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Utah State University Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame Announces 2016 Class

LOGAN, Utah (Monday, Feb. 22) – Three separate football All-Americans, a three-time track & field All-American, a softball All-American, a former men's basketball player and legendary NBA coach, a former football player and current contributor committed to the success and growth of Aggie Athletics, and one of the most successful men's basketball coaches and administrators in school history comprise the latest class of Utah State University's Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame, it was announced Monday.

The dinner and induction ceremony for the Hall of Fame's 14th class is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 2, 2016 at the Riverwoods Conference Center in Logan.

The eight inductees include: **Deanna Earsley-Bowers**, one of just seven Aggie softball All-Americans; **Tom Forzani**, an All-American and school-record holding wide receiver; **Jim Helton**, a three-time track & field All-American; **Jim Hough**, an All-American offensive lineman; **Phil Johnson**, a legendary NBA coach and former Aggie men's basketball player; **Dave Manning**, an All-American offensive lineman; **Steve Mothersell**, a former Aggie football player and life-long contributor of Aggie Athletics; and **Rod Tueller**, one of the most successful head coaches and administrators in school history.

A total of 95 individuals and three teams have now been inducted into the Utah State Athletics Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was founded in 1993 with 12 initial members, followed by eight members in 1994 and seven in 1995. The addition of any inductees was stopped until 2006 when five more individuals were added, followed by six recipients in 2007 and five in 2008 to go along with the first-ever team inducted. Seven more inductees were added in 2009, followed by six in 2010, five in 2011 plus two more national championship teams, eight in 2012, six inductees in 2013, 2014 and 2015, and eight inductees in 2016.

Located inside the Steve Mothersell Hall of Honor, the Utah State Athletics Hall of Fame gives fans the opportunity to view biographical information and watch videos on each of the inducted members. Both the Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor are located inside the Jim and Carol Laub Athletics-Academics Complex in the north end zone of Maverik Stadium.

The Hall of Fame Committee made its final selections for this year's class in January, 2016. The inductees must fit into one of five categories: student-athlete, coach, team, athletics staff member, or contributor/special achievement. Contributor/special achievement includes individuals who have contributed to the ideal of sports at the University. Each nominee must receive at least 75 percent of the committee's vote to be eligible for induction.

Members of the committee are: John Hartwell, Jana Doggett, Gregg Gensel, Patty Halafia, Craig Hislop, Dee Jones, Lauren Keller, Hal Labelle, Al Lewis, Carl Lundahl, Dale Mildenerger, Jimmy Moore, Emmett White and Doug Hoffman (chairman).

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DEANNA EARSLEY-BOWERS

Hometown: San Carlos, Calif.

Sport: Softball

Years: 1990-93

One of just seven softball players in school history to earn All-America honors, DeAnna Earsley-Bowers was a four-year starting pitcher for Utah State and helped the Aggies earn back-to-back trips to the NCAA Tournament in 1992 and 1993. As a senior in 1993, Earsley-Bowers was named the Big West Conference Pitcher of the Year and earned third-team All-American honors as she led USU to a 39-17 record, including a 25-7 mark in conference play, to win a share of the Big West Championship. During her senior season, she won 26 games and posted a 0.82 earned run average (ERA) in 247.0 innings pitched, while striking out 130 batters as she also earned first-team all-Big West honors and was named the conference's player of the week three times. She also posted 13 shutouts on the season and pitched 30 complete games, while adding three saves. Earsley-Bowers earned second-team all-Big West honors as a junior and was twice named the conference's player of the week as she won 26 games and posted a 0.82 ERA in a school-record 290.0 innings pitched. She also set the single-season school record with 36 complete games as a junior, and struck out 159 batters, which still ranks third all-time in school history, while adding 18 shutouts, the second-most in school history. As a junior, Earsley-Bowers posted a 12-5 record vs. ranked teams and went 7-0 in extra-inning contests as she helped the Aggies to a 43-21 record, including a 24-12 mark in Big West play. Earsley-Bowers also earned honorable mention all-Big West honors as a sophomore as she pitched a school-record-tying two no-hitters, and was named to the High Country Athletic Conference team as a freshman. For her career, Earsley-Bowers is one of just two pitchers in school history to win 20 games in two different seasons and she still ranks second all-time in school history in wins (68), complete games (93), shutouts (40), innings pitched (780.0) and saves (7), while ranking third all-time in appearances (117), and fourth all-time in both strikeouts (382) and ERA (0.90). Offensively, she still ranks tied for fourth all-time in school history in at-bats (639), fifth in games played (212) and sixth in sacrifice hits (28). During her four-year career, Utah State posted a 136-85 (.615) record, including a 69-41 (.627) mark in Big West play.

TOM FORZANI

Hometown: Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Sport: Football

Years: 1970-72

Described as one of the most intense wide receivers to ever play at Utah State, Tom Forzani earned honorable mention All-America honors from The Associated Press as a senior in 1972 as he led the nation with 85 receptions, while adding 1,169 receiving yards to set then-single-season school records in both categories. During his senior season, Forzani had eight touchdown receptions and caught a school-record 15 passes for a then-school-best 193 yards against Idaho, a total that still ranks 19th all-time in school history. Following his senior season, Forzani played in both the Blue-Gray All-Star Game and the Senior Bowl, and was named the Outstanding Back of the Blue-Gray Game. Forzani ended his Utah State career as the school record-holder in both receptions (132) and receiving yards (1,806), numbers that both now rank 11th all-time in school history, and had a then-school record six 100-yard receiving games. His 85 receptions as a senior still ranks third all-time at Utah State, while his 1,169 receiving yards that year still ranks sixth, and his eight touchdown catches now rank 11th all-time. During his three-year career, Forzani helped Utah State to a 22-10 record and winners of the Beehive Boot (the state's collegiate football championship trophy) in both 1971 and 1972 as USU posted wins against BYU and Utah both seasons. Following his Utah State career, Forzani played professionally for the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League (CFL) from 1972-83 and was a five-time CFL All-Star. He finished his CFL career ranking second all-time in Stampeders history in receptions (553), receiving yards (8,825) and receiving touchdowns (62). Forzani was named to Utah State's All-Century Football Team in 1993. His brothers, Joe (1965-67) and Tom (1970-72), also played football at Utah State.

JIM HELTON

Hometown: Riverside, Calif.

Sport: Track & Field

Years: 1966-67

One of the most decorated athletes in Utah State history, Jim Helton was a three-time track All-American and is one of just 11 track athletes in school history to accomplish that feat. During his senior season in 1967, Helton was the national runner-up in the long jump at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Provo, Utah with a still-school-record leap of 25-02.25 (7.68m) as he helped USU to a 14th-place team finish, its second-best finish in school history. Helton also earned All-American honors in the long jump during the indoor season as a senior as he placed fourth at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Detroit, Mich., with a leap of 24-03.50 (7.40m), helping the Aggies place 34th as a team. During the 1967 indoor season, Helton set the

then-school record in the long jump with a mark of 24-03.75 (7.41m), a leap that still ranks fourth all-time in school history. Helton, who was the Aggies' team captain in 1967, was also named Utah State's Athlete of the Year during his senior season. During his junior year at Utah State in 1966, Helton earned his first All-American honor as he was the national runner-up in the long jump at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Bloomington, Ind., with a leap of 24-08.50 (7.53m) as he helped USU to a 24th-place team finish. During his two-year Utah State career, Helton also competed in the triple jump, high jump and 100-yard dash, and set the then-school record in the triple jump with a mark of 47-05.50 (14.46m) as a junior, while his time in the 100-yard dash (9.8) as a junior ranked second all-time in school history. Helton transferred to Utah State following two years at Riverside (Calif.) Community College, where he twice earned All-American honors in the long jump. Following his collegiate career, Helton participated in the U.S. Track & Field Federation in Albuquerque, N.M., and in the Pan-American Trials in Minneapolis, Minn., in the summer of 1967.

JIM HOUGH

Hometown: LaMirada, Calif.

Sport: Football

Years: 1974-77

An excellent athlete with tremendous strength, Jim Hough earned second-team All-American honors at offensive guard from The Associated Press following his senior season in 1977, one of just five offensive linemen in school history to be honored as such. During his senior season, Hough blocked for two of the most talented offensive players in school history in quarterback Eric Hipple and running back Rick Parros. Hipple threw for over 1,300 yards and 10 touchdowns that year, while Parros rushed for 1,135 yards, the first 1,000-yard sophomore in school history. Hough, who earned four varsity letters at Utah State, spent his first three years on the defensive side of the ball at nose guard and tackle, before switching to the offensive line late in his junior season. During his four-year career, he helped the Aggies to 21 wins, including three against in-state rival Utah. Following his senior season, he played in the East-West Shrine Game and was later selected in the fourth round (100th pick) of the 1978 National Football League Draft by the Minnesota Vikings. Hough spent nine seasons in Minnesota (1978-86), playing in 111 career games with 75 starts.

PHIL JOHNSON

Hometown: Grace, Idaho

Sports: Men's Basketball/Track & Field

Years: 1960, 1962-63

Phil Johnson spent three seasons playing basketball at Utah State and helped the Aggies advance to the NCAA Tournament in both 1962 and 1963. As a senior captain during the 1962-63 campaign, Johnson averaged 12.3 points and 7.1 rebounds as he helped USU to a 20-7 record and its second-straight NCAA Tournament appearance. During his senior year, Johnson scored in double-figures 11 times, including a career-best 23 points against Colorado State. As a junior, Johnson averaged 9.5 points and 7.8 rebounds as he helped Utah State to a 22-7 mark, including a 1-2 record in the NCAA Tournament, one of just five teams in school history to win an NCAA Tournament game. During his junior season, he scored in double figures 14 times and grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds against Wyoming. Johnson also averaged 11.8 points on the USU freshman team during the 1959-60 season and spent the 1960-61 campaign playing at Weber Junior College, before transferring back to Utah State for his final two seasons under then-head coach Ladell Andersen. Along with basketball, Johnson was also a high jumper for then-head coach Ralph Maughan on USU's track teams as a freshman in 1960 and again as a senior in 1963 with a personal-best jump of 6-08.00 (2.03m). Following his playing career, Johnson spent the 1963-64 season as a graduate assistant for USU's freshman team. He then spent four years as an assistant coach at Weber State under then-head coach and USU alum Dick Motta as the Wildcats finished at the top of the Big Sky Conference in 1965, 1966 and 1968 and made the 1968 NCAA Tournament. Johnson spent the next three seasons (1969-71) as Weber State's head coach, leading the Wildcats to three-straight Big Sky regular season championships and three-straight trips to the NCAA Tournament. Johnson was named the Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year in each of those seasons as he compiled a 68-16 record, including a 39-5 (.886) conference mark, a winning percentage that still ranks first all-time in Big Sky history. During his first year as Weber State's head coach at the age of 27, Johnson was named the NCAA District VII Coach of the Year. Johnson then moved to the National Basketball Association (NBA), where he coached with various teams for 40 years (1971-2011). His first coaching job in the NBA was with the Chicago Bulls in 1971 under Motta, while his first head job was with the Kansas City-Omaha Kings (1973-78) at the age of 32 as he was named the NBA Coach of the Year in 1975 after guiding the franchise to its first playoff appearance in eight seasons. He was also the head coach of the Sacramento Kings from 1984-87. Johnson spent most of his time in the NBA with the Utah Jazz (1988-2011) and was named the NBA's top assistant coach four times (2002, 2004, 2007, 2010) by the league's general managers. During his time with the Jazz, Johnson helped the team to eight division titles, 21 playoff appearances and two Western Conference Championships. Johnson was inducted into the Weber State Sports Hall of Fame in 1992, honored as the Utah State Alumnus of the Year in 1997 and elected into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

DAVE MANNING

Hometown: Bakersfield, Calif.

Sport: Football

Years: 1972-73

Regarded as one of the best interior linemen in Utah State football history, Dave Manning was a quick and aggressive offensive guard who earned second-team All-American honors from The Associated Press following his senior season in 1973, one of just five offensive linemen in school history to be honored as such. During his two-year Utah State career, Manning helped the Aggies to a 16-6 record and claimed the Beehive Boot (the state's collegiate football championship trophy) in both 1972 and 1973 as USU posted consecutive wins against BYU. As an Aggie, Manning blocked for three of the most explosive offensive players in school history in quarterback Tony Adams, wide receiver Tom Forzani and running back Louie Giammona. Adams threw for then-school records of 2,797 yards and 22 touchdowns, while Forzani produced then-school records with 85 receptions for 1,169 yards in 1972, while Giammona rushed for over 500 yards as a sophomore in 1973. While at Utah State, Manning served as his team's co-captain in 1973 and was awarded the Wayne Estes Memorial Award in 1974, honoring the most outstanding senior athlete. Manning transferred to Utah State from Bakersfield Junior College, where he also earned All-American honors. He was inducted into the Bakersfield College Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

STEVE C. MOTHERSELL

Hometown: Empire, Calif.

Sport: Football/Contributor to Utah State Athletics

Years: 1973-74

Steve C. Mothersell, President and CEO of SCM Construction Management Services, Inc., has been a longtime contributor and advisor to Utah State Athletics as he currently sits on Utah State's National Advisory Board for Aggie Athletics and is a former board member and past chair of the Utah State University Foundation. A two-year starter at tight end on Utah State's football team in 1973 and 1974, Mothersell was well-known for his second-effort on downfield blocking. As a senior, he was selected the KCPX Player of the Week following Utah State's 34-0 win against Utah. After graduating from USU in 1975 and a brief employment with the World Football League, he began his professional career in the real estate brokerage industry and later added land development, homebuilding, and syndication and construction management activities to the full range of services now provided by the SCM Corporate Group of Companies. He formed his own home building and land development company in 1984 and since then has grown it into one of the largest privately owned home building and general contracting businesses in California's Central Valley. Mothersell is a member and past director of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB); a member and past director of the California Building Industry Association; and member, director and past president of the Building Industry Association of Central California (BIACC), from which he received the Builder of the Year Award in 1988. Steve and his wife Diane have made significant financial contributions to Utah State Athletics and facility projects over the years, including the Jim & Carol Laub Athletics-Academics Complex at the north end zone of Maverik Stadium, which houses the Steve C. Mothersell Sr. Athletics Hall of Honor. Mothersell is also an annual supporter of the Merlin Olsen Fund.

ROD TUELLER

Hometown: Logan, Utah

Sport: Men's Basketball Head Coach/Athletics Director

Years: 1980-88; 1985-92

Rod Tueller spent a total of 19 years at Utah State as both a basketball coach and administrator. Following his graduation from USU in 1959, Tueller spent 14 years coaching high school basketball in the state of Utah before beginning his professional association with Utah State. Prior to the 1973-74 season, Tueller was named an assistant coach for the Aggies under then-head coach Dutch Belnap. For six seasons from 1974-79, Tueller helped the Aggies to a 106-58 record and three postseason appearances. Tueller was then named the school's 12th head men's basketball coach prior to the 1979-80 season, and in his first year in charge of the Aggies, led the program to a 19-8 record, including an 11-2 mark in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association (PCAA), and its first league title in more than four decades. For his efforts, Tueller was named the PCAA Coach of the Year in 1980 as he led the Aggies to their third-straight postseason appearance, including their second-straight NCAA Tournament. During his nine years as USU's head men's basketball coach, Tueller compiled a 139-120 (.537) record, including a 77-68 (.531) conference mark. He also led USU to one PCAA regular season championship (1980), one Big West Tournament title (1988), three NCAA Tournament appearances (1980, 1983, 1988) and one NIT appearance (1984). His 139 wins and 259 games coached both rank fifth all-time in school history, while his three NCAA Tournament appearances are the third-most in school history. Tueller's teams also won the Old Oquirrh Bucket (the state's collegiate basketball championship trophy) three straight years from 1983-85, while his 1982-83 team still holds the school record for field goal percentage in a season (.529). Furthermore, Tueller coached a school-record nine players who were drafted into the NBA, and two players who earned Big

West Conference Player of the Year honors in Dean Hunger (1980) and Greg Grant (1986). In fact, Grant went on to score a then-school-record 2,127 points, a mark he held for 22 years. Tueller also coached Brian Jackson, who earned all-conference honors three times (1979-81), and finished his career as the third-leading scoring in school history at the time with 1,900 points. In all, Tueller was a part of 423 Aggie basketball games during his 15 years on the sidelines, a number that ranks second all-time in school history, and he is the only head coach in school history to lead his team to the NCAA Tournament in his final year at the helm. Along with his coaching duties, Tueller also served as Utah State's Athletics Director for eight years from 1985-1992, which included an overlap with his head coaching duties for four years. As USU's Athletics Director, Tueller guided Aggie Athletics and its 14 NCAA Division I sponsored sports. During his time as USU's AD, Tueller spent three years serving on the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association Board. Since retiring from coaching and athletic administration, Tueller has spent the past 20 years serving as the analyst for Aggie basketball games on the radio.

Previous Inductees By Class:

Class of 2015: Dr. Stan Albrecht (university president, 2005-16); Lucia Chudy (volleyball, track & field, 1977-79); Ray Corn (gymnastics coach, 1978-2008); Kevin Curtis (football, 2001-02); Spencer Nelson (men's basketball, 1999, 2003-05); Lloydene Searle (women's basketball, softball, volleyball, softball head coach, 1972-75; 1981-97).

Class of 2014: Cordel Andersen (wrestling, 1981, 1984-86); Yolanda Arvizu (softball, 1979-82); Anthony Calvillo (football, 1992-93); Craig Carter (track & field, 1988-91); Troy Collier (men's basketball, 1963-64); Dale Mildenerger (contributor, 1975-2013).

Class of 2013: Candy Cashell (track & field, women's basketball, 1982-84); Jim Laub (contributor); Jimmy Moore (men's basketball, 1972-75); Corey Murdock (track & field, 1994, 1997-99); Roy Shivers (football, track & field, 1964-65); Jim Turner (football, 1959-62).

Class of 2012: Alfred Castro (wrestling, 1984-87); Eric Hipple (football, 1976-79); Brian Jackson (men's basketball, 1978-81); Shae Jones-Bair (track & field, 1998-2000, 2002); James Murphy (football, 1978-80); James Parker (track & field, 1995, 1999-2001); Kristie Skoglund (softball, 1984-87); Emmett White (football, 1998-2001).

Class of 2011: Jerry Cerulla (track, 1965-67); LaVell Edwards (football, 1949-51); Dean Hunger (men's basketball, 1977-80); Henry King (football, 1965-66); Rick Parros (football, 1976-79); 1980 National Championship Softball Team; 1981 National Championship Softball Team.

Class of 2010: Tom Foster (wrestling, football, 1963-66); Louie Giammona (football, 1973-75); Lauren Goebel Keller (volleyball, 1979-82); Shaler Halimon, Jr. (men's basketball, 1967-68); Earl Lindley (football, men's basketball, 1951-53); Glenn Passey (track, 1959-62).

Class of 2009: Bob Carlson (wrestling, wrestling coach, administrator, 1969-87); Greg Grant (men's basketball, 1983-86); Dave Kragthorpe (football, baseball, administrator, 1951-54); Tom Larscheid (football, 1959-61); Alisa Nicodemus (cross country/track, 1991-93); John Pappas (football, 1966-68); Ralph Roylance (football, track, 1947-50).

Class of 2008: Jay Dee Harris (contributor/advisor); MacArthur Lane (football, 1965-67); Chuck Mills (football coach, 1967-72); Max Perry (men's basketball, 1959-61); Kelly Smith (softball, 1984-86, 1988); 1978 National Championship Volleyball Team.

Class of 2007: Ladonna Antoine-Watkins (track, 1994-97); Robert Broughton (football and wrestling, 1963-65); Rulon Jones (football, 1976-79); John Ralston (football coach, 1959-62); Jay Van Noy (baseball and football, 1946-49); Nate Williams (men's basketball, 1970-71).

Class of 2006: Kris Stano Lilly (gymnastics, 1982-83); Marvin Roberts (men's basketball, 1969-71); Al Smith (football, 1984-86); John Clyde Worley (baseball, men's basketball, football, and track, 1917-19); Dr. John Worley (football and track, late 1940's, team physician).

Class of 1995: Tony Adams (football, 1970-72); Jay Don Blake (men's golf, 1980-81); Karolyn Kirby (volleyball, 1979-81); Clark Miller (football, 1960-61); Bill Staley (football, 1965-67); Conley Watts (men's basketball, 1933-34); Glen Worthington (football, men's basketball, and track, 1926-29).

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Class of 1994: Ladell Andersen (men's basketball, men's basketball coach, and Athletics Director, 1949-51, 1961-71, 1973-83); H. Cecil Baker (men's basketball, track, and men's basketball coach, 1922-25, 1950-61); Mark Enyeart (track, 1974-77); Phil Olsen (football, 1967-69); Eddie Peterson (football and track, 1934-36); Len Rohde (football, 1957-59); Elaine Roque (volleyball, 1979); Frank "Buzz" Williams (football, track, wrestling, Athletics Director, 1942, '46-48, 1964-1973).

Class of 1993: Annette Viola Cottle (volleyball, women's basketball, volleyball coach, 1976-79, 1982-84); Wayne Estes (men's basketball, 1963-65); Mary Lou Ramm Flippen (softball, 1981-83); Fern Gardner (women's basketball, softball, tennis, volleyball, women's basketball coach, softball coach, volleyball coach, 1972-79); Cornell Green (men's basketball, 1960-62); Ralph Maughn (men's basketball, football, track, men's basketball coach, football coach, track coach, 1942-46, 1951-88); George "Doc" Nelson (Athletics Director and wrestling coach, 1923-58); Merlin Olsen (football, 1959-61); E.L. "Dick" Romney (Athletics Director, baseball coach, men's basketball coach, football coach, track coach, 1919-49); Kent Ryan (men's basketball, football, track, 1934-37); L. Jay Silvester (track, 1956-59); Elmer "Bear" Ward (football and track, 1932-35).

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