Longevity is a key word for the Class of 2001 UW-Stout Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees. Five of the six inductees made immediate impact on the Blue Devil athletic landscape as first year performers and continued to put their names out front throughout their careers. The sixth, Orv Nelson, who was named to the Hall of Fame as an honorary member, was an athlete at Stout, but it was his work as a faculty athletic representative and Blue Devil backer for nearly 40 years that earned his way into the Hall.

Dan Doucette
A two-time national runner-up, Dan Doucette set the stage for an up-and-coming Blue Devil track program. After transferring to Stout from Eau Claire where he placed in the top three in the WSUC outdoor meet as a freshman, Doucette went on to win the WSUC 400-outdoor hurdle title in 1986, then defended his title in 1987. Doucette went on to place second at the NCAA Division III outdoor championships that season, then redshirted the following season. Doucette qualified to the national meet again in the 400-hurdles, and took his second runner-up award. Doucette won conference titles in the indoor 200-hurdles in 1989, indoor 220-hurdles in 1987, the outdoor 400-hurdles in 1986 and 1987 and 400-meter run in 1986. Doucette also qualified to the national indoor meet in 1989 in the open 440 and the 55 hurdles. Upon graduation, Doucette held five school records, of which three are still standing — the outdoor 400-hurdles (52.32), and the indoor records of the 55-hurdles (7.71) and 200-hurdles (24.76). Doucette is a packaging engineer at Oscar Mayer Foods in Madison.

Scott Fredrickson
The all-time leading career scorer and receiver in Stout football history, Scott Fredrickson was a four-time all-conference pick at three different positions — return specialist (1990), tight end (1993) and wide receiver (1994). Fredrickson was a two-time NAIA Division III All-American and was a first team NAIA All-American in 1989. Fredrickson holds a commanding lead for Division title all four years of Larson’s career and was the WSUC overall champion in 1990. The team captain in 1989 and 1990, Larson’s name appears on almost every Blue Devil statistical record list and he is the career leader in runs batted in (141) and doubles (157). Larson is currently fourth on the career list in hits (174), home runs (26), at-bats (485) and walks (79). Currently residing in Menomonie, Larson is employed by Celestica in Chippewa Falls as a production operations manager.

Dale LaViolette
A 10-time all-conference swimmer, Dale LaViolette scattered his conference titles around, winning at least one WSUC title during each of his four years, topping his career as a senior when he qualified to the NAIA national meet in four events — the 100- and 200-yard backstroke, 400-medley and 50-freestyle. During his career, LaViolette, who qualified to nationals all four years, earned seven NAIA All-America titles. A two-time team captain and most valuable swimmer, LaViolette set school and conference records in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke. The 1977 WSUC scholar-athlete with a 3.9 GPA, LaViolette taught at Neenah High School for three years where he began the swimming program as a first year teacher. After working four years in the construction field, LaViolette returned to the classroom in 1984 at Gibraltar High School where he coached boys and girls cross country teams, taking a team to state all nine years and finishing with two runner-up titles. LaViolette began the High Tech program at the high school in 1994 and currently coaches summer swimming programs at the local YMCA in Sturgeon Bay.

Karen Mueser
As the first four-year female athlete at Stout, Karen Mueser has to be considered a groundbreaker in women’s athletics at the university. Mueser participated in gymnastics from 1966–70 when there were five all-around events — vault, uneven bars, balance beam, floor exercise and trampoline. A native of Chicago where she competed in the German Athletic Club, Mueser led Stout to the state intermediate gymnastics championship, beating perennial favorite La Crosse State. Mueser went on to coach gymnastics while teaching junior high school in the Chicago area, and has been employed by Sears, Roebuck & Company as a senior product engineer.