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Lindenwood University announced today a new coaching staff for its national champion shooting program. Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Duloherly, an instructor and shooter for the United States Army Marksmanship Unit, is the new head coach. While Duloherly will begin to oversee the program immediately, he will not be involved in day-to-day operations until after completion of his remaining military commitment in the summer of 2009.

Two other additions to the coaching staff are Mike Elam, who will serve as the interim head coach for the next year, and Ellie Schad, who is an assistant coach. Sean McLelland, a member of the 2008 United States Olympic team, and Jon Shockley will serve as student assistant coaches.

"The outstanding qualifications of these new coaches are definitely in keeping with the quality and past accomplishments of our shooting team," said Dr. James D. Evans, president of Lindenwood University. "We are looking forward to another great year for the program."

Duloherly, who has been in the Army since 1989, is a four-time United States International Skeet National Champion and seven-time Interservice International Trap and Skeet Champion. He is a five-time World Champion and World Cup Team Medalist and holds numerous national individual and team records. Duloherly has been a top contender for the last five Olympic Games, including finishing fifth in the 2004 Olympics.

Duloherly is a native of Missouri, growing up in Lee's Summit. He was recently inducted into the Lee's Summit High School Hall of Fame for his volunteer work, coaching and shooting accomplishments. He attended Park University and graduated from there in 1988 with a communication arts degree.

"Shawn has been competing at the world level since many of the Lindenwood shooters were just little kids," said McLelland. "He is a great coach who will have a positive influence on the team and he will be a great representative for Lindenwood and its shooting program."

Elam, who is retiring from the military this July, will work with Lindenwood's shooters on a day-to-day basis until Duloherly can begin work full-time for Lindenwood in August of 2009.

Schad was a national shooting team member for 10 years from 1993-2002. She was a part of the 2001 World Championship Team and was an alternate for the 1996 United States Olympic team.

The Lindenwood shooting program is the top collegiate shooting program in the country. It has captured the last five ACUI Clay Target Shooting National Championships, and the program will be represented for the first time this summer at the Olympic Games by McLelland.