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Growth, achievement mark first winning season in a decade

The Linfield men’s basketball team earned its first winning season in nearly a decade with an overall record of 15-11. The Wildcats climbed from seventh place in the Northwest Conference last season to third place this year, earning one of four berths to the NWC playoff tournament.

In recognition of his team’s tremendous growth, head coach Shanan Rosenberg was chosen as the NWC’s Coach of the Year, becoming the first Linfield basketball coach in 16 years to receive the league’s coaching award.

Kyle Maloof ‘17, who led the team in scoring and rebounding, was picked as a second team NWC all-star and guard Riley Brul ‘19 received honorable mention acclaim.

“The team set out with goals of posting a winning record, making the conference playoffs and being in a legitimate fight for a championship,” said Rosenberg. “These were all accomplished.”

The Wildcats’ achievements went deeper than awards and statistics.

“Our most significant accomplishment was our competitive maturation, our personal and emotional growth, and the galvanization that occurred in our relationships,” Rosenberg added.

New leadership in athletics

Garry Killgore has worn many hats during his 27 years at Linfield – professor, department chair, entrepreneur and longtime cross-country and track & field coach. Beginning July 1, he will take on a new role as Linfield’s director of athletics, succeeding Scott Carnahan ’73.

At an institution known for the longevity of its coaches and the success of its teams, Killgore becomes just the fifth athletic director at Linfield since 1949. He follows Carnahan (1996-2017), Ad Rutschman ’54 (1973-96), Roy Helser ’36 (1949-68) and Paul Durham ’36 (1949-68).

“Garry Killgore is a rare combination of entrepreneur and collaborator,” said President Thomas L. Hellie. “He understands and...
Manley to lead Wildcat baseball

Stan Manley ’82 has been named head baseball coach effective next season. He will replace Scott Carnahan ’73, who is retiring in June after 26 seasons as baseball coach. Manley served as an assistant to Carnahan beginning last season, working primarily with the infielders and behind the scenes as the program’s recruiting coordinator.

Prior to joining the Linfield staff, Manley was a coach at Sheldon High School, leading the Irish to Oregon Class 6A state championships in 2013 and 2015 and five Midwestern League titles. In 14 seasons at the Eugene school, he compiled a win-loss record of 241-140, including a 22-9 record in playoff games. Twice he was named the Class 6A Coach of the Year by the Oregon Schools Activities Association and in 2015 was honored as the ABCA/Diamond Regional Coach of the Year.

Riddle finalist for Gagliardi Trophy

Linfield signal caller Sam Riddle ’17, husband and father of two, was runner-up for the 2016 Gagliardi Trophy honoring the best all-around student-athlete in NCAA Division III football. The award, the small-college equivalent to the Heisman Trophy, went to St. John’s University linebacker Carter Hanson.

Linfield football coach Joseph Smith ’93 said Riddle is the embodiment of what Division III is about – the holistic person.

“He’s a good, strong student, and yet he’s taken the role of being a strong family member, putting his family first,” Smith said. “He’s been there for so many people. I just can’t think of someone more deserving.”

RIDDLE BY THE NUMBERS:

• 2016 Gagliardi Trophy Runner-Up
• 2016 D3Football.com Offensive Player of the Year
• 2016 First-Team All-American
• 2016 West Region Player of the Year
• 2016 Northwest Conference Player of the Year
• 2015 Second-Team All-American
• 2015 West Region Player of the Year
• 2015 Northwest Conference Player of the Year
• 30-4 Win-loss record as a starter
• 9,617 Career total offensive yards – Linfield Record
• 118 Career touchdowns – Linfield Record
• 593 Career completions – Linfield Record

embraces Linfield’s proud tradition, and I’m confident that he will be an effective athletic director.”

Killgore has served as Linfield’s chair of the Health, Human Performance and Athletics department since 2010 and taught in the department since his arrival in 1989. He coached Linfield track & field and cross country for 21 years and holds a doctorate in exercise physiology and biomedics from Oregon State University.

Applying his background in exercise science, Killgore founded AQx Sports Inc., a land- and water-based training and rehabilitation system for athletes.

Killgore was named Linfield College’s “Edith Green Distinguished Professor” for 2010 and was recognized as the College’s “Edith Green Distinguished Professor” in 2008. He was inducted into the College/University Physical Education Hall of Fame in 2013.

Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame in 2013.

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Dallas Edge ’17 registered her second career All-America performance in the 60-meter hurdles in March at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships. Edge placed third overall in 8.70 seconds, providing Linfield with its highest national finish in a women’s indoor running event since Hall of Fame inductee Amber Larsen ’01 took third in the 400 meters in 2001.