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ORANGE, Calif., Aug. 2, 2005 -- Chapman University is inviting its former athletes and its 76 Sports Hall of Fame members to a reunion Oct. 15 during the university's alumni and family reunion festivities, to honor their achievements both on and off the playing fields. The reception for past and present student-athletes is scheduled at 5 p.m. in Chapman's Argyros Forum.

Among the most notable names in the Chapman University Sports Hall of Fame, established in 1979, are the late Emmett Ashford 41, the first African-American umpire in major league baseball and former sports editor of the Chapman Panther newspaper; Randy Jones 72, who won the Cy Young Award as the National League's best pitcher in baseball; and infielder Tim Flannery 78, who retired from his long major-league baseball career and became a successful singer-songwriter. Both Jones and Flannery played for the San Diego Padres.

Former Chapman student-athletes and Hall of Fame members should contact Vaughan Kelley 62, chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, at (714) 549-3193 or e-mail him at vk1934@aol.com.