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Golf programs ranked high too

U.S. News and *Princeton Review* aren't the only national publications giving Linfield high marks.

Golf Digest has ranked the Linfield men's and women's golf programs among the top 10 college choices for high school prospects who are "excellent students first, golfers second." Linfield placed among esteemed institutions like Yale, Princeton and Harvard. The national publication compared average playing scores, improvement, academics, climate,

coaches and facilities.

According to *Golf Digest*, the 50 ranked colleges "provide the best education and an opportunity to play" for serious students. The rankings are part of the magazine's second annual College Golf Guide.

Professional football follow-up

Two highly decorated Linfield College football players, Brett Elliott '05 and Casey Allen '06, have had recent professional stints.

Elliott, former Wildcats quar-

terback, was recently released from the San Diego Chargers' practice squad. Allen, who signed with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League, played in several preseason games before being released from the team.

The two All-Americans comprised the most prolific passing duo in NCAA Division III, leading Linfield to the 2004 national championship.

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Soccer standout Allison Cartmill '07



Allison Cartmill '07

Hometown: Tigard

Major: English and secondary education

Athletic Achievements: Three-year letter winner, most valuable player the last two seasons, started 20 games as a junior, 1.48 goals-against average, with three shutouts.

On choosing Linfield, "I visited the campus and felt really comfortable. I was also given the chance to play both soccer and basketball. I chose to pursue soccer."

Studying English and secondary education, "I have always had a passion for literature. I knew long before coming to Linfield I wanted to study English. I chose secondary education because I enjoy working with that age group."

Favorite professor: "Barbara Seidman. She pushed me to think critically and express my opinion clearly and coherently. She challenged me, but was always available outside of class to help."

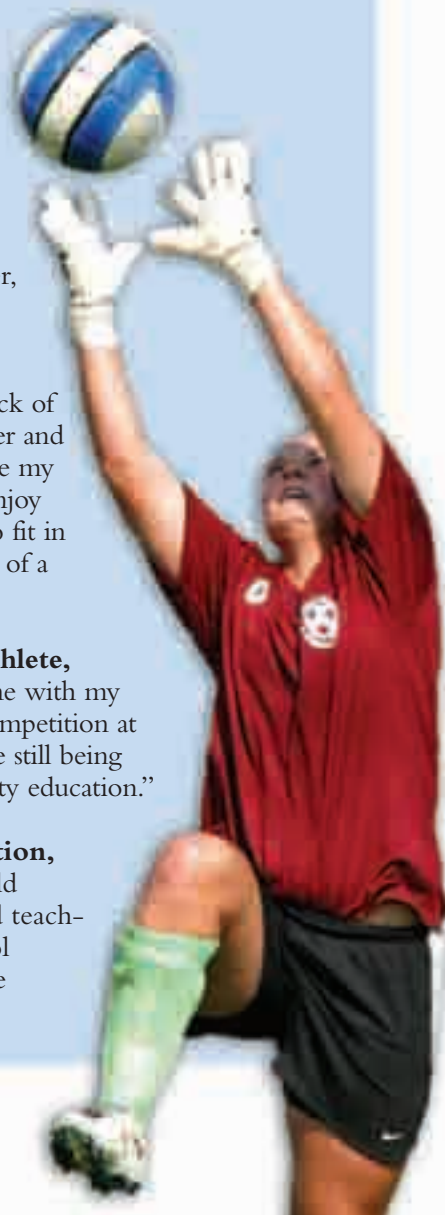
Other campus activities, "Fellowship of Christian Athletes and IM sports in the off season."

Studying abroad, "I will be going this January Term, taking the class, Marie Bashkirtseff: Nice, Rome and Paris, taught by Katherine Kernberger, professor of English."

Balancing a busy schedule, "I keep track of everything in a planner and go to bed early despite my roommates' jeers. I enjoy what I do so trying to fit in everything isn't much of a challenge."

Being a Linfield athlete, "Besides spending time with my teammates, I enjoy competition at the college level while still being able to receive a quality education."

Plans after graduation, "My dream job would include coaching and teaching at the high school level preferably in the Portland metro area."





The Linfield football tradition continues with Joe Smith '93, who was named the Wildcats' 15th head coach in June, shown here with Jackson Vaughn '97, defensive coordinator. Smith was an All-America defensive back under Ad Rutschman '54 and was a member of the 1992 team that played in the NAIA national championship game. He served as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach under Ed Langsdorf and Jay Locey. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Smith teaches in the Health, Human Performance and Athletics Department.



Carnahan announces coaching retirement

Scott Carnahan '73 has announced that the 2007 season will be his last as Linfield College head baseball coach.

Carnahan, who will remain as Linfield's director of athletics, plans to step down in May from the coaching position he has held since 1984. He cited the growing workload of athletic administration as the principal reason for his resignation.

Carnahan is in his 11th year as director of athletics at Linfield. Under his leadership, Linfield has been awarded the McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy three of the past five years, honoring the top overall athletics program in the Northwest Conference.

During his 23-year tenure as Wildcats baseball coach, Carnahan's teams have won 11 NWC championships and finished as runner-up on six other occasions. He has been named NWC Coach of the Year 11 times and NAIA District 2 Coach of the Year three times. Carnahan's record at Linfield is 540-361-2, including a remarkable 342-120 (.746) record in Northwest Conference play.

Hall of Fame to tap inductees

The Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame will induct eight athletes, one coach, a volunteer and a national championship team at the annual banquet Saturday, Oct. 28, in the Ted Wilson Gymnasium.

Athletes include:

- Basketball standout Don Hakala Jr., '91, who scored more points in one season than any other player and who ranks second in program history in career points;
- Track & field record holder Missy Hayward '96, a Northwest Conference champion and NAIA All-American in the 3,000 and 5,000;
- Steve Lopes '84, an All-America offensive tackle and member of the 1982 NAIA national championship football team;
- National champion swimmer Staci Malin '96, who set NAIA records while leading the Linfield women to their only Northwest Conference championship in 1992;
- Randy Marshall '73, a two-time NAIA All-America defensive end and member of three Northwest Conference championship football teams;
- Volleyball All-American Carolyn Pearce '82, a four-time conference all-star who led the 1981 Wildcats to an Association of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics national

runner-up finish;

- Baseball star Tony St. John '88, a four-time all-conference pitcher who holds career records for complete games and shutouts; and
- Bob Sullivan '71, a three-time all-NWC defensive tackle whose teams went 28-7-1 during his four-year career.

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 inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Ed Langsdorf, whose service includes 20 years as head and assistant football coach and assistant track and field coach, will be the ninth coach inducted. Langsdorf compiled a 32-9-1 record as head football coach from 1992-95, and served as an assistant in football for 16 years and track & field for 12.

Dennis Anderson '58 is being honored for meritorius service. He has provided countless hours of volunteer service as an administrative assistant and in the area of sports information.

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. To date, a total of 68 individuals and five teams have been inducted.