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## Dugout Chatter

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**Championship Club Members Donate over \$35,000**

Dear Members,

Another summer has come and gone. After finishing one of our most successful seasons we have begun gearing up for another school year.

I'm proud to announce that the administration has named Matt Magers as the Associate Head Baseball Coach for the Maverick baseball program. Matt has been with the program for six years and the title is well deserved. He does a great job recruiting and working with the pitchers.

Our son-in-law, Jerry Olszewski, accepted the defensive coordinator position at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Deana, Jett, and Jersey will be moving and we wish them well.

We have recruited a couple quality freshman and six transfers to replace the veterans we lost last season to the draft and graduation. We feel these key additions will make us very competitive and enable us to make a good run at defending our conference championship.

The 2007 season will begin February 9 in the Metrodome against the University of Mary. This is the earliest start date we have ever had. We will also make trips to Georgia and Missouri in February. We are looking forward to visiting our baseball friends in Arizona this year during our spring trip. Your contributions allow us to make these trips and we greatly appreciate giving these guys that opportunity.

Many of you have received the registration form for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Golf Classic on September 23 at 11:00am. We had a great time last year and I look forward to seeing many of you there again this year. Registration forms can be found at the MSU Baseball website: [www.msumavericks.com/clubs/baseball](http://www.msumavericks.com/clubs/baseball)

A special thank you to all who helped raise over \$35,000 for the first time in the Championship Club history. We have highlighted the donors on the back page. I apologize if your name has been left off. Please notify me if this has happened so we can make the correction and give you the deserved credit.

In Baseball,

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Golf Classic September 23

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Minnesota State University, Mankato Baseball Alumni Golf Classic will be September 23, 2006 at North Links Golf Course in North Mankato. The Classic, which will begin at 11:00am, is an annual fundraising event on behalf of MSU Baseball. All money raised during the event is directly used by the baseball program. Friends, family, and alumni of MSU Baseball have played a key role in the Mavericks 20 Conference Championships in the last 30 years. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams along with hole prizes. For more information and a registration form log onto the Mavericks Championship Club website

[www.msumavericks.com/clubs/baseball](http://www.msumavericks.com/clubs/baseball) or call Dean Bowyer at 507-389-2689.

"Where are they now?"



This past summer questionnaires were sent out to MSU alumni. Each *Dugout Chatter* issue we will feature Maverick alumni.

**Aaron Olson**— played four years (2B/OF) from 2000-2003 and graduated in 2004 with a Physical Education degree. Originally from Fergus Falls, MN, Aaron lives in Mankato with his wife, Kim, and works at Wells Fargo Financial.

**Jeff Sjoberg**— played four years (SS) at MSU from 1981-1984. Drafted by the Chicago Cubs after his senior year. Jeff lives in Lakeville, MN with wife Kris and their children Ty, Caroline, and Polly. Jeff currently runs his own Construction Company and coaches his children in various sports.

**Ron Stuedemann**— graduated in 1966 after playing four years (3B) at MSU and graduating with Business Admin. and Economic degrees. Ron and his spouse Jane live in Coon Rapids, MN and they have two children, Michael and Alex. Ron is retired from Medtronic and enjoys fishing, biking, and golfing in his spare time.

## Dolenc and McMurtry Selected in MLB Draft

Minnesota State junior outfielder **Mark Dolenc** and senior pitcher **Matt McMurtry** were selected in the Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft held June 6-7. They become the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Mavericks to be selected in the MLB Draft.

Dolenc was selected in the 15th round, 456th overall, by the Minnesota Twins. Dolenc led MSU with a .366 batting average and 16 steals (was 16-for-16 in stolen base attempts) in 2006 and was a First Team All-North Central Conference selection. The Eagan, Minn., native had a team-high 18-game hitting streak during the course of the season and was named NCC Player of the Week following the conference postseason tournament in which his grand slam in the league championship game powered MSU to 7-5 win over Nebraska-Omaha. An All-NCC Conference Honorable Mention selection his sophomore year in 2005, Dolenc hit .352 with six home runs, 34 runs batted in and had 22 steals in 22 attempts for this three-year MSU career. He also went 11-6 with a 3.36 earned run average as a pitcher during the course of his tenure with the Mavericks.

McMurtry was selected in the 31<sup>st</sup> round, 926<sup>th</sup> overall, by the San Francisco Giants. McMurtry, a 5-11, 180 lb. native of North Platte, Neb., completed his senior season with a 10-3 mark. A two-time *First Team All-Region* selection and a three-time *All-North Central Conference First Team* pick, he established a MSU career record for wins (28-8). He led the Mavericks in 2006 in wins (10), IP (80.1) and starts (14). McMurtry was a First Team All-Region pick in 2006 and 2005 and a Second Team selection in 2004. The Mavericks finished the season with a 43-13 record winning the NCC championship and finishing as the Central Regional runner-ups to Emporia State.

Dolenc and McMurtry join **Kevin Dixon (Cleveland Indians)**, **Andy Kreidermacher (Colorado Rockies)**, **Richie Austin** and **Jason Cierlik** as former Mavericks currently playing professional baseball.

Austin, a right-handed outfielder, is in his sixth year of professional baseball currently playing for the Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks in the Northern League. In 2005, Austin had a .337 batting average in 90 games with the RedHawks and was selected to the Northern League All-Star team where he was named the All-Star game Most Valuable Player.

Cierlik, a left-handed pitcher, is in his fifth year of professional baseball currently playing for the Sioux Falls Canaries of the American Association. He was a 23<sup>rd</sup> round selection of the Baltimore Orioles in the 2002 MLB Draft.