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Alumni Notes

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End of era: Carnahan exits field

Pleasant numbers surround Scott Carnahan ’73 as he retires as Linfield College head baseball coach this year. Among them: 1,174 games coached, 727 games won, more than 500 players mentored.

But one number is more meaningful than the rest to Carnahan – 98. That’s the percentage of Linfield varsity baseball players he coached who completed bachelor’s degrees.

Carnahan, who will remain as Linfield’s athletic director, has spent the past 24 years molding students first and athletes second, following in the footsteps of Linfield coaching legend Rutschman to play baseball. He earned a teaching degree and philosophy as a student after being recruited through participation in athletics.”

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Standout moments on and off the baseball diamond pale compared to the relationships Carnahan has made.

“The wins and losses all kind of run together,” he said. “But the connections I’ve had with my players are the most memorable.”

Scott Brosius ’02, who will succeed Carnahan as head coach, attributes much of his own success to Carnahan. Brosius won three World Series titles with the New York Yankees in 1998, 1999 and 2000 and was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1998 World Series.

“Carnie’s had a huge impact on my development as a player, a person and now a coach,” Brosius said. “He’s built a program that has carried on what Linfield athletics is all about – the pursuit of excellence, both on and off the field. He’s a tough act to follow.”

 Laura Davis

Career stats
Linfield record: 562-375-2
Career record: 727-445-2
Northwest Conference record: 359-127

NWC Coach of the Year: 11 times
NAIA District 2 Coach of the Year: 3 times

Under his leadership as athletic director, Carnahan has been awarded the McHnay-Lewis All-Sports Trophy three times, honoring the top overall athletics program in the NWC. He has overseen major upgrades to athletic facilities, including the 2004 $4.1 million renovation of the running track and football field.

During his tenure as baseball coach, Carnahan’s teams have won 11 Northwest Conference championships – five straight between 1992 and 1996 – and finished second 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.

Over the years, Carnahan has passed along his own attention to detail and commitment to excellence, continually reminding players that “everything counts.”

“We go into each game with an underlying confidence, expecting to win,” he said. “We play without fear of making mistakes or losing. If we play our best on the field, we’ll put ourselves in a position to be successful. We won’t have any regrets.”

Players have been touched by his passion, including Jon Scaref ’03, who applies many of the lessons he learned as an outfielder to his current position at Nike.

“I feel lucky to have had the opportunity to be a part of the rich tradition of Linfield athletics,” he said. “Carnahan taught me simple lessons like teamwork, leadership, time management, sportsmanship, patience, confidence and, most importantly, family.”

Scholarship fund builds a legacy
Chelsea Machida ’11 knows a thing or two about achievement. Machida, the daughter of Keith and Mary Machida, both ’86, holds Hawaiian state titles in both the high jump and 1-meter dive and plans to compete in track and field when she arrives at Linfield in the fall.

Now Machida can add one more achievement to her list. She and five other students with family ties to Linfield will receive scholarship assistance thanks to the Linfield Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, administered by the Alumni Leadership Council, provides financial aid to the children, grandchildren or siblings of alumni. It is the only fund specifically targeted to support legacy students. The fund’s growth depends on annual giving by Linfield alumni and friends. The application deadline for 2008-09 awards is Feb. 1, 2008.

In addition to Machida, this year’s recipients selected by alumni include: Stephanie Anderson ’11, daughter of Bonnie (Doerfely) Anderson ’83; Travis Kinder ’11, son of Joseph and Mora (Haldane) Kinder ’84 and ’85; Phoebe Robinson ’11, daughter of Myron Robinson ’92; Jade Severson ’11, sister of Derek Severson ’91; Jeffrey Voth ’10 of Salem, grandson of Irvin Voth ’41.

For more information, visit www.linfield.edu/alumni/scholarship

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Take advantage of new online features including social networking opportunities, an improved career center with job postings, campus news, photo sharing and your own customized login page. Create and communicate with special groups – dorm buddies, teammates or just a great group of old friends.

Sign up now and get connected. New and returning users of the online community will be asked to log in initially with a student ID to activate new features. Contact the alumni office for your student ID number.

Costa Rica reunion
Relive your Costa Rican memories. Alumni and students who have studied abroad in Costa Rica are invited to join Mayra Herra-Monge, director of the Linfield College Costa Rica program, for a reunion Sept. 18 in Portland. Share stories and photos from past trips, and reconnect with Herra-Monge while enjoying Costa Rican cuisine.

For more information, contact Debbie Harmon at dharmon@linfield.edu or 503-883-2607.

For details on these and other Linfield events visit www.linfield.edu/events

Alumni and Parent Events 2007-08
August
9-12 Alumni Shakespeare trip
September
13 Financial Aid Workshop
18 Costa Rica reunion
28 President’s Club dinner
October
5-6 Family Weekend/Parents Council Breakfast
9 Central Oregon reception
13 SOU pre-game event
19-20 Homecoming
35 San Francisco reception
27 Mendlo College pre-game picnic
28 Longbow Vineyards
November
6-17 Discover Tuscany
6 Bose reception
20 Speed Networking
December
5 Entrepreneur lunch, Professor Sandie Kiehl
January
30 Sesquicentennial celebration
February
1 Alumni scholarship deadline
TBD Southern California receptions
March
TBD Real estate workshop
TBD Arizona receptions
18 Speed Networking
April
18 Tuition Free Day
TBD Oral history performance, Professor Jackson Miller
May
7 Life After Linfield Dinner
50 Year Club Luncheon
7 Sesquicentennial Plaza dedication
20 Financial planning seminar