

DEAR ALUMNI, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS OF MSU BASEBALL,

AS YOU KNOW, THIS PAST YEAR WAS COACH BOWYER'S 32<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL YEAR AT MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO (MSU). I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS THE NEXT HEAD BASEBALL COACH. OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS AT MSU, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MANY OF YOU AND I LOOK FORWARD MAINTAINING THESE RELATIONSHIPS ALONG WITH BUILDING NEW ONES. I AM ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE THE TRADITION AND LEAD THE PROGRAM INTO THE NORTHERN SUN INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE.

NEW TO THE COACHING STAFF THIS YEAR IS ADAM CHRIST, WHO IS ORIGINALLY FROM WASECA AND PLAYED FOR MSU ALUM TINK LARSON. HE SPENT THE LAST FOUR YEARS AT THE RIPKEN ACADEMY IN BALTIMORE, MD. LAKEVILLE NATIVE ANDY JUDKINS WILL BE OUR GRADUATE ASSISTANT THE NEXT TWO YEARS. HE PLAYED AT IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND CONCORDIA-ST.PAUL. BOTH ADAM AND ANDY HAVE A GREAT PASSION FOR THE GAME AND WILL BE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE RECRUITING PROCESS OF TOP STUDENT ATHLETES, ALONG WITH COACHING THESE ATHLETES TO CONTINUE TO PRODUCE CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD, OFF THE FIELD, AND IN THE COMMUNITY.

OUR TEAM RECENTLY FINISHED OUR 24 FALL PRACTICES AND IS CURRENTLY GEARING UP FOR THE 2009 SEASON. WITH YOUR HELP, THE TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE TRIPS TO FLORIDA, GEORGIA, AND MISSOURI. THIS YEAR'S TEAM WILL FEATURE A GOOD MIX OF RETURNEES AND NEWCOMERS, AND HAS THE POTENTIAL TO RANK RIGHT UP THERE WITH ALL THE OTHER SUCCESSFUL TEAMS THAT HAVE WORN THE MAVERICK UNIFORM.

OUR FRIENDS OF MSU BASEBALL CONTINUE TO IMPRESS US WITH THEIR LOYALTY SHOWN THROUGH THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OUR **BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB**. LAST YEAR DONORS SET A NEW RECORD GIVING OVER \$40,000!

THE DEAN BOWYER ENDOWMENT HAS REACHED THE GOAL OF \$25,000. THIS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO A BUSINESS MAJOR. THE MCCARTHY FAMILY BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO HONOR JEAN MCCARTHY, FORMER MSU BASEBALL COACH (1962-1976), HAS REACHED ITS \$50,000 GOAL.

IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A CALL FROM A CURRENT STUDENT WITH THE MSU ANNUAL FUND ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER A TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFT TO SUPPORT THE **BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB**, THE **BOWYER ENDOWMENT**, OR THE **MCCARTHY ENDOWMENT**. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, YOUR SUPPORT HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN OUR TWENTY-SIX CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE LAST FORTY YEARS. REMEMBER THAT EACH CONTRIBUTION, NO MATTER WHAT AMOUNT, MAKES A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES EXPERIENCE. YOU CAN ALSO STAY UP TO DATE BY CHECKING US OUT ON THE WEB AT [WWW.MSUMAVERICKS.COM/CLUBS/BASEBALL](http://WWW.MSUMAVERICKS.COM/CLUBS/BASEBALL).

IN BASEBALL,

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HEAD BASEBALL COACH  
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO