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Voices of Linfield retire

Universally appreciated for neutrality and professionalism by Linfield fans as well as visiting teams and supporters, public address announcers Craig Singletary and Roald Berg ’62 wrapped up long tenures of service to the athletic department.

Singletary announced his final football game on Nov. 30, having served more than 40 years behind the microphone. His voice became synonymous with the fall Saturdays at Maxwell Field.

A Linfield professor emeritus, Singletary originally joined the college faculty part time in 1958, teaching both mass communication and speech communication until retiring in 1993. In addition, he served as forensics director, department chair and faculty advisor to KSIC, the student-run radio station, and the Linfield Video Club.

The Singletary Communications Arts Scholarship Fund was created in 1992 and provides an annual award for a student active in speech or debate.

Berg recently concluded an 11-year volunteer stint as public address voice for the basketball Wildcats. He first dabbled in announcing while a student at the college. He served both the men’s and women’s basketball programs.

Priester named to academic all-America team

Jacob Priester ’14 has been named to the Capital One Academic All-America team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. A biology major who plans a career as an orthopedic surgeon, Priester has a 4.0 grade point average and was the starting tight end for the Wildcat football team.

Alley represents athletes at NCAA convention

Courtney Alley ’14, an athletic training major and member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), represented Linfield College at the NCAA Convention Jan. 15-18 in San Diego, Calif.

A track and field athlete, Alley is one of approximately 35 members, one or two from each sport, who make up the SAAC at Linfield. At the national level, SAAC takes positions on proposed changes that could affect the student-athlete experience. Alley said the experience allowed her to look at athletics from the administrative side and develop a deeper understanding of what it means to be a student-athlete.

“It is nice having your voice heard and taken into consideration when controversial legislation is being presented,” she added.

At the campus level, SAAC is charged with encouraging communication between student-athletes and the athletics administration, identifying and addressing the needs and concerns of Linfield student-athletes, promoting Linfield athletics and enhancing the image of student-athletes.

The group plans several events through the year, including volunteer opportunities with Special Olympics, the annual Division III Week, fundraisers and speaking engagements. Committee members also provide feedback for and vote upon proposed NCAA legislative changes.

“Being a Division III student-athlete has allowed for me to be multi-dimensional,” said Alley. “I was able to pursue an education in athletic training, be involved with Greek life and volunteer for community causes while still being an athlete.”

Wildcat Open tees up

The annual Wildcat Open will be held Friday, July 18, at the Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha. Build your 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. A shotgun start is set for 1 p.m. For more information, go to linfield.edu/sports/wildcat-open
Linfield to host regional baseball playoffs

For the third time in six years, Linfield College has been selected to serve as host site for one of eight NCAA Division III regional playoff tournaments in 2014.

The multi-team regional tournament is set for May 14-18 at Linfield’s Jim Wright Stadium and Roy Helser Field. The winner of the double-elimination playoff tournament earns one of eight spots in the NCAA finals May 23-27 in Appleton, Wis.

Kaely Maltman ’14

Sport: Basketball, third player in Linfield basketball history to reach 1,000 points/500 rebounds

Hometown: Sandy

Major: Exercise science/nursing

Why Linfield: “I chose Linfield because of the strong academic programs, the beautiful campus and my many family ties. I also liked the girls on the basketball team and the atmosphere of the small college.”

Linfield legacy: “Both my parents, Scott and Kim (Schroeder) ’79 and ’78, attended Linfield, had a great experience and encouraged me to check it out. Two uncles, Tom Maltman ’77 and Mark Schroeder ’82, ’99; grandpa the late Loral Schroeder ’56; and cousins Sally Preppernau ’00 and Scott Preppernau ’04 also attended. My grandma, Mary Lou Vineyard, worked at the Linfield Research Institute.”

Major and future: “I chose exercise science as my initial major and then decided to add nursing. I am looking forward to experiencing the Portland Campus and getting involved in the nursing program. Ultimately I would love to work with children in some kind of health care setting.”

Goals for senior year: “My goals academically are to keep up with all my classes and maintain grades to get into the nursing program. Athletically, my goal for our team is to make it to conference playoffs. I also want to make it a priority to spend time with teammates outside of practice and enjoy the time we have left together.”

On being a student athlete: “I couldn’t imagine college any other way. Participating in college athletics is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that not many people get. I am so thankful for that opportunity and the family that has come from it.”

Advice for student athletes: “Soak up every little bit of it, it goes faster than we think. Enjoy this time and opportunity. Being a college athlete can be exhausting and overwhelming but being a part of a team and family is 100 percent completely worth it.”

Fall sports by the numbers

- Approximate miles raced by the cross country teams combined: 65
- Average points scored per game by the Linfield football team: 48.8
- Service aces achieved by the Wildcat volleyball team: 129
- Student-athletes who received all-NWC honors (19-football, 18-soccer, 4-cross country, 1-volleyball): 34
- Goals scored by the Wildcats in women’s soccer: 48
- NWC Players of the Year (Josh Yoder ’14, Dominique Forrest ’14 and Emily Fellows ’14): 3