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**Coming Home: Fergus Returns to Lead Red Devil Baseball**

Lower Columbia College has hired a new head baseball coach. Donegal Fergus will take over the program from legendary head coach Kelly Smith, who retires in June.

Fergus is currently in his second season as an assistant coach with the Division I Seattle University baseball team. He serves as the team's offensive coordinator and third base coach, as well as working with the outfielders. He also acts as the Redhawks' Director of Camps.

“It was an incredible talent pool of applicants”, said LCC Athletic Director Kirc Roland. “Coach Fergus has the perfect blend of knowledge, experience and understanding of the expectations here at LCC and he put himself right at the top.”

Fergus will also serve the entire LCC student population as Retention Specialist. “Coach Fergus has a wealth of experience working with students as an education planner and that really separated him from the other outstanding candidates,” according to Roland.

Fergus came to Seattle University from Tacoma Community College, where he was the head baseball coach for five seasons. He compiled an overall record of 125-100 (.556), reaching the NWAACC playoffs in each of his five seasons, including a third-place finish at the 2006 NWAACC Tournament. He saw 42 of his players at Tacoma CC advance to four-year schools, including seven who went on to NCAA Division I institutions.

Before becoming the head coach in Tacoma, Fergus was an assistant coach at Lower Columbia for five seasons, helping them to four division titles, three NWAACC runner-up finishes, and one NWAACC championship. As the recruiting coordinator at LCC, he helped orchestrate some of the best recruiting classes of any school in the Northwest, including the 2005 group, which saw seven players drafted by major league organizations.

He played baseball at Linfield College for legendary coach Scott Carnahan, a former LCC head coach. Fergus earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Linfield in 2000 and his master's degree in homeland security from American Military University in 2007. He is a native of Powers, Oregon.

Fergus and his wife Kim, a Kelso native, have two children, son Seamus and daughter Finnegan.

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