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More than 200 alumni, friends pay tribute to Durham



Paul Durham '36, legendary former Linfield College football coach, died June 22 at his home in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was 93.

More than 200 former players, friends and family attended a memorial service on July 2 in the Ted Wilson Gymnasium at Linfield. Durham coached, taught and built the athletics program at Linfield for

20 years before becoming athletic director at the University of Hawaii. As Linfield's head football coach, he compiled a record of 122 victories, 51 defeats and 10 ties for a .694 winning percentage. He led the Wildcats to six Northwest Conference championships and

reached the national championship game of the NAIA twice. His 1956 team started the string of 51 consecutive winning seasons that continues today and is the national record at all levels of college football.

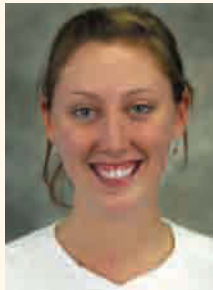
Durham was inducted into at least seven athletics Halls of Fame, including the charter class of the Linfield Hall of Fame in 1998. He was chosen National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Football Coach of the Year in 1962 and Oregon Man of the Year in 1961. He was a star athlete at Linfield in the 1930s, competing in football, basketball and track and field, and is one of the few Wildcats in history to earn 10 letters.

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Kate Franklin '09: studying her sport



Sports: Soccer and track and field

Hometown: Gresham

Major: Exercise science

Career goals: "I'd like to go into sports research or attend grad school. I like studying athletes and figuring out how to make them faster, stronger and quicker."

Academic interests: "I've competed in sports my whole life because I love it so much. I've taken anatomy and exercise physiology, and learning how the body works when you're out on the field really interests me. It's cool that you can manipulate your body to do better, or worse for that matter."

Her coaches, Garry Killgore and Melanie Langley: "They make sports enjoyable. Melanie and Garry are really good people that I respect and look up to."

Being an athlete: "It has kept me on track in school. I've found that when I'm playing soccer and track it keeps me from procrastinating. I know that I have to get my homework done because I

won't have time later. It's definitely helped my time management skills."

On choosing Linfield: "At Linfield the professors are understanding about sports life, and vice versa with the coaches. They accommodate you if you're going to be late to practice because of an academic priority. That really drew me to Linfield. And when I walked on campus it just felt like home."

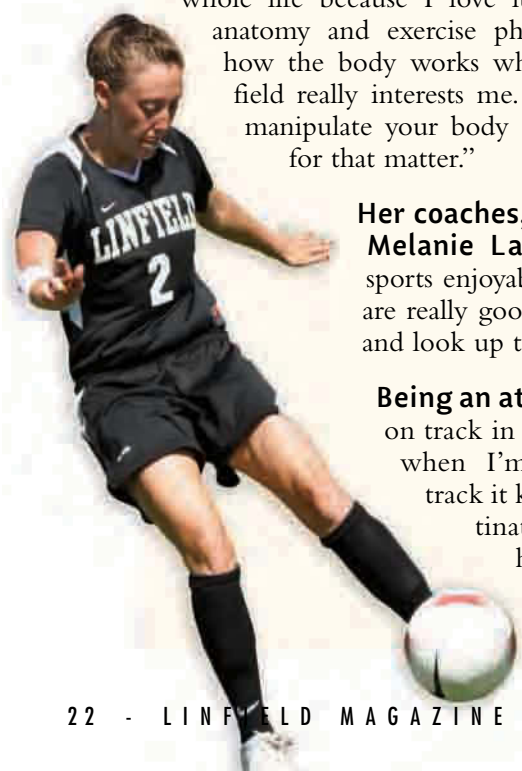
Favorite professors: "All of them, but the exercise science professors in particular, like Garry Killgore, Janet Peterson and Sarah Coste. I also really like Lex Runciman, who was my IQS professor. He is a cool guy who promoted outside-of-the-box thinking, which I appreciated."

Will miss: "Linfield's tight-knit community where you can walk down the street and say hi to 20 different people."

Internships: "I'm working on a firefighter fitness program with Janet Peterson."

Soccer achievements: Co-captain during 2007 season. In 2005, her club soccer team won the state tournament. Leading scorer on high school team.

Track and field achievements: In 2007, she placed third in the 800 and third in the 4x4 in conference and was named West Region Indoor Track Athlete of the Year.



10 to be inducted into Hall of Fame

The Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame will induct 10 individuals on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. in Ted Wilson Gymnasium. The Athletics Hall of Fame was established in 1998 to honor outstanding former athletes, coaches, staff and contributors.

Inductees include:

Bret Bailey '82, football and baseball, and a three-time all-league selection and two-time most valuable baseball player;

Jay Buse '75, a second team NAIA All-American in 1974 and considered one of the most dominating defensive linemen in football program history;

Dave Craven '88, basketball all-star and the fourth-leading scorer in history;

Dave Freundsuh '82, track and field sprinter who holds the school record in the 100-meter dash;

Doug Hire '87, All-American offensive lineman on two national championship teams;

Susan Holm '84, volleyball All-American who helped lead the Wildcats to a national runner-up finish in the AIWA in 1981;

Jim Massey '72, who holds four top-10 rushing records and played professional football;

Jack Ostlund '69, a four-year starter on the defensive line who was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1967;

Steve Reimann '88, a three-time all-conference football defensive end and two-time NAIA All-American;

Don Rutschman '76, baseball pitcher and football receiver.



The natural grass infield at Roy Helser Field has been replaced with FieldTurf, an all-weather surface. Linfield College baseball players will now be able to log more hours on the practice and playing field during rainy weather.

Stadium gets new field turf

The grass is a little greener – and more durable – for Linfield College baseball players this year.

Over the summer, the natural grass infield at Roy Helser Field was replaced with FieldTurf, an all-weather surface already in use on the Linfield football field. The privately funded project cost \$300,000.

In addition to the infield, both bullpen areas also feature the FieldTurf surface. The pitching mound remains natural dirt and the outfield retains its natural grass surface.

The Linfield baseball program, with both varsity and junior varsity squads, benefits by being able to practice and play on Helser Field at any time.

“We’re excited about the new FieldTurf for a number of reasons,” said Scott Brosius ’02, head baseball coach. “It gives us the ability to play games and practice outside more efficiently through the wet spring because the turf will tolerate so much rain. From a recruitment standpoint, when a student comes to look at the facilities, they’ll continue to see a top-notch field to play on.”

Brosius said the new surface will enable Linfield to host a variety of

events, such as baseball camps, American Legion tournaments and other activities. Maintenance costs are expected to drop since the infield will not need to be mowed, watered or fertilized.

Shortstop David Bachofner ’08 said the project demonstrates Linfield’s dedication to the baseball program and commitment to excellence in athletics. As a senior finance major, he’s only sorry he won’t have more time to enjoy the new turf.

“It allows us, as players, to have topnotch facilities to play at,” he said. “The turf will eliminate bad hops.”

Helser Field, named for Linfield’s former athletic director and baseball and basketball coach Roy Helser, has been in use since 1971.

“Our facilities have always been some of the best in the Northwest, regardless of school size,” Brosius said. “We’ll be the only baseball team in the Northwest Conference this year with FieldTurf.”

A complete renovation of the batting cages, expected to be dedicated in honor of recently retired coach Scott Carnahan ’73, is planned for mid-October following completion of the fall practice schedule.