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MSU announces inductees

Nine to enter Hall of Fame and Distinction

MANKATO — Nine individuals and one team will be inducted into the Minnesota State University Athletics Hall of Fame & Distinction this weekend.

The new Hall of Fame members are Tom Anderson (golf, '92), Lori Doffing (softball, '88), Margaret McCue (volleyball, '90), Carlos Proano (tennis, '71) and Cheryl Swanum (swimming/track, '78). The new Hall of Distinction members (people who have made significant contributions to

MSU athletics) are Dan Runkle (football coach from 1981-2001), Dennis Miller (former MSU football player, CEO Midwest Wireless), Claudia (Swanson) Pilot (former MSU golfer, amateur golfer) and Larry Buendorf (former MSU basketball and track student-athlete, USOC Director of Security).

Selected for induction in the team category is the Maverick softball team from 1987. That year the Mavericks took third place at the NCAA Division II national tournament.

In addition, the Jim Schaffer Service Award will be presented to Daniel Mundahl and the recipient of this year's MSU Athletics Philanthropic Award is Orthopaedic & Fracture Clinic PA.

A formal induction ceremony will take place Saturday at the Centennial Student Union Ballroom at MSU. Check-in is at 10:30 a.m. and the brunch begins at 11 a.m.

The event is being held in conjunction with the MSU football game as the

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Mavericks host St. Cloud State in a North Central Conference game beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Hall of Fame and Distinction inductees will be introduced at halftime.

Anyone interested in attending the brunch can reserve tickets by calling the MSU Department of Athletics at (507) 389-6111.

Also being recognized:

Daniel Mundahl — A 1986 MSU grad, Mundahl has continued his support of Maverick athletics after graduation and is a member of the Blue Line Club, the Touchdown Club and the Hoops Club. He was elected to the Blue Line Club Board of Directors in February of 2000 and has served as the board's president since March of 2003. The Daniel L. Mundahl Hockey Scholarship Fund has supported a scholarship to a male hockey player since the 2001-02 season. Mundahl has served as Bethany Lutheran College's Chief Administrative Officer since February of 2000.

Softball 1987 — MSU finished third at NCAA Division II national tournament after capturing the 1987 North

Central Conference and NCAA East Regional titles. The team went 49-10 for the season and boasted two All-Americans in senior center-fielder Lori Doffing and senior third baseman Michelle Garry. Besides Doffing and Garry, sophomore pitcher Cari Tichida, senior first baseman Teresa Letzen and sophomore pitcher Liz Scully were named All-NCC. Along with a school-record 23-game winning streak, the team broke 14 individual MSU records and established 12 MSU team marks.

Orthopaedic & Fracture Clinic PA — It's been 40 years since MSU's Athletic Training program partnered with the Orthopaedic & Fracture Clinic to be the University's official team physicians. OFC has also thrown its support behind Maverick athletics financially over the years and has been involved in several marketing opportunities including most recently serving as a Women's Sports Classic sponsor, advertising in Maverick game programs, serving as a Dan Meyer corporate hole sponsor and purchasing signage on the hockey boards at Midwest Wireless Civic Center.

Dan Runkle 1981-2001, football coach

Runkle guided the MSU football program for 21 years. His 108 career wins is the most by any MSU football coach. He led MSU to its first NCAA postseason appearance and an NCC title in 1987. In 1993, MSU set a school record with a 10-3 won-lost mark. Under Runkle, MSU downed Missouri Southern in NCAA first-round game for school's first-ever postseason victory. During his tenure 44 players were named All-NCC First Team and 30 garnered All-America honors. Runkle currently serves as the Director of Athletics at the University of Dubuque.



Larry Buendorf '59, basketball & track

An MSU track and field and basketball athlete from 1955-59, Buendorf was a member of United States Secret Service and was the Special Agent in Charge, serving former President Gerald Ford from 1983 until 1993. The Wells native received the U.S. Treasury Department's Meritorious Service Award for successfully thwarting 'Squeaky' Fromme's assassination attempt against President Ford in September of 1975. Buendorf has served as Director of Security for the U.S. Olympic Committee since 1983.



Lori Doffing '87, softball

A two-time All-America center fielder (1986 and 1987), Doffing was also a two-time All-North Central Conference pick. She led the Mavericks to third-place finish at 1987 NCAA Division II national tournament and, at one point, held five school single-season records — hits (45, 1986), doubles (9, 1986), triples (7, 1987), home runs (5, 1986) and runs (30, 1986).



Carlos Proano '71, tennis

MSU's only three time men's conference tennis champion. Proano captured No. 1 North Central Conference singles championships in 1970, 1971 and 1972. A three-time MVP, Proano earned two Midwest regional titles (1971, 1972). He resides in Mexico City and works as a tennis official. He has officiated Davis Cup matches and matches at the French Open.



Dennis Miller '77, football

Former MSU football lineman, Miller is the President and CEO of Midwest Wireless, a regional wireless communications company with corporate headquarters in Mankato. A native of Ellendale, Miller is Chairman of the Board of Technology Plus of Mankato, Inc. and is also a board member of the Immanuel St. Joseph's Mayo Health Systems.



Margaret McCue '90, volleyball

A four-year starter at middle blocker for the Mavericks (1985-88), McCue was named to the All-North Central Conference team in 1987 and the All-Region teams in 1986 and 1987. A dominating hitter/blocker, McCue still owns school career records for games played (444), kills (1,425), kill percentage (.295) and total blocks (553). She led NCC in kills per game in 1985 with 4.62 mark.



Claudia (Swanson) Pilot '79, golf

A three-year member of MSU women's golf team, Pilot participated in two regional tournaments and one national AJAW tournament. She had had a tremendous amateur career following graduation and was a four-time Minnesota Women's Player of the Year. She won the 1999 and 2000 women's state amateur titles.



Cheryl Swanum '78, swimming & track

A two-sport star during her MSU career, Swanum was a four-time national swim meet qualifier. Swanum also was a national qualifier on 880-medley relay team in track and was a member of the first MSU women's track team to go to nationals (1974).



Tom Anderson '72, golf

A two-time letterwinner, Anderson was a member of North Central Conference championship teams in 1971 and 1972. The Forest City, Iowa native was a two-time All-Conference pick and was an All-American in 1972 when he finished second in the NCAA Division II tournament with rounds of 72-72-78-71—301.

