**MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**
A group of returning upperclassmen led by Calon Naragon (NAIA Marathon qualifier,) Vincent Reel and Ryan Starkel (both NAIA 4x800 relay qualifiers) will provide the nucleus of a racing pack for the 2008-09 team. Expect a great freshman recruiting class and other returners to make an impact in conference play and hopefully a spot at nationals.

**WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**
A national qualifier from a year ago (Amber Wray), a talented freshman class, a transfer and five of last year’s top seven runners form the potential for Bethel’s best women’s cross country season ever. The depth of leadership from upperclassmen should prove to be a stabilizing force as they head into a tough schedule.

**MEN’S GOLF**
With a fifth place finish and a national championship by senior Shanna Page at last spring’s NAIA Golf Championship, sights are set even higher for the 2008-09 season. The Pilots lose one player from last years’ team and add a talented group of newcomers. The early season test comes at NCAA DII powerhouse Grand Valley State and NCAA DI University of Cincinnati.

**MEN’S SOCCER**
The Pilots enter the 2008 season with a core group of returning players and some added strength in the attacking spots. Look for the Pilots to catapult to the top once again. The team returns keeper Scott Terry and their back line. Additionally, they add depth to their midfield and bring in several top level strikers.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**
The Pilots are looking to rebound from their 2007 season while counting on junior Amber Spencer to pace the attack. Spencer, the second leading scorer from last season, led the Pilots in assists, shots and shots on goal. A strong group of returnees along with the potential of the incoming freshmen will look to help the Pilots make a run at the top of the MCC.

**MEN’S TENNIS**
This year’s Pilots will be looking to post their sixth consecutive winning season under the leadership of second-year Head Coach Jason Gingerich. Senior trio Josh Kiefer, Ryan Yoder and Mikael Dodge will lead the team. Yoder will look to follow-up a highly successful junior campaign where he captured the MCC championship.

**WOMEN’S TENNIS**
The 2008 Lady Pilots gained valuable experience at the NCCAA National Championships last spring. Leading the way this season for Coach Dario Garza will be the senior trio of Bree Oles, Jade Jones and Sherra Milender. Each has contributed greatly to the continued success of the Bethel tennis program over their first three seasons of competition.

**VOLLEYBALL**
The Pilots are coming off an NCCAA National Championship in 2007 knowing the target is on their back. With the graduation of five players including two All-Americans, the Pilots are expecting many players to step up. The Pilots do have a strong core of 10 players returning and the addition of three talented freshmen.

— JEFF WELSH

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Shanna Page has always dreamed of winning the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes Women’s Golf Championship.

“I thought about it [making me] such a different person,” the senior elementary education major says. But after having won the tournament last spring, Page says, “I’m the same person. It feels great. It’s definitely a surreal feeling.”

Page, who has been a three-time NAIA All-American, a three-time All-Region and a three-time Conference Player of the Year, is the first woman at Bethel to ever win the championship.

It was in seventh grade that Page was introduced to golf by all three of her brothers and father. “My dad worked with me a lot on my swing and helped me become the player I am now,” she says. “My brother was my mental coach and he came to California [to the tournament] and helped me with that. I was really blessed to have my brother, mother and dad with me.”

But if it wasn’t for the strength of God, Page wouldn’t have done it. “The last day [of the tournament] it rained pretty hard and I kept quoting Philippians 4:13 (I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me) and God was definitely by my side the whole time,” she says.

Page’s coach, Danny Randolph, says she brings a lot of knowledge of the game to the team. “She is a hard worker,” he said. “When you’re the best player, a hard worker and respected by your teammates, that forces others to work hard.”

Working hard isn’t just limited to the course, but the classroom as well. In fact, that’s where Page wants to spend most of her time eventually as a kindergarten teacher. However, golf may still be in the picture upon her May graduation.

“It’s still in the air,” she said. “I’m not sure. I have thought about pursuing the sport. I feel that if that’s the way God wants me to go, He’ll open those doors.”

— YONIKA WILLIS