



Dugout Chatter

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Dear Championship Club Members,

I hope everyone has had a safe and eventful winter. From January 18 until the end of February the team practiced six days a week inside the Fieldhouse.

I was informed that January 2006 I will be inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Thank you to all the alumni over the past 29 years that have made it possible and to Jim Dimmick, former St. Olaf coach, for the recommendation.

The annual Georgia trip March 1-5 saw the team split four games with West Georgia. The players were fortunate to stay with host parents along with getting a chance to practice outside. The highlight of the trip was watching MSU alum, Tom Lilledahl, getting tossed during the second game.

Upon returning from Georgia we received bad news in learning that the administration was taking away the junior varsity program due to Title IX and gender

equity policy. I can't begin to express how important the junior varsity is for the program.

March 14-19 the team was on the annual Texas trip. We came back with a 5-2 record including a 7-3 victory over #8 ranked St. Mary's University. Once again we had over 50 family members and friends that were there to cheer us on.

This week we travel to Forest City, IA and Des Moines, IA to play four games against Waldorf and Grandview. Our first home game is scheduled for April 5 against Southwest MN St. starting at 2:00.

We have updated our donor list and will accept checks at any time! We have had over 160 donors who have raised \$26,000, \$5,000 of which is from the Pitching-In Fund. We are well on our way to our goal of \$30,000! Your support enables us to take trips like we have so far this season. Make sure to check our website for more information about the program. Paul Allan and the Athletic Communication staff do a great job updating the site.

In Baseball,

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Bowyer to be Inducted Into ABCA Hall of Fame

American Baseball Coaches Association officials have announced that Minnesota State baseball coach **Dean Bowyer** has been selected for induction into the *ABCA Hall of Fame*.

Bowyer's induction will take place January 6, 2006 in conjunction with the organization's annual convention in Chicago.

Bowyer, a 1966 Mayville State grad, is in his 29th season at Minnesota State and his 33rd season as a collegiate head coach.

Bowyer, who has led the Mavericks to 19 conference titles and is a nine-time *NCC Coach of the Year*, owns a 947-428-7 (.664) mark in his tenure at MSU and stands 921-479-7 (.658) as a college head coach. One of the most respected baseball men in the Midwest, Bowyer stands sixth on the NCAA Division II active coaches' wins lists and he ranks eighth on the all-time list.

The Ada, Minn., native has led the Mavericks to 18 NCAA post-season appearances and berths in three NCAA Division II World Series. In addition to two All-America selections, many all-region and all-conference picks, over 40 Bowyer-produced players have signed professional contracts. The 2002 team had an unprecedented four players that were drafted by major league teams and another signed a free agent deal.