dames Smith called the “biggest win in our program’s history.” The landmark victory enabled Linfield to climb to its highest placement in a national poll - No. 30.

Another trip to California dealt a cruel blow to the Wildcats’ NCAA tournament hopes. Linfield lost 5-3 to UC-Santa Cruz in a rain-shortened match on the Banana Slugs’ home courts. The ‘Cats won pivotal matches at the upper flights but couldn’t sustain the momentum in the lower pairings.

Without the validation of victory over a ranked team from the West Region, Linfield was left without a coveted invitation to the NCAA Division III championship tournament.

Three Wildcats garnered team all-NWC honors. Kasey Kuenzli was accorded Player of the Year honors, compiling a 17-2 record in singles and a 15-4 mark in doubles. Becca Johnson, the 2005 NWC Player of the Year, earned first team acclaim after going 15-5 in singles and 19-2 in doubles. Megan Rodgers, 19-1 in singles and 19-2 in doubles, was the third Wildcat to be named to the all-NWC first team.

TRACK AND FIELD

Seniors Joni Claypool and Danielle Bielenberg went out winners as Linfield wrapped up a strong performance in women’s track and field at the 2006 Northwest Conference championships. The two best friends helped the Wildcat women ascend to second place in the team standings, Linfield’s highest finish at the conference meet since 2000.

Both athletes set school records in their specialties. Claypool broke the Linfield record in the shot put at the Oregon Preview meet with a mark of 46-4 3/4. Bielenberg set a new standard in the discus, tossing 148-7 at the Western Oregon Twilight meet.

Claypool repeated as NWC shot put champion with a heave of 46 feet, 3 1/4 inches. Bielenberg came through with a career-best toss 42-9 3/4 to finish as runner-up in that event. In the discus, Bielenberg reclaimed her discus title with a throw of 141-4. Wildcats junior Juli Huddleston claimed the NWC pole vault title with a career-best effort of 10-3 1/4.

In the men’s competition, Linfield dipped to fourth place in the team standings, snapping the Wildcats’ string of 16 straight seasons of top-three finishes. George Fox edged the Wildcats for third place by 1/2 point.

Three freshmen led the way for the Linfield men with individual championships. John Torsey sprinted to a season-best time of 10.90 to win the men’s 100, and Mat Strum edged teammate Scott Vanassche at the wire, 22.04 to 22.10, for the 200 championship. Gabe Haberly captured the NWC men’s javelin championship, recording a mark of 193-8, the fifth-longest mark ever by a Linfield athlete. Chris Miles was the men’s top points producer. He placed second in the shot put with a career-mark of 47-9 3/4, was third in the hammer and fourth in the discus.

BASEBALL

Linfield logged its 15th straight winning season and finished second in the NWC in 2006 despite injuries and bad early spring weather that delayed the development of its heavily underclassmen roster.

The Wildcats finished 22-16 overall and 15-9 in the NWC, the 18th time in head coach Scott Carnahan’s 23 seasons they have placed first or second in the conference.

Chosen to the first All-NWC team were catcher Drew Van Cleave, outfielder Stew Davis and designated hitter John Dailey, who also was first-team in 2005. Selected on the second all-conference team were third baseman David Bachofner, and starting pitchers Brian Clark and Jordon Rasmussen. Accorded honorable mentions were infields Brian Baker and Brett Glover and outfielders Jonny Anderson and Jordan Rhoads. Davis was runner-up for the NWC batting championship with a .466 average and was the No. 1 NWC hitter for all games at .443.

Carnahan was rewarded with his 17th 20-plus-victory season. The Wildcats were the only team to win a series from NWC champion George Fox.

MEN’S TENNIS

Despite losing four talented starters to graduation, Linfield was able to continue its recent run of success, finishing third in the Northwest Conference for the third consecutive year.

The young but eager Wildcats rolled up a 15-8 overall record, including a 14-5 mark in the NWC.
Eleven of Linfield’s team wins came by shutout.
Fifth-year coach Carl Swanson came to rely on the steady play of veterans Owen Suagee, Ramsey Selbak, John Yates, Ian McGrath and Wesley Gabrielsen.
Suagee (11-11 singles, 14-6 doubles), named to the all-NWC first team, provided much of the leadership that enabled the ‘Cats equal the second-highest win total in program history. Selbak (14-4 singles, 11-6 doubles) and Yates (17-3 singles, 13-6 doubles) were also instrumental, each garnering spots on the NWC second team.
The Wildcats were able to call upon their bench, when needed. Jon Roberts, Kei Sato, Jason Clements, and Cole Shelton all made important contributions at different times throughout the season.
“The guys played hard, were coachable and became better players, and most importantly really supported each other through the ups and downs of the season,” said Swanson.

LIGHTS, SCOREBOARD, ACTION: LINFIELD SPORTS VENUES BENEFIT FROM LARGE GIFT

The faded scoreboard at the Linfield softball diamond has been replaced with an all-new Daktronics model. The 21st century scoreboard was installed in March in a steady downpour by volunteers Steve Davis ’72, Jeff Kizer and Doug Kizer.
The scoreboard, prominently featuring the Linfield Wildcat logo mounted atop an arched façade, was the first facility enhancement funded from a $1 million gift made in November by Del Smith and the Evergreen Aviation family.
The gift, the largest in athletic department history, was earmarked specifically for athletic facility development.
The purple scoreboard façade displays red LED digits, showing balls, strikes, outs and the total score of the game. An added display feature is the breakdown of runs scored during each inning, an enhancement the old scoreboard didn't have. The words "Linfield College Softball" are emblazoned in red letters and span the length of the scoreboard. An advertisement panel, with room for up to four sponsors, will eventually skirt the bottom.
Renovations to the softball complex will continue in July, focusing primarily on spectator seating. Plans call for the three sets of temporary bleachers to be replaced by a permanent, enclosed aluminum grandstand that will be mounted on the existing concrete platform. A new elevated pressbox will protect statisticians and game operations personnel from the elements.

SOCIETY/LACROSSE FIELD GETS LIGHTS, DRAINAGE

Night soccer and lacrosse matches at Linfield will soon be a reality.
The Linfield soccer/lacrosse facility recently added four Musco light towers as part of a $130,000 upgrade that also includes improvements to the playing surface. Funding was also provided by the Smith/Evergreen gift. Trenches are being dug in a criss-cross pattern on the game field so that drainage tile and irrigation pipe can be installed. Conduit for a data connection to the pressbox is also part of the project.
Linfield now has the flexibility to host evening events at every one of its outdoor venues: football and track, baseball, softball, soccer and tennis, something no other Northwest Conference school can claim.
Prior to the 1990 season, the soccer and softball teams shared what is the present-day softball diamond.
This summer, Linfield again will serve as summer host for the prestigious Region IV Olympic Development Program. Top soccer players from the West Coast and Hawaii annually gather at Linfield to showcase their talent.
BERGAN RETIRES, MILLS CRAMER TAKES OVER

Karly Mills Cramer has been named women’s golf coach at Linfield College, director of athletics Scott Carnahan announced. She replaces Marty Bergan, who retired after eight seasons as Wildcats coach.

Mills Cramer brings an extensive playing and coaching background to her new position. She spent two years as women’s golf coach at the University of Portland in 1997 and 1998, and served as assistant women’s golf coach at the University of Oregon in 1995. She lettered four times in golf at Oregon, graduating in 1995 with a bachelor’s degree in sociology. A three-time NCAA tournament participant, she was named the Ducks’ most valuable player in 1994.

An accomplished amateur, Mills Cramer participated in the 1997 U.S. Women’s Open and attended three years of LPGA Qualifying School. She captured the Oregon Amateur championship in 1994.

A native of McMinnville, she was a key member of Central Catholic High School’s 1991 Class 4A girls state championship golf team.

Mills Cramer takes over a women’s golf program that won four consecutive Northwest Conference titles under Bergan from 2000 to 2003. The Wildcats were second overall in the NWC point standings during the 2005-06 season.

“Marty has done a fantastic job of developing the women’s golf program at Linfield,” said Carnahan. “He took a program that was in its infancy and fostered it into a consistent championship contender. We certainly appreciate the time and effort he has put into the program.”

Bergan was honored as NWC Coach of the Year four times, most recently in 2003. In 2001, he led Linfield to 14th place at the NCAA Division III tournament.

Coaching the Wildcats has “been enjoyable,” said Bergan. “Seeing players improve and watching them prepare for a lifetime of enjoyment of the game has been very rewarding. I’ll miss the day-to-day involvement and helping young people improve their fundamentals and desire to compete.”

LINFIELD PLACES THIRD IN ALL-SPORTS

Boosted by a strong spring, Linfield placed third in the Northwest Conference’s McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy competition for 2005-06.

Puget Sound used runner-up finishes in women’s golf and men’s track & field, as well as third place finishes in baseball and women’s tennis to earn its first all-sports award. Whitworth, which won four NWC titles in 2005-06, edged Linfield for second place.

Linfield had the strongest spring of any NWC school, winning NWC titles in softball and women’s tennis, and finishing second in baseball, men’s golf and women’s track & field. The Wildcats scored more than half (124) of their 234 total points in the spring season.

The Northwest Conference All-Sports Trophy recognizes athletic excellence among Northwest Conference institutions across all fields of competition. It is named in honor of former Linfield women’s coach, athletics director and physical education professor Jane McIlroy, and John Lewis, Willamette baseball and basketball coach and athletics director.

PUMPKIN RIDGE ASSOCIATES SEEKING SPORTS SPONSORS FOR 2006-07

Pumpkin Ridge Associates, headed by managing director Greg Crawford ’72, has recently signed a multi-year contract to handle the corporate marketing and sponsorship needs of the Linfield athletic department.

A former Wildcats basketball team manager under Hall of Fame Coach Ted Wilson, Crawford is visiting area businesses in June and July, presenting sponsorship and promotional opportunities to existing and potential clients.

Sponsorship options are available to fit every budget. Among the options are display advertising in athletic publications, fixed and video display board signage, radio announcements, and in-game promotional events.

Print ads are available for as little as $200 and comprehensive multi-media packages start at $1,000. To learn more, contact Greg Crawford at 503-407-8255. His email address is gcrawford@pumpkinridgeassociates.com.

LANGLEY TO DIRECT WOMEN’S SOCCER TEAM

Melanie Langley has been named women’s soccer coach at Linfield College. She takes over the Linfield program from Bill Hander, who stepped down after two seasons at the helm.

Langley becomes the 14th coach in program history. Last season, the Wildcats were 5-11-4 overall, including 3-10-3 in the Northwest Conference.

“Though she is relatively young, Melanie has had a number of quality coaching experiences,” said Linfield director of athletics Scott Carnahan. “Her knowledge and energy will be a positive thing for our women’s soccer program.”

Langley has also been serving as an assistant women’s soccer coach at Clackamas Community College for the past two seasons where she helped lead the Cougars to consecutive NWAACC championships. Clackamas compiled a combined 37-3-3 record in 2004 and 2005.

In addition to college coaching, she has also been active as an assistant club coach in the Lake Oswego area, working with the local U-18, U-17, and U-16 girls teams. Langley also directed the Adidas summer soccer camp and worked as a counselor at the University of Washington and the Lake Oswego Soccer Club camps.

Langley played soccer at Mississippi State for one year before transferring to Portland State for her final three seasons. As a player at Portland State, she helped turn quickly around the Vikings fledgling women’s soccer program. After going 1-15-1 in 2001, PSU went 13-5-4 the following season. She served as Vikings team captain and earned Academic All-Big Sky Conference recognition as a sophomore.

A native of Prineville, Ore., Langley graduated from Stayton High School in 2000 with a bachelor’s degree in public health education.

Hander went 9-25-6 in his two years on the job and the Wildcats finished in eighth place in the nine-team conference both seasons.
LINFIELD FOOTBALL PUBLICATION JUDGED ‘BEST IN NATION’

The Linfield football publication is the best of its kind, according to the results of a judging contest conducted by the College Sports Information Directors of America. The 72-page football brochure placed first nationally in a judging contest coordinated by Margaret Belch, athletic media relations director at Florida International University. Linfield took top honors in the "Division C" category, encompassing member institutions from NCAA Division III, NAIA, and NCCAA. The University of St. Francis placed second, followed by DePauw University, Texas Lutheran and Kenyon College.

Linfield sports information director Kelly Bird designed, edited and provided much of the photography for the award-winning brochure. The 2005 Linfield football guide is Bird’s 19th national publication award. It is the fourth “Best in the Nation” citation for a Linfield athletic publication, but the first top honor for the football brochure.

Four Linfield alumni made significant contributions to the success of the publication. Print Northwest of McMinnville, owned and operated by Linfield alumnus Eric Fricke ‘80, reproduced the brochures. Irwin-Hodson of Portland, under the direction of general manager Matt Fishback ’83, printed the full-color cover. Chris Greenwood ’91, owner of Chris Greenwood Photography, collaborated with Bird on the cover design. Greenwood and Ryan Gardner ’95, co-owner of the multi-media company Visual People, contributed many of the action images.

TEN INDIVIDUALS, ONE TEAM TO JOIN HALL OF FAME

The Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame will enshrine 10 individuals and an NAIA championship team at induction ceremonies Oct. 28 inside Ted Wilson Gymnasium.

The 1986 football team, which rolled to a 12-0 record and captured the NAIA Division II national championship, becomes the sixth team to be enshrined.

Ed Langsdorf, who served 20 years as head and assistant football coach and assistant track coach, will be the ninth coach to be inducted. Langsdorf compiled a 32-9-1 record as head football coach from 1992-95, and served as an assistant in both football and track for 12 years.

Football greats Steve Lopes ’84, Randy Marshall ’73 and Bob Sullivan ’71, basketball standout Don Hakala Jr. ’91, baseball star Tony St. John ’88, national champion swimmer Staci Malin ’96, volleyball All-American Carolyn Pearce ’82, and track & field record holder Missy Hayward ’96 round out the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2006.

Earning induction for meritorious service is Dennis Anderson ‘58, who has provided countless hours of volunteer service as an administrative assistant.

The Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame was established in 1998 as a means to honor outstanding former athletes, coaches, staff and contributors, and to preserve the memory of their past achievements.

LINFIELD ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME
CLASS OF 2006

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1986 Football Team

LINFIELD ATHLETICS NEWSLETTER

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NCAA Compliance Officer

DO ATHLETICS INFLUENCE FINANCIAL AID?

Some student-athletes turn out for athletic teams on a whim. However, most new student-athletes have been recruited by, or in communication with, the coach of his or her respective sport. When it comes to recruiting at the Division III level, what role is financial aid allowed to play?

There are two main points to know when it comes to financial aid and Division III.

1) Division III schools do not offer athletic scholarships; 2) Members of the athletics department (athletics director, coaches, senior women’s administrator, etc.) have no involvement with financial aid awarded to student-athletes.

Financial aid packages given to student-athletes must be consistent with what other students are receiving (Bylaw 15.4.1). Therefore, athletics cannot be considered a factor when putting a financial aid package together.

The involvement of athletic department members with the financial aid office is limited to communication with clerical/support staff to see whether a prospect’s financial aid forms have been submitted. The athletics department may not submit a list of names of student-athletes to the financial aid office - except to assist in the Division III financial aid reporting process. Finally, members of the athletics department are also prohibited from arranging, modifying or influencing the amount of an athlete’s financial aid package (Bylaw 15.4.5).

As we ready for the 2006-07 sports year, it’s important to know the role financial aid plays when it comes to Linfield athletics, so we can stay in compliance!
Football letterman Corey Medeiros ’91 was honored by Northwest Ford Stores and the Portland Trail Blazers as one of 15 people honored as Ford Coach of the Year. He received $500 to benefit the McMinnville Track Club.

Record-setting softball pitcher Liz (Coburn) Delapoer ’04 is a public relations account coordinator at VTM, Inc. in Portland. A two-time all-conference performer, she holds single-season records for most wins (20) and shutouts (8).

All-America football linebacker Brandon Olson ’06 is defensive coordinator at Horizon Christian High School, a new school opening this fall in Tualatin.

Former Linfield football All-American Joe Dominey ’95 was recently named Broadcaster of the Year for his work with the Laredo Bucks hockey team. Dominey has been the Bucks’ radio play-by-play announcer and media relations director for the last three years.

Baseball and football letterwinner Mike Cahill ‘74 is retiring after 30 years as a social studies teacher in the McMinnville School District. Cahill was McMinnville head baseball coach from 1991 to 1998 and spent another 15 seasons as an assistant baseball coach.

Four-year football letterman Gary Olson ’64, who coached boys and girls basketball, track & field, and football at Sutherlin High School, retired in April. He spent 38 years teaching and coaching in Sutherlin, leading the Bulldogs to the 1968 Class AA boys state basketball championship.

Kip Carlson ’85, assistant sports information director at Oregon State University, was primary media contact for the Beavers’ baseball team at the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. OSU went on to win the NCAA championship.

Brandi McElfresh ’04, a former Northwest Conference women’s golf champion, has been named assistant professional at Meadows Golf Course in Sunriver.

Former tennis All-American Tim Layman ’05 is the new head professional at Courthouse Athletic Club in Salem.

Charles Schroeder ’50 passed away Feb. 17 in Fall River Mills, Calif. A decorated veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was a four-year letterman in football.

All-conference football player Clarence Mellbye ’48 of Salem died Feb. 25 at the age of 81. He coached football and baseball at Crater High School from 1949 to 1955 and was principal at Central High School from 1956 to 1965.

STAGG BOWL DVD: A DREAM FULFILLED

Hall of Fame member Ray Olson ’54 has completed a documentary commemorating Linfield’s exciting 2004 Stagg Bowl victory. The DVD is approximately 50 minutes in length and includes interviews with coaches, players and fans, as well as ESPN footage from the championship game. To order “A Dream Fulfilled: Linfield’s Incredible Stagg Bowl Journey,” send $20 to the Office of Alumni Relations. All proceeds from the sale of the DVDs will go to the Paul Durham Fund for the Support of Athletics.