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### **Koopman, Cordes to be inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame**

For Immediate Release: September 23, 2008 Morris, Minn. – A women's basketball player that dominated women's basketball in the 70's and a men's player in the mid 90's will be inducted into the 2008 Cougar Hall of Fame during the UMM Alumni Association Banquet to be held during Homecoming weekend October 3-5, 2008.

This year's inductees are Carol Koopman and Jason Cordes.

Carol Koopman was a member of the Cougar women's basketball team from 1973-1977. A look at the record book and you will see her named listed several times.

A 1977 graduate of Minnesota, Morris, Koopman also competed in volleyball and track while at UMM, but her big love was on the basketball court.

Koopman currently holds the single game record for rebounds with 25. She also shares the single season record for points per game at 19.1, a feat she accomplished during the 1974-75 season. Carol is also third on the career rebounding list and 10<sup>th</sup> overall in career scoring with 1,151.

Koopman served as captain of the Cougar volleyball and basketball teams, earned all-conference honors as well in both sports and was named the 1977 University of Minnesota, Morris Honor Athlete.

As a member of the UMM track & field team, she participated in two regional meets in shot put, high jump and javelin.

After graduating from UMM she played professional women's basketball in the WBL for the Minnesota-Fillies and the Milwaukee Does.

Koopman currently lives in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, just outside of Milwaukee, where she has been employed for the past 17 years at U.S. Bank. Carol loves golfing, traveling and gardening.

Jason Cordes, a 1995 graduate of the University of Minnesota, Morris also set several records as a member of the Cougar men's basketball team from 1991-1995.

Cordes is tied for most three-point field goals made in a game with nine.

He holds the single season record for three-point field goal attempts with 243 and three pointers made in a season with 107 during the 1992-93 campaign.

His 268 career three pointers set a state collegiate record for most career three pointers.

A member of the Cougar men's 1,000 point club, Cordes is currently fourth in scoring with 1,608.

Jason was a three year starter for the UMM men's basketball team, three years named a captain, earned all-conference honors three times as well as earning All-District accord three times.

In 1995 he was named Academic All-American and played on the 1993 and 94 teams that won the NSIC (Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference) championships.

Cordes played on the 1993 team that won the district championship and made it to the NAIA Elite Eight and the 1995 team that won the district title and once again advanced to the NAIA National Tournament.

Cordes not only displayed his athletic abilities on the hardwood floor; he also took them to the baseball field as a member of the Cougar baseball team where he was a three year starter.