Nevada to induct five former Wolf Pack stars into Athletics Hall of Fame

Former Wolf Pack stars Suzy Catterson Kole, Joe Inglett, Geoff Noisy, Suzanne Stonebarger Barnes and Treamelle Taylor will be inducted into the University of Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame this October.

“This year’s Hall of Fame class features five outstanding former student-athletes who helped the University of Nevada to numerous team and individual championships, All-America certificates, school, conference and national records and NCAA championship appearances,” Wolf Pack Director of Athletics Cary Groth said. “Suzy Catterson Kole remains one of the most decorated swimmers in school history, earning All-America honors in the pool 12 times, while Joe Inglett was a key contributor on Nevada’s three Big West Conference championship and NCAA Regional baseball teams in 1997, 1999 and 2000. He was named the Big West Conference MVP in 2000 and also earned first-team All-Big West honors in 2000 and second-team honors in 1999. He appears in the school record book 18 times and still holds school career and single-season records for runs and hits. Inglett also set the school records for career and single-season batting average, hitting .384 in his career and .435 in 2000, and ranks in the top five in career games played, at-bats, doubles and triples. Inglett made his Major League debut with the Cleveland Indians on June 21, 2006. Geoff Noisy – Football (1995-98)

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2011 Nevada Hall of Fame Inductees:

Suzy Catterson Kole – Swimming & Diving (1996-99)

Suzy Catterson Kole earned 12 All-America certificates and helped the Wolf Pack to three Big West Conference championships during her distinguished Wolf Pack career. She was a three-time individual All-American, earning certificates in the 100 backstroke in 1997, the 100 freestyle in 1998 and the 100 backstroke in 1999. She was also a member of nine relay teams that won All-America honors and 11 that won Big West championships. Kole won four individual Big West championships, including three consecutive 100 backstroke titles (1997-99), and appears in the Wolf Pack record book 10 times. She still holds the school record for the 100 backstroke and was part of the fastest 400 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams in school history.


A 2000 All-American by Baseball Weekly, Baseball America and ABCA/Rawlings, Joe Inglett was a key contributor on Nevada’s three Big West Conference championship and NCAA Regional baseball teams in 1997, 1999 and 2000. He was named the Big West Conference MVP in 2000 and also earned first-team All-Big West honors in 2000 and second-team honors in 1999. He appears in the school record book 18 times and still holds school career and single-season records for runs and hits. Inglett also set the school records for career and single-season batting average, hitting .384 in his career and .435 in 2000, and ranks in the top five in career games played, at-bats, doubles and triples. Inglett made his Major League debut with the Cleveland Indians on June 21, 2006.
team selection at wide receiver, Geoff Noisy was the winner of Nevada’s Golden Helmet Award as team MVP in 1998 and was the Wolf Pack’s Offensive Player of the Year in 1996. He set the NCAA Division I-A record for career receptions with 295 (since broken) and still ranks eighth in the NCAA in career receptions. He fell just short of the all-time, all-division mark of 301 catches set by Jerry Rice after being hindered by a hamstring pull in his final three games and still ranks eighth in the NCAA in career receiving yards and 14th in career yards per game. He ranked third in the nation with 94 catches and 1277 yards per game in 1998. Noisy ranks second in career receiving yards and receptions behind Nevada Hall of Fame inductee Trevor Insley and holds three of the top 10 single-season marks in school history for both receptions and receiving yards.


One of the top players in the history of the Wolf Pack volleyball program, Suzanne Stonebarger Barnes ‘03 (speech communications) earned all-conference honors in three of her four years at Nevada. She was a two-time All-WAC selection (first team in 2000 and second team in 2001) and was named to the All-Big West freshman team and second-team all-conference squad in 1998. She appears in the Wolf Pack record book 10 times, ranking seventh in career kills (1,198) and 10th in career service aces (99). She also holds three of the top 10 single-season marks and four of the top 10 single-match records for digs, including the school record with 38 digs at San Jose State in 2000. A former member of Team USA, Barnes has gone on to have a successful AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour career with fellow Wolf Pack alumna Michelle More ’05 (management).

Treamelle Taylor – Football (1989-90)

Treamelle Taylor ’93 (general studies) earned first-team Associated Press All-America honors in 1990, helping Nevada to the Big Sky championship and NCAA Division I-AA national championship game against Georgia Southern that year. He was named a first-team All-Big Sky Conference selection as both a wide receiver and a kick returner in both 1989 and 1990. He led the team in receiving, kick and punt returns and all-purpose yardage in 1990 and set the school record for single-season receptions with 64 in 1989 (since broken). He set the school record for single-game receiving yards with 299 in his first start in 1989 (vs. Montana), while his 299 yards were the single-game high in the nation that year and although since broken, still rank third on Nevada’s single-game chart. He still ranks 14th in career receiving yards at Nevada with 1,845 and was fourth when he ended his stellar two-year career.

Including this year’s five honorees, 159 individuals and two teams have been selected for induction in the Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame since its inception in 1973. Plaques honoring each inductee can be found in the Hall of Fame Room at Legacy Hall, which is open to the public during business hours.

The group will be inducted into Nevada’s Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 7 at the Hall of Fame Dinner in the Silver Legacy. They will also be recognized at halftime of the Hall of Fame football game against UNLV on Saturday, Oct. 8 at Mackay Stadium.

For more information or to purchase tickets for this year’s Hall of Fame Dinner, call (775) 682-6902. Tickets for the Hall of Fame game are available at (775) 348-PACK (7225) or online at www.nevadawolfpack.com.
Nevada launches Wolf Pack Varsity Club to unify past and present

The University of Nevada is starting the Wolf Pack Varsity Club as a way to reconnect with former student-athletes, coaches, cheer and dance members, and staff to the athletics department.

The mission of the Wolf Pack Varsity Club will be to promote the legacy, pride, loyalty and values that are part of Nevada Athletics.

“We are very excited to launch the Wolf Pack Varsity Club,” said Mike Micone, a former Wolf Pack football student-athlete and inaugural president of the Wolf Pack Varsity Club. “We have such a rich tradition of success at the University of Nevada, and this is a much-needed element to bring the Wolf Pack family together and unify the past with the present. With the University of Nevada moving into the Mountain West Conference, it is time for our former student-athletes and staff to come together and be an integral part of the continued success of Wolf Pack Athletics.”

The 2011-12 school year will mark the inaugural season for the Wolf Pack Varsity Club and membership will be free for the first year. After the inaugural year, dues will range from $10 to $40 annually, depending on years from graduation, while new graduates will receive a free one-year membership. Lifetime memberships will also be available for $1,000.

Members will receive an exclusive Wolf Pack Varsity Club medallion, invitation to an annual event, newsletter, members-only clothing line and a 20 percent discount on all Wolf Pack season tickets.

The fall of 2011 will mark the inaugural Wolf Pack Varsity Club event as members will be presented their medallions during the Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, Oct. 7 at the Silver Legacy. Nevada will also host a Wolf Pack Varsity Club tailgate party for members prior to the Hall of Fame football game vs. UNLV on Saturday, Oct. 8. Cost for the dinner is $50 per person, while the tailgate and UNLV ticket will be free for members and $20 per person for guests.

Former student-athletes, coaches, cheerleaders, dance team members and staff are encouraged to sign up for the Wolf Pack Varsity Club using the online questionnaire at www.NevadaWolfPack.com.

More information about the Wolf Pack Varsity Club is available by contacting Trisha Gibbons, (775) 682-6901 or tgibbons@unr.edu.

NevadaTickets offers one-stop shopping for University tickets

The Legacy Hall Ticket Office and Lawlor Events Center have joined together to form NevadaTickets, a single ticketing source for athletics, Lawlor Events Center and University of Nevada Performing Arts events.

To better serve Wolf Pack customers and the community, all athletics ticket sales have relocated to the Lawlor Events Center box office on the ground level at the southwest corner of Virginia and 15th Streets. Wolf Pack fans should now go to the Lawlor Events Center for all of their ticketing needs, including new season or individual game ticket purchases and service on current season ticket accounts. The Link Piazzo Ticket Office at Legacy Hall will now only serve as will call on football game days.

NevadaTickets has partnered with Tickets-West of Spokane, Wash., to handle all of its ticketing needs, marking the first time that Lawlor Events Center and Nevada Athletics will use the same ticket system.

Benefits to Wolf Pack fans include a website, www.MyNevadaTickets.com, with online ticket sales for all events, scanners in Mackay Stadium and Lawlor Events Center, as well as a print-at-home option that will reduce will call lines. In the future, NevadaTickets will be adding retail outlets as additional points-of-sale for tickets.

“NevadaTickets is a one-stop shop for tickets for all University-related events, whether it be athletics, concerts or performing arts. The creation of NevadaTickets is really about offering the northern Nevada community more convenience and choices,” said Ann Larson, director of Lawlor Events Center. “It will also give our fans the opportunity to buy tickets in real time with the same seats available whether you are buying online, at Lawlor Events Center or at retail outlets in the future.”

Information on tickets for all athletics events is also available at www.NevadaWolfPack.com.
Wolfie Jr. to battle to become Capital One Mascot of the Year

University of Nevada mascot, Wolfie Jr., has been selected to the 10th annual Capital One All-America Mascot Team and will battle to become the Capital One National Mascot of the Year.

The 16 mascots, representing nine conferences and including several natural gridiron rivalries, will go head-to-head throughout the college football season in a battle royale determined exclusively by fan voting. When the dust—and fur—settles, one lucky creature will be named the Capital One National Mascot of the Year at the 2012 Capital One Bowl.

“We are so excited for Wolfie Jr. to be a part of the Capital One Mascot Challenge,” Nevada cheer coach Kim Anastassatos said. “This is the first time for Nevada to make the mascot team, and we want to be great contenders to win the entire contest. Wolfie Jr. needs votes, lots of them, and we are calling on all Nevada fans to vote for Wolfie Jr., by text, Facebook or the Capital One mascot web page.”

Though visibly thrilled to be named to the Capital One Mascot Team, Wolfie Jr. had no comment on the honor, as he cannot speak.

This year’s field is comprised of a talented variety of species, including an eclectic mix of mammals and reptiles. As in years past, the only things that eclipse the gargantuan size of the mascots’ heads is their boundless energy and relentless commitment to claiming the title by any means necessary.

Members of the 2011 Capital One All-America Mascot Team, as nominated by their schools and selected by a panel of judges from Capital One and the mascot community, include: Arizona’s Wilbur T. Wildcat, Auburn’s Aubie, Maryland’s Testudo, Georgia’s Hairy Dawg, Ohio State’s Brutus Buckeye, Oregon’s Duck, Georgia Tech’s Buzz, Iowa State’s Cy, Michigan State’s Sparty, LSU’s Mike the Tiger, Nevada’s Wolfie Jr., Oklahoma’s Boomer, Old Dominion’s Big Blue, Oregon State’s Benny Beaver, TCU’s SuperFrog and Western Kentucky’s Big Red.

“All mascots look forward to this day with anticipation, as we seek the recognition we deserve for our tireless efforts and unwavering loyalty to our schools,” defending champion, Big Blue of Old Dominion University, said through a mascot interpreter. “It’s a true measure of our self worth. I know what it takes to be named Capital One Mascot of the Year and I am not going to let any muscle-bound Spartan, buck-toothed Beaver or freaky-looking Frog derail my quest for a second straight title.”

New this year, fans will be able to view never told before stories for each mascot to learn more about their journey to become National Mascot of the Year. The videos will be available on www.CapitalOneBowl.com and www.Facebook.com/MascotChallenge all season long.

The 16 mascots will go head-to-furry-head for 12 weeks during the college football regular season in a voting contest to determine the Capital One National Mascot of the Year. Regular season voting officially opened on Aug. 29 and continues weekly through Nov. 21. The top eight mascots with the best head-to-head records will then compete in a bracket-style, single-elimination competition to determine the overall winner.

Fans can vote at www.CapitalOneBowl.com, on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/MascotChallenge and via text voting.

The Capital One National Mascot of the Year will be announced at the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 2, 2012 and will be awarded a $20,000 scholarship to help fund its school’s mascot program. Each of the 2011 Capital One All-America team members receives $5,000 for their university mascot program.