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(Neb.)-CSC Hall of Fame to add seven members



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CHADRON – Seven inductions will be made into the Chadron State College Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 5 as part of Homecoming. The inductions will occur during a luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.

Those being inducted include Trevor Moon and Ryan Turman, members of two conference champion football teams in the late 1990s; national high jump champion Tracy Heiman; volleyball standout Molly Ruggles Garson; All-American marathon runner Dawn Bowcott King; and Mike Riley, who played baseball and basketball at Chadron State in the 1960s and coached basketball for 30 years before serving 15 as a scout for four NBA teams.

Also to be inducted posthumously is Dennis Hendricks, an All-American offensive lineman for the Eagles in 1982.

Tickets for the induction luncheon may be obtained by calling the Chadron State Alumni Office at 308-432-6366.

Moon, who is in the insurance business in his hometown of Buffalo, Wyo., started at quarterback all but the first two games during his four-year career with the Eagles. The team was 33-10 in the games he started and won Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championships in 1996 and 1998.

Moon completed 684 of 1,329 passes for 9,992 yards and 66 touchdowns during his career. All are still Chadron State records except the touchdown total, which is fourth. Just one of his final 157 regular-season passes was intercepted.

Turman was a four-year starter at safety at the same time Moon was the quarterback. During his career, he participated in 319 tackles, including 234 that were unassisted, and intercepted 20 passes that he returned for 299 yards and five touchdowns.

Now the owner of a construction company in his hometown of Hay Springs, Turman earned first-team Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Nebraska NCAA Division II honors each of his final three seasons. He also was a first-team all-West Region and second-team Daktronics and Football Gazette All-American as a junior and played in the Snow Bowl, a Division II all-star game, following his senior season.

Heiman, who competed in the high jump just two years in college, is the only Chadron State athlete to clear 7 feet both indoors and outdoors. As a freshman in 1993, he went 6-11 at the first outdoor meet to set the school record and cleared 7-0 at the second meet. He also won the high jump at the RMAC Meet by going 6-10 and went 6-9 to place eighth at the NCAA Division II National Meet.

The following year, Heiman was the gold medalist at the RMAC Indoor Meet by clearing 6-10 and two weeks later won the D II National Indoor Meet championship at 6-9 $\frac{3}{4}$.

He cleared 7-0 for the second time in his career that spring at Black Hills State. The meet was scheduled to be outdoors, but because of inclement weather the high jump was indoors. When the meets were outdoors, he had

a best of 6-10, tied for first at the RMAC Meet at 6-7 and shared third place at the National Outdoor Meet by going 6-9.

A native of Colorado Springs, Heiman is a physical education teacher in the Ralston Schools near Omaha.

Molly Ruggles Garson was a four-year starter for the CSC volleyball team and is remembered for her powerful hitting and alert back row play. She led the team in kills and digs all four years and was the Eagles' career leader in both categories when she concluded her career in 1998.

Garson was selected the team's outstanding player and also was an RMAC East second-team choice three times. In addition, she was on the Omaha World-Herald's Nebraska NCAA Division II First Team as a senior in 1998. She has taught physical education and coached volleyball in Laramie, Wyo., her hometown since graduating.

Dawn Bowcott King was an outstanding distance runner for the Eagles in the mid-1980s. Highlights included winning the NAIA District 11 marathon and placing fourth at the national marathon when she was a sophomore in 1984 to earn All-American honors.

The following year, she won the 3000 meters twice indoors and the 5000 three times outdoors. While she was injured much of her senior year in 1986, she recovered in time to set the Chadron State record in the 5000. She owned three CSC records both indoors and outdoors when she graduated.

King continued to run after graduating. Her achievements include winning the women's Citizens' division at the Bolder Boulder in 1987, winning the Denver Marathon and placing third in the province marathon in Manitoba, where she grew up. After having a high tech career in the Silicon Valley of California, she now lives in Boulder. Her son, Ben O'Banion, is a freshman at Chadron State this fall.

Riley has been involved in basketball ever since graduating from Chadron State in 1966. He was the head coach at Western Wyoming College at Rock Springs, South Dakota Mines in Rapid City and Western State at Gunnison, Colo. He also was an assistant coach at Utah State, was the head coach of the Rapid City Thrillers and the Topeka Sizzlers in the Continental Basketball Association and was named Utah's High School Coach of the Year while he was coaching at Olympus High in Salt Lake City in 1997.

He also was head of the athletic directors in the Salt Lake City School District for five years.

In addition, Riley was a scout for the Milwaukee Bucks, Vancouver Grizzlies, Utah Jazz and Golden State Warriors for a total of 15 years until retiring last year. A native of Whitewater, Ind., he lives in Rapid City.

After being on the University of Nebraska football team, Hendricks transferred to Chadron State in the spring of 1982. He was a first-team all-district selection at offensive guard both seasons, earned honorable mention All-American as a junior and received first-team NAIA Division II All-American honors as a senior.

Hendricks, who was from Ogallala, died in 2003 at age 43.

Former CSC All-American linebacker Kevin Homer, now of Rock Springs, Wyo., also was selected for membership in the Hall of Fame this year. However, he asked that his induction be delayed until the twins born to him and his wife this summer are older.