

Cougars Select Seven for Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

PULLMAN, Wash. – An 11-time NCAA All-American distance runner, a world record-holder in the steeplechase, a 14-season NBA veteran, a volleyball All-American, a football coach who guided WSU to its first bowl game in 51 years, an All-American running back who was the first African-American to play in famed Texas Longhorn's Memorial Stadium, and the unquestioned authority on Cougar athletic history will be inducted into the Washington State University Athletic Hall of Fame next fall, WSU Director of Athletics Jim Sterk announced.

The inductee list includes two pioneers (men before 1970, women before 1985) who were true trailblazers in their respective Cougar careers:

Richard Fry – After 13 years as WSU's sports information director and 15 years as the school's news bureau director, he retired, then wrote the definitive history of Cougar athletics for WSU's centennial celebration and continues to write for WSU game programs and other publications...first joined the WSU staff in 1952;

Duke Washington – An All-America running back who starred for the Cougars during the 1952-53-54 seasons, he won the prestigious Bohler Award, played in the East-West Shrine Game and was the first African American to play in the University of Texas' Memorial Stadium Oct. 2, 1954...received the loudest cheers of the day from the 28,000 Longhorn fans following a 73-yard touchdown run.

The list of five new contemporary (men since 1970, women since 1985) inductees are:

Craig Ehlo – Led the George Raveling-coached WSU basketball teams in 1982 and 1983, including an NCAA tournament berth, followed by a 14-year NBA career with Houston, Cleveland, Atlanta and Seattle...set several WSU records senior year and led the Pacific-10 Conference in steals...lives in Spokane and serves as a color commentator for FSN Northwest;

Keri Killebrew – Led coach Cindy Fredrick's 1990-91-92 Volleyball teams, including a first-ever NCAA tournament bid in 1991...became the Cougar's first volleyball All-American in 1992 after leading her team to the NIVC title and winning tournament MVP honors...after coaching for several years, now makes her home in Milwaukee, Wis., selling real estate;

Peter Koech – Set the world record in the 3,000m steeplechase in 1989, following a brilliant WSU career that included five Pacific-10 Conference titles and 11 NCAA All-America certificates...Silver medalist in the 1988 Olympics in the steeple...captured the 1984 NCAA indoor 3,000m title and in 1985 the NCAA outdoor steeple championship...now lives in Albuquerque, N.M.;

Bernard Lagat – WSU record holder for 800m, 1500m and the mile while earning 11 Pac-10 titles and four meet MVP honors, plus four NCAA titles and 11 All-America certificates...has competed in three Olympic Games, 2000 (Bronze in 1,500m), 2004 (Silver in 1,500m) for Kenya, and 2008 for USA after taking USA citizenship...just the third runner to capture world titles in both 1,500m and 5,000m...trains in Tucson and Germany;

Jim Walden – Brought stability to a struggling WSU football program in 1978 and three years later had the Cougars in the Holiday Bowl, WSU's first post-season appearance since the 1931 Rose Bowl...left WSU after the 1986 season as the second winningest Cougar coach, having defeated every team in the Pac-10 Conference...resides in Harrison, Idaho, and has been a member of WSU's football broadcast team since 2001.

The seven new honorees will join the current 113 members of the WSU Athletic Hall of Fame during campus ceremonies Sept. 18-19, the weekend of WSU's football game with SMU. The hall of fame was chartered in 1978, at the directive of then-WSU President Glenn Terrell and WSU Athletic Director Sam Jankovich.

Final arrangements including how to make reservations will be announced during the summer. Preliminary plans call for an induction dinner Friday evening, Sept. 18, with recognition of the new inductees at the Saturday football game.

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JOEL CRAIG EHLO - DOB/Location - Aug. 11, 1961 in Lubbock, Texas . **High School/Hometown** - Attended Monterey High in Lubbock, Texas...as a senior named to the All-District Four, All-City, All-Region One and All-Texas Athletic Basketball Conference teams...third team All-Texas and team's MVP winner...scored 455 points in final prep season...Dec. 21, 1995, the school retired Ehlo's Number 30, the first Plainsman basketball player to have his jersey retired and their only NBA product. **Junior College** - Odessa JC, Odessa, Texas. **WSU Athletics** -After transferring to WSU, Ehlo was a mainstay on two George Raveling teams, including the 1983 club that beat Boise State and lost to Virginia in the NCAA tournament...team finished 23-7 and ranked 24th nationally...won team's Jud Heathcote Inspirational Award both years, was on the All-Pac-10 rookie team and as a senior was All-Pac-10 honorable mention...shot a school record 55% from the field during Pac-10 games in 1983 and that season was the Pac-10 leader in assists (99 in league games, a WSU record)...finished the year with 135 total assists, second on WSU's single-season list...best game 37 points against Washington in his last regular season game...known for his "never quit" court play both as a Cougar and a pro. **Misc. College Information** - . **Post-College Information** - Spent 14 seasons in the NBA after being drafted in the third round of the 1983 draft by Houston (48th pick) of the NBA...with Houston three years, then picked up by Cleveland for the start of a seven-year stint, 1986-87 through 1992-93...Cavaliers won several divisional titles with Ehlo working his way into a prominent role...played with Atlanta in the 1994-95-96 seasons, then finished with Seattle Sonics in 1997...Houston was in the NBA playoffs in 1985 and 1986...Cleveland competed in the playoffs in 1988-89-90-92-93, while Atlanta was in the playoffs all three years Ehlo was on the roster. **Occupational Update** - After retirement from the NBA, settled in Spokane and was a boy's basketball coach in Spokane ...selected WSU's representative to the Pacific-10 Conference Basketball Hall of Honor at the league's tournament in 2002...Ehlo has spent the last several years as a color commentator on FSN Northwest basketball games, including Seattle Sonic and WSU games. **Spouse/Children** - Spouse: Janna; Children: sons Gavin and Austin and daughter Erica.

RICHARD B. FRY - DOB/Location - Oroville, Calif. **High School/Hometown** - Oroville (Calif.) High. **WSU Athletics** - Served as sports information director, 1957-70. **Misc. WSU Information** - Joined the WSU administration as an alumni and general university publications editor in 1952...he took over the athletic department's sports information office in 1957 and then in 1970, was named to head up the university's news and information operation, a position he held until retiring in 1985...a few years later he embarked on what many view as his greatest single contribution to WSU...WSU was approaching the school's 100th anniversary and he was asked to author a book on Cougar athletics covering the first 100 years...in all WSU produced three books, Fry's on athletics, one on student life and the third on the administrations over 100 years...the result of his three-year effort was *The Crimson and The Gray - 100 years with the Cougars*, a brilliant 368-page book that sold 4,339 copies (more than either of the other two books) and to this day provides the most accurate summary of WSU athletics ever assembled...the book was not a statistical summary, rather it is filled with stories of those who starred for and made WSU athletics something special...inducted into the Inland Empire Sports Hall of Fame Scroll of Honor in 1993...he has continued to stay active in Cougar athletics and has written countless features that have appeared in WSU programs and other publications...also has served two stints as a member of WSU's HOF Council, including the inaugural council in 1978. **Pre-WSU** - Attended San Jose State University, graduating in journalism in 1944...he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps (China-Burma-India Theatre), worked for United Press International in San Francisco and Reno and later was UPI Bureau Manager in Olympia, then news editor of the *Daily Advocate* in Chehalis before moving on to WSU. **Spouse** - Marilyn.

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KERI LEE KILLEBREW - DOB/Location - Feb. 1, 1970, Las Vegas, Nev. **High School/Hometown** - Standout at Rancho High, 1988, where she led her team to two consecutive unbeaten state championship seasons in the 1985 and 1986 seasons...they were also runners-up the following year (1987)...she was named to the first team all-state tournament twice. **WSU Athletics** - Followed Weber State coach Cindy Fredrick to WSU and sat out the 1989 season before becoming the team setter from 1990-92. She helped lead the Cougars to *their* first NCAA Championship bid in 1991...Killebrew was selected as the Cougars' first All-American volleyball player as a senior in 1992 after leading the Cougars to the National Invitational Volleyball Championship (NIVC)...there, they won an unprecedented 18-game sweep and she was named the tournament MVP...Killebrew was voted onto the All-Pac-10 teams in both 1991 and 1992 and became the 21st player in collegiate volleyball to reach the 5,000 career assists mark...her total of 5,848 assists places her eighth on the all-time NCAA Division 1 career assists standing. **Misc. College Information** - Spent one year at Weber State playing for future WSU head coach Cindy Fredrick...helped lead the Wildcats to a 32-8 record and an NCAA Championship bid in 1988. **Post-College Information** -Following graduation from WSU Killebrew was the strength and conditioning coach and setter coach at Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston, Idaho, 1993-94...the following year, 1994-95, she was an assistant coach for the Nevada Juniors Volleyball Club in Las Vegas...she joined Cindy Fredrick's Cougar coaching staff in January, 1995...after two seasons with the Cougars coached for a year at Fresno State, then entered private business sector (real estate) in Minneapolis, Minn. **Degree/Year** - Graduated from WSU in 1993 with a B.S. in physical education.

PETER KIPTOO KOECH - DOB/Location - Feb. 18, 1960, Kapsabet, Kenya. **High School/Hometown** - Attended Kaptel Secondary School, Kapsabet, Kenya, graduating in Dec. 1976...played soccer and volleyball along with running in track...won Kenyan cross country titles in 1980 and 1981 and won the national 1,500m titles the same years. **WSU Athletics** - One of WSU's most accomplished distance runners, earning 11 all-America certificates...in Pacific-10 Conference competition, captured five titles over 5,000 (2) and 10,000m (3)...in eight Pac-10 races, never finished worse than fourth...in NCAA indoor competition, finished sixth or better each year and won the 1984 3,000m titla...outdoors at NCAA competition, finished sixth or better six times, won seven All-America certificates and captured the 1985 Steeple title...Northern Division champion in cross-country his sophomore year (1982)...he held several WSU records, including 1500m...won 1984 NCAA indoor 3000m title...named to the 1984 NCAA Division I All-American Track and Field Team... cross country captain 1983 and 1984...during the summer of 1982 ran the 5,000m in 13:09.50 at Stockholm, the second fastest time ever recorded. **Misc. College Information** - Elected a finalist of the Amateur Athlete of the Year at the 1983 Inland Empire Sports Award Banquet. **Post-College Information** - **World record** holder at 3,000m Steeplechase (8:05.35)...set mark July 2, 1989 in Stockholm, breaking Henry Rono's (WSU 1976-79) record at the DN Galan IAAF Mobil Grand Prix...his record was the second oldest world record on the books...silver medalist in the 1988 Olympics in the steeplechase...won 1988 Bloomsday race... finished second to fellow countryman Julius Kariuki in the 1988 Seoul Olympics. **Degree/Year** - Received BA degree in social sciences in 1986.

BERNARD KIPCHIRCHIR LAGAT - DOB/Location - Dec. 12, 1974, Nandi District, Rift Valley Province, Kenya. **High School/Hometown** - Kaptel High, 1995. **WSU Athletics** - During Cougar career earned 11 NCAA All-America certificates in middle distance events from 800m to 5,000m...his WSU highlights included school records over 800m (1:47.07i), mile (3:55.65i) and distance medley relay (9:29.54i)...three times named Male Athlete of the Meet at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation indoor championships...also won meet MVP honors once at the Pac-10 Outdoor Championships and once at the NCAA Indoor Championships...during career won 11 conference titles and four NCAA championships...**Junior** year (1998-99) ran school record times in both the 800m (1:46.02, Paris) and 1,500m (3:34.48, Stuttgart)...also captured the Pac-10 1,500m title and the NCAA 5,000m title... **Misc. College Information** - . **Post-College Information** - Ranked as one of the world's top middle distance runners...in 2007 captured the world titles at both the 1,500m and the 5,000m, just the third runner to ever take both of those distance titles...in May 2004 became a USA citizen...ran for USA in the 2008 Olympics, but did not medal in the 1,500m or 5,000m...has won three world titles and finished second and third at the Olympics...in 2006 captured the USA outdoor 1,500 and 5,000m titles, while indoors he was the mile and 3,000m champion, the latter an American record...in 2007 won titles outdoors at 5,000 and 1,500, the later an American record. **Degree/Year** - Graduated Dec. 2000, with double major in management information systems and in decision science. **Spouse/Children** - Spouse: Gladys Tom; Children: Miika (son).

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JAMES (JIM) WALDEN - DOB/Location - April 10, 1938, Aberdeen Mississippi. **High School/Hometown** - Aberdeen High, 1956. **College** - Spent two years at Itawamba (Miss.) Junior College, then transferred to Wyoming, graduating in 1960...quarterbacked the Cowboys to two Skyline Conference titles and was named MVP of the team and the conference his senior year of 1959...played in the Jan. 1960 East-West Shrine Game, seeing action as both a quarterback and defensive back. **Coaching Career** - Began his coaching career at Amory (Miss.) High, 1964-68, serving as head football coach and athletic director...a member of the Nebraska staff 1969-72, coaching on defense while the Cornhuskers won two national championships...then moved to Miami, 1973-76, first coaching the Hurricane backfield before being promoted to defensive coordinator. **WSU Athletics** - Joined the Cougar football staff of Warren Powers for the 1977 season, then when Powers left WSU after one season, Walden was named the head coach by then Athletic Director Sam Jankovich...coached WSU from 1978 through 1986 and defeated every team in the Pac-10 at least once...finished Cougar career second in all-time victories with 44...in 1981, guided WSU to within a game of the Pac-10 title and then selection to play BYU in the Holiday Bowl, WSU's first bowl appearance since 1931...during his nine years at WSU was Pac-10 Coach of the Year in 1981, along with similar honors from UPI...assistant coach of the 1981 Japan Bowl, the 1982 East-West Shrine Game, then head coach of the winning West team in the E-W Shrine Game in 1985...an assistant coach in the 1986 Hula Bowl...left WSU to coach the Iowa State Cyclones, beginning in 1987...retired from coaching after the 1994 season with a 28-57-3 record at ISU. **Misc. College Information** - . **Post-College Information** - Moved to sports radio and TV programming in 1995, hosting shows in the Des Moines, Iowa, area...joined the WSU radio team in the fall of 2001 and continues to serve as Bob Robertson's color commentary on all WSU football radio broadcasts...took up full-time residence in Harrison, Idaho, in the summer of 2005. **Spouse/Children** - Wife: Janice (married while both were seniors at Wyoming) died Nov. 2005 following 2-year battle with cancer; Children: Lisa, Emily and Murray; Wife: Nancy, married 2007.

CARL TALMADGE "DUKE" WASHINGTON - DOB/Location -October 3, 1933 Forest, Miss . **High School/Hometown** - Pasco High School (Wash.), where he was the first African American ever named to the All-State football team. **WSU Athletics** -A native of Mississippi, as a senior he captained the 1954 Cougar squad...J. Fred Bohler Award winner...Associated Press All-American honorable mention and All-Coast second team...Inland Empire athlete of the year as a senior...tailback in 1955 East-West Shrine Game and led all backs in rushing...during senior (1954) year led WSU in rushing with 616 yards and scored three touchdowns...also caught seven passes...during career he rushed for 1,024 yards, scored eight TDs for 48 points, caught 10 passes for 39 yards and also completed two of four passes...October 2, 1954, Washington, as a starting fullback and senior for WSC, became the first African American to play in the vaunted Texas Longhorn's Memorial Stadium...at that time Texas had never had a black athlete...Texas athletic director D. X. Bible called WSU AD Stan Bates when he learned the Cougars had a black player and suggested it would be best if WSC left Washington home...Bates talked with WSU president C. Clement French, who immediately called Texas officials and said if Washington was not welcome, the WSC football team would stay home...so Texas officials agreed he could play, but he was not allowed to stay at the team hotel, rather a black family in the Austin area...during the game Washington became the first black to score a touchdown in Memorial Stadium (73 yards) and according to accounts in the *Austin Statesman*, received "the day's loudest cheers from 28,000 fans"...Washington was also on WSU's 1952 team that played at Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State) and followed the year after Drake's Johnny Bright, a Heisman candidate, was the first black to play at the Stillwater school...he was purposely injured and knocked out of that game by the Aggie players...Washington reported no incidents against the Aggies the following year. **Misc. College Information** - Pledged TKE and was their first black member at WSU...recruited by Forest Evashevski and played freshman ball under the College Football Hall of Fame coach...played three years for Al Kircher. **Post-College Information** - Drafted in 10th round by Philadelphia where he played two years under Don Coryell...later played with British Columbia of CFL after two years in the service...1962-67 Lincoln High art teacher; 1967 Chief Sealth teacher and assistant football coach; 1968-71 Franklin High dean of students and assistant football and track coach; 1971-82 University of Washington associate director of student services, then director of same; 1982-1986 West Seattle High director of learning enhancement center (also taught at Hamilton Middle School), 1986-2001 Ingraham High chair of art department. **Degree/Year** - 1959 graduate in interior design (finished after professional career ended) and then earned his teaching certificate in 1960. **Spouse/Children** - .