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## 'Cat Tracks

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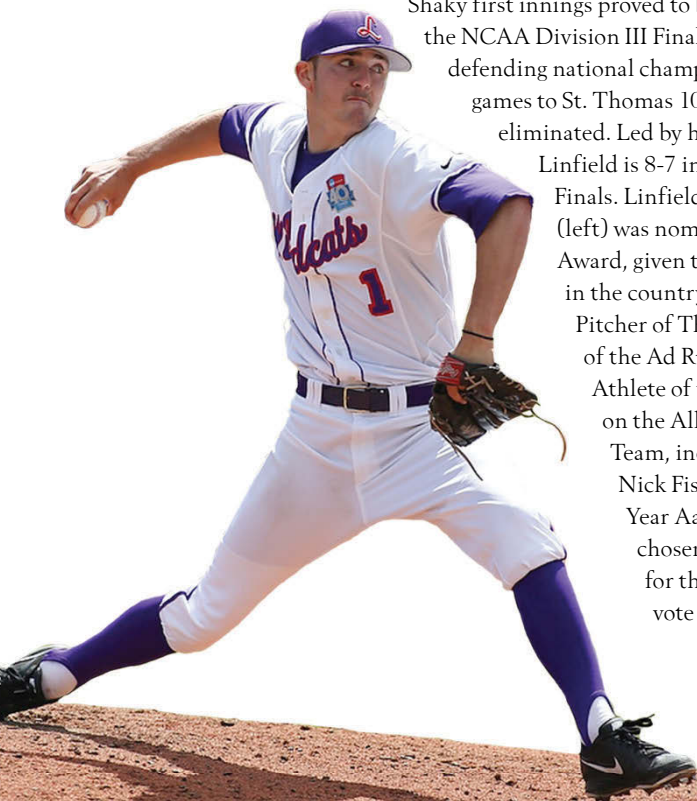
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## Two named Academic All-American

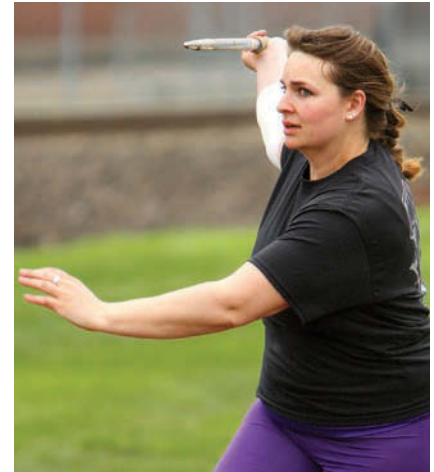
Two student-athletes have earned prestigious Capital One Academic All-America honors. Lisa Yamamoto '15, a biology major with a 3.78 GPA, became the fifth softball player in Linfield history to be named to the Capital One Academic All-America Team. Nick Fisher '14, a math major with a 3.86 GPA, is an all-star outfielder with the baseball team and earned his second Academic All-America appointment. The Capital One Academic All-America teams for NCAA Division III were nominated, selected and announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

## Baseball takes second run at title



Shaky first innings proved to be the baseball team's undoing at the NCAA Division III Finals in Appleton, Wis., where the defending national champion Wildcats lost consecutive games to St. Thomas 10-0 and Emory 8-5 and were eliminated. Led by head coach Scott Brosius '02,

Linfield is 8-7 in four appearances at the NCAA Finals. Linfield pitcher Chris Haddeland '15 (left) was nominated for the Golden Spikes Award, given to the top amateur baseball player in the country, named the D3baseball.com's Pitcher of The Year and was the recipient of the Ad Rutschman Small College Male Athlete of the Year award. Linfield put 12 on the All-Northwest Conference Baseball Team, including NWC Player of the Year Nick Fisher '14 and NWC Pitcher of the Year Aaron Thomassen '15. Brosius was chosen as the NWC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season in a vote of the league's coaches.



## Track and field

Three Wildcats represented Linfield at the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Delaware, Ohio. Morgunn Ewing '15 placed 8th in the men's javelin, Kate Shear '14 (above) was 11th in the women's javelin and Dallas Edge '17 finished 12th in the women's 100-meter hurdles.

## Softball

The 'Cats nailed down the program's 11th straight Northwest Conference championship but suffered back-to-back one-run losses to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Redlands in the NCAA regionals. Six Linfield College softball players were recognized on the prestigious National Fastpitch Coaches Association West Region all-star team – four to the first team and two to the third team. Ashley Garcia '14, Katy Brosig '14, Karina Paavola '14 and Erin Kinney '17 were named to the West Region first team, while Grace Middelstadt '15 and Lisa Yamamoto '15 received third team all-region accolades.



## Wildcat Open approaches

Join Linfield Wildcats and friends on the green for a day of fun, food, friendship and golf during the 2014 Wildcat Open Friday, July 18, at 1 p.m. at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha. Two championship courses highlight the event. Golfers can build their own team of four players or be assigned to a group. Lunch, drinks and dinner are provided, as well as range balls, motorized cart, prize bag and a few surprises. The cost is \$200 per player.

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### Taylor Klopp '15

**Hometown:** Eugene

**Major:** Finance/economics

**Why Linfield:** "I chose Linfield because of the small college feel that allows for small class sizes and great professor interactions. Linfield also had a golf program that I felt I could become a key part of."

**Major and future:** "I initially came to study marketing but after taking finance and economics classes, I realized that this is where my interests are. I am also working on a minor in sports management so my dream is to combine my love for sports with my business endeavors."

**Balancing a full plate:** "As Interfraternity Council president and Kappa Sigma treasurer, on top of school and golf, it is tough to balance everything. At the end of the day, I enjoy being active in the Linfield community and a part of campus life."

**Goals:** "I hope to maintain my GPA, win the conference as an individual, and for our team to compete for the title."

**Biggest influence:** "The biggest influence in my life has been my dad, who was the person who got me into golf and has helped me develop my game. He has been my primary swing coach and high school coach, which kept me on track to be successful in college."

**Favorite part of Linfield:** "My favorite aspect of Linfield is the ability to know so many people on a personal basis. Linfield allows people to develop relationships with peers and professors that will last for a lifetime."

**Advice for student athletes:** "Make the most of your time at Linfield. The four years go by fast so by the time you reach your senior year, make sure you have made your impact on campus."

