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Senior Salute 2004

# A Word From Coach Whaley

**I**t's hard to believe how fast the last four years have flown by. This senior class has been through its share of ups and downs, and I'd like to take a moment to recognize each one.

**TONY CICALLELO:** Named to the MIAC All-Conference team and Midwest Regional team as a junior, Tony has picked up where he left off and is surpassing his 2003 numbers in his final season. Beyond his outstanding offensive production this spring has been his positive approach and outstanding leadership during a difficult season. Tony has come to the park and played with great energy everyday. He has battled, kept his head up and attacked his senior campaign with pride, class and determination. Tony's love and enthusiasm for the game will be missed next year.

**ROB KIMLINGER:** Named to the MIAC All-Conference team as a sophomore, Rob has had many moments of greatness throughout his four-years as a starter. Blessed with tremendous athletic ability and baseball instinct, Rob has been a highlight reel throughout his career. In his first two years as a Cardinal, he was one of the main ingredients in our MIAC playoff runs. It has been unfortunate for Rob and SMU Baseball that a knee and quad injury have prevented him from having a senior season he is capable of that would cap a tremendous four years. Despite the injury, his resolve to contribute has allowed him to lead our team in several offensive categories while playing at far less than full strength. Robby's ability to make the unbelievable play and his calmness on the field will be missed next year.



**SETH PUGH:** Seth has been a three-year starter and four-year battler for the Cardinals. Next to the term "catcher" in the baseball dictionary could be a picture of Seth. He has displayed many of the qualities and characteristics associated with an old-time, tough as nails "backstop." It has been rewarding to see his offensive production emerge and his home run totals soar. In addition to his work behind the plate, he has treated his teammates and coaches to his natural humor and ability to genuinely make people laugh. Seth's humor and unique outlook on life will be missed next year.

**ARIC KITTLESON:** Over the past four years, Aric has been asked to pitch our most difficult nonconference games against the toughest opponents. Aric willingly took the ball and gave us a chance to win almost every time out. Blessed with wisdom and maturity beyond his

years, Aric has been a solid and consistent performer on the mound in this his senior season. He has gone head to head with the top pitchers in the conference and more than held his own. Aric's intelligence, maturity and solid presence will be missed next season.

**ROB HOLLNAGEL:** Most pitchers are reluctant to change in mechanics or style. Not true of Robby. Three years ago Coach

Huegel asked Robby to lower his delivery and try throwing from "down-under." Through tremendous dedication, Rob was able to get comfortable with the new approach and become an effective pitcher for the Cardinals. Robby was our most pleasant surprise and most consistent pitcher in 2003. This spring Robby has done everything asked of him, having logged a ton of innings and pitched on little or no rest when needed. Rob's selflessness, commitment to his teammates, and willingness to throw everyday will be missed next season.

**NICK STEIG:** One of the most dominant closers in Cardinal baseball history, Nick was nearly a sure thing whenever he

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### **WHALEY'S FAREWELL**, from the front

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took the mound with the game on the line and our team in the lead. Nick would come at hitters with his trademark short arm delivery, hard fastball, and over the top curve. Pressure situations only seemed to bring out the best in Steiger. Nick's numbers would be considerably more impressive if not for an injury to his throwing arm as a sophomore. Never the less, he battled back for an excellent junior season and was poised to join the starting rotation this year. He has given us quality starts and a chance to win every time he has gone to the hill. Nick's ability to pitch with the game on the line and his fascinating baseball drawings will be missed.

**TO THE PARENTS:** From Texas to Morehead, Miami to Memphis, and back home in Winona, our senior parents could be found rooting for the Cardinals and supporting their sons. No group of parents has traveled better nor logged as many miles or battled as many blustery afternoons to watch the Cardinals

play baseball. It was always comforting to know that no matter where we played, we would have supportive fans. And like the seniors, each parent has had a positive impact on the program in his/her own special way. I thank you for all that you have done for Saint Mary's University and in support of Cardinal baseball. I thank you for the sandwiches between games, for the team pictures sent through e-mail (Coach Whaley still can't figure out how to open them), for the inspiring books at Christmas time, and amusing (but not effective) political gifts. I thank you for the wonderful team dinners, for the Green Bay Packer education (?), and for traveling to watch the team even when your son was not going to pitch. I thank you for the words of encouragement and friendly advice. Most of all, I thank you for sending six outstanding young men to Saint Mary's University and entrusting my staff and I with a small portion of their education and upbringing. It has been an honor and a privilege to coach your son and for that I will always be grateful.

# *A Word From Pitching Coach Benji Huegel*

**W**orking with this group of pitchers has been truly rewarding, and I am going to miss each and every one of them.

**ARIC KITTLESON:** Aric is, by far, the most well-rounded, mature individual that I have ever coached. From the time he arrived here at Saint Mary's, it was evident although he was only a freshman, there was a sense of confidence when he took the mound. As he has developed as a pitcher, his maturity has shown through in the many times we have sent him to the mound. Although he doesn't have an overpowering fastball, there have been quite a few times when he has overpowered teams with his ability to dominate the strike zone and shut down the running game from the mound. Aric, it's been a great experience working with you over the past four years. I will miss all of the great conversations we've had. I wish you the best of luck in the future.

**ROB HOLLNAGEL:** Two weeks into Rob's sophomore season, I did something that I've never done to any other pitcher. I asked Rob to totally change his throwing motion from a low \_ delivery to a full blown submariner. I can't say enough about the amount of trust Rob has placed in me over

the past four years. His excitement for, and love of, the game of baseball was clearly evident in his dedication and willingness to do whatever it was going to take to become a successful college pitcher. Rob, I'll miss the amount of excitement and energy that you brought to the field each and every day. I'll have a tough time finding somebody who can debate the merits of an average knuckleball as well as you! Good luck in the future!

**NICK STEIG:** It took until Nick's sophomore year for me to realize how competitive of an individual he was. I'll never forget that day at practice while working on dry mechanics; I asked him what batter he was facing. His response, "The guy from St. Olaf that got the hit off me." It takes a very special individual to take on the amount of responsibility and pressure that comes with being a team's closer, and Nick Steig did it as good as anybody in the MIAC over the past four seasons. Although he hasn't been able to spend as much time with us this season as he would have liked, I know we are all very excited about his dedication and enthusiasm towards preparing himself for a much greater responsibility. Nick, you will be missed greatly next year. We'll keep our eyes on the Class of 2022, even if he is a righty! Good luck in the future!

# SMU BASEBALL



**#1**

**Aric  
Kittleson**

Senior / Pitcher  
Prescott, WI

# SMU BASEBALL

Name	Aric Kittleson
Hometown	Prescott, Wis.
Position	Pitcher
Year	Senior
Major	Mathematics

		By the Numbers						
Year	ERA	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2003	4.55	2-3	29.2	30	18	15	8	10
2004	7.47	3-3	37.1	53	33	31	11	21
Totals	6.18	5-6	67.0	83	51	46	19	31

## Aric Bids Farewell

As I look back on my four years of college, I reflect on my experiences. I had always thought of what I wanted to express in my "Senior Salute." I considered writing those ideas down and now I wish I would have. Just as many other things I have done throughout my experience in college, my thoughts on what I wanted to write about have changed. However, one thing has been constant: Baseball.

Baseball has been the roots of my experience at Saint Mary's. From the day I chose to attend this university, it was ultimately the idea of playing college baseball that created my enthusiasm to attend school.

That enthusiasm has remained strong due to numerous outside influences. The first unofficial practice in the fall of my freshman year opened my eyes to a great group of seniors who were extremely willing to introduce us (freshman) to the program. My professors provided homework and exams that made baseball seem like an easy and unbelievably enjoyable reward. Our coaches were always successfully teaching us the game of baseball and the ways in which we can relate the game to triumph within our lives outside of baseball. Friends, (especially fellow seniors which much of my first three years was spent and a lesser amount this last year due to a newly acquired unmatched friend) have

been excellent motivators and also padding for the things that don't always go as planned.

Most importantly, I would like to thank my providers. Mom and Dad, a thank you just doesn't do you justice. Mom, you inspire me, support me, and provide unsurpassed amounts of love. Dad, you have always shared your knowledge of baseball, listened to my complaints, and done everything in your power to ensure my success. Grandma and grandpa, you are like my "other" parents. Your gifts of food, money, clothes, knowledge, and love are always so beneficial.

I am so grateful for everything I have encountered over the last four years. Thank you family, friends, coaches, and professors. It is an experience that has cultivated me and it will never be forgotten.

# SMU BASEBALL



**#7**

**Rob  
Kimlinger**

Senior / Shortstop  
Lake Elmo, MN

# SMU BASEBALL

Name	Rob Kimlinger
Hometown	Lake Elmo, Minn.
Position	Shortstop
Year	Senior
Major	Management

		By the Numbers							
Year	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
2001	.295	26	78	20	23	5	0	1	13
2002	.361	32	108	18	39	6	0	1	19
2003	.333	30	90	19	30	11	0	1	17
2004	.379	19	58	14	22	2	0	3	17
Totals	.341	107	334	71	114	24	0	6	66

## Rob Bids Farewell

I remember back to my freshman year seeing those seniors celebrate their final home game, and thinking how sad this day must be. Well now I get to know the feeling first-hand what that senior class once felt.

There are a lot of people that I would like thank that have shaped me into the person that I am today.

First and foremost, I would like to thank my parents for all of the support they have given me over my career. I really appreciate all the games you came to over years. It's hard for me to remember a game that you two were not there to share the success or failure that baseball brings. Thank you for all that you have done for me, I love you! Secondly, I would like to thank my sisters. You two have always kept me humble no matter how successful or terrible my performance was. I thank you for all of those games that you have attended over the years, it has always been more exciting to be able to play a game when my family is there to cheer me on.

To those seniors who are celebrating this day with me, I would like to thank you for the memories and the chance to play a game that we all love. Seth, Aric, Rob, Nick and Tony, we have gone through a lot in our four years, some good and some bad. It has all been fun and the memories that we have shared together both on and off the field will stay with me forever.

I would also like to thank those players, who, four years ago, took me under their wings. Setts (Teresa), Scottie, Dave, Jamie, Ac, Weinandt, thank you so much, and congratulations to all of you but Dave on your weddings.

To coaches Whaley, Huegel, and Mollner, I would like to thank you for everything you have taught me about the game and life. It has been an up and down four years, but the one thing you have taught me is to enjoy the opportunities that the game brings forth as well as the opportunities that life brings forth.

To the training staff, thank you so much for trying to help me battle the injuries this season. It was fun getting to know you, Kevin and Lisa.

Last, I would like to thank my two closest friends. Tony, eight years ago we stepped on the field for the first time wearing the same uniform. For those eight years it has been a pleasure to play along side you. Finally, I would like to thank Amy for all the support that you have given me. Thank you for attending all the games you could even though the hole in my glove seemed to get bigger when you were there.

I once remember my older sister telling me before I left for college that if I do not like it, it is not forever. Well, she was right, the past four years seemed like they flew by, but now I am ready to start a new chapter in my life.

# SMU BASEBALL



**#10**  
**Rob Hollnagel**  
 Senior / Pitcher  
 La Crosse, WI

# SMU BASEBALL

Name	Rob Hollnagel
Hometown	La Crosse, Wis.
Position	Pitcher
Year	Senior
Major	Marketing

		By the Numbers						
Year	ERA	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2001	54.00	0-0	0.2	4	4	4	1	0
2002	6.23	0-1	8.2	9	10	6	3	3
2003	1.93	1-0	18.2	13	4	4	3	8
2004	21.81	0-2	8.2	24	23	21	6	3
Totals	8.59	1-3	36.2	50	41	35	13	14

## Rob Bids Farewell

Baseball is a game that has taken me to many places. It has taken me from the backyard on 20th street in La Crosse, to Denver, Dallas, Memphis, Miami, the Twin Cities, and back here to Winona. It seems like only yesterday I stepped foot on Max Molock field for the first time. I came into this program without knowing a single person. Little did I know on that day in the fall of 2000, I would form friendships and take away memories that would last a lifetime. As I take "The Max" for one last time, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that has been there for me throughout my career.

First, I would like to thank my biggest fans, my family. Mom, thank you for everything you have ever done for me. I never really told you how much I appreciate the sacrifices you have made for me. You would work the night shift at the hospital, and then, instead of getting your sleep, you would drive home to take me to games and practices. You were always there with food on the table and a clean house, despite hauling me around to where I needed to be. You were always the one to comfort me after a loss and congratulate me after a win. Dad, thanks for the endless hours of catch (and sometimes fetch), throwing me batting practice, and never missing a game. You would take time away from

work to travel all over the country to watch me play. I am convinced that I would not be the player I am today without the time that you put in. Thank you. Aubrey, what can I say? It took us about 18 years of your life for us to actually get along. The relationship that we have formed has meant the world to me. Thanks for always being there. Alexa, I know we don't share the same passion for the game of baseball, but you were at almost every game. You were dragged along (against your will) to virtually every game. You never complained about spending the majority of your summers around the baseball diamond. It means a lot to me that you were always there. Thanks for everything.

Tami and David Ebner: You two have been like a second set of parents to me. You have always treated me as if I were your own. You would pass up shopping trips and fishing excursions so that you could watch me play. I would never have expected you to be there, but you were. Thank you for being so supportive.

Grandma and Grandpa Hollnagel: You guys have been to almost every game that I have played. The support you have given me throughout my life is tremendous. You always managed to be there, regardless of the weather. It means the world to me.

Grandpa Houlihan: You were maybe my biggest fan.

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## **ROB BIDS FAREWELL**, from the front

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From tee-ball on up through college, you have always been there for me. Every time something went wrong on the field, I could look into the stands and see you. You had a way of making everything better for me. Thank you for never missing a game.

Grandma Houlihan: Although you cannot be here physically, I know you are still watching me. You too, never missed a game. Even in poor health, you ALWAYS made the trip to games. You showed me how to never give up, deal with what life brings to you, and fight until the very end. You mean the world to me, and I miss you more than anything. Thank you for everything you have done for me. I would not be the person I am today without you. I miss you, and I love you.

Secondly, I would like to thank the coaches. Coach Whaley, thank you for giving me the opportunity to play college baseball. You stuck with me through all the good times, and the bad. Thank you for the confidence you instilled in me. You made my dream come true and I thank you for that. Benji, without your guidance, I would not be the pitcher I am today. You are going to make a great head coach someday, and I wish you luck in your coaching career. Thank you for all the time and effort you put in to make me an effective college pitcher. Coach Mollner, thank you for your continued support and words of wisdom.

Next, I would like to thank my fellow seniors. Pugh and Kittles: You are two of the funniest guys I have ever met. Our relationship has become more than I ever could have hoped it could be. Cic and Robby: You are probably the best players I have ever played with. I didn't get to know you guys until the past two years, but I think of you as great friends. Steiger: You were the first person I talked to on the first day of practice our freshman year. We have been through so much together and I am so glad to I could be your teammate. Good luck with everything that is going on in your life. In addition to being a great friend, I know you will make a tremendous husband and father.

Next, I would like to thank a few of my teammates. We have had some good times together. Jose, what can I say? You Man! Coz: I am going to miss seeing you on my couch playing PS2 for hours and hours on end. Winecke: Your passion for the game and work ethic are unprecedented. Don't ever lose that. Jake: I am going to miss our heated Wisconsin-Minnesota debates. Duck:

Thanks for always being there for me, through good times and bad. Sears: It's been a great time being your roommate. I'll miss our competitive rivalries and getting into your head on a daily basis. Rinker: I admire the way you play the game and the way you give 100 percent every time you step foot on the field. I think of all of you guys as my brothers, and I wish you all luck in your future.

To all the returning guys: Don't ever take this opportunity for granted. It will go fast and before you know it, it will be over. Take advantage of everything this game brings to you. Leave it all on the field and cherish every moment. I wish you all luck in your future and I look forward to seeing you play in the coming years.

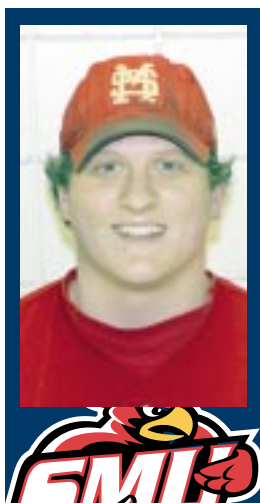
I would also like to thank the friends I have made here at SMU: Jazzy, Bormann, Bents, Megan, Rachel, Kennedy, Angie, Crystal, Leah, April, and Todd: Thanks for never missing a game. You guys make it so much fun to play here. You have been great friends since the day I met you, and I am going to miss you all.

Lastly, I would like to thank Scott Bagniefski, Rick and Aaron Boyer, and Mike Noelke for everything you have done for me in my career. You have taught me so much about the game of baseball and words cannot describe how gracious I am.

The game of baseball has come and gone, but the relationships I have formed and the memories will live on forever. We have had some good times here and it's been a hell-of-a ride. It's been an honor to put on a Saint Mary's jersey and I am honored to have been a part of such a prestigious tradition.

Thank you to everyone that has made this possible for me and I will truly miss being a Cardinal.

# SMU BASEBALL



**#13**

**Seth  
Pugh**

Senior / Catcher  
Crystal, MN

# SMU BASEBALL

Name	Seth Pugh
Hometown	Crystal, Minn.
Position	Catcher
Year	Senior
Major	Criminal Justice

		By the Numbers							
Year	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
2002	.245	25	49	11	12	1	0	0	8
2003	.261	20	46	6	12	1	0	0	4
2004	.260	19	50	5	13	2	0	2	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.253</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>

## Seth Bids Farewell

**T**he past four years at Saint Mary's have given me the opportunity to grow as a man and as a baseball player. Here are the people that have influenced me and helped me along the way.

First and foremost are my parents. You two have been the best parents a child could ask for. Going to ALL of my games, the opportunity to attend a private high school and college to pursue my Catholic religion, and for giving me the shelter, food, and protection. Thanks for everything you have done for our house and the other baseball players. It is truly appreciated. Mom, thanks for listening to me about my problems and giving me the advice I need. Dad, thanks for all of the gifts and teachings you gave me growing up and still today. You two better remember this when I am living with you in about 5 years, and you want to kick me out of the house!!!

To my brother, Scott, and my sisters, Stephanie and Sarah. Thanks for allowing Mom and Dad to love me the most!!! Scott: Thanks for letting me be your bat-boy growing up and looking up to and admiring you (until I got bigger than you and could beat you up). Sarah: Thanks for allowing me to sleep in your room when there was a storm!!! I would have never survived. Stephanie: Thanks for singing all of the time for our games and showing us a good time in La Crosse. You have a great voice and one day it will be better than mine.

To the coaches: Coach Whaley, thanks for allowing me to be a part of this program. I have worked my hardest to never disappoint you and you have taught me many things about

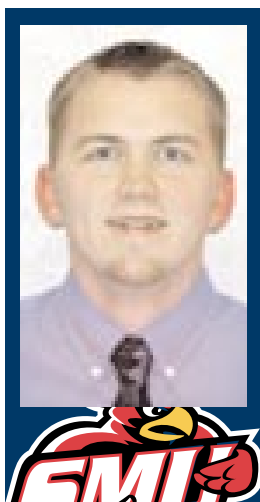
being a man on the field, but most importantly, off of the field. Benji, thanks for always being there to crack a joke to. Brother Mollner, thanks for putting up with me for the last three years. I know they have been the best three years of your life!!!

To the roommates: Aric, you have been my best friend here since that day in Griffin when we went bowling. You have taught me a lot about not being spoiled. Ryan, I know I always joke around with you but you are a great kid with a great future ahead of you, too bad you won't have any hair to go with that future. Juice, I don't know how you went two years without buying anything and using all of my things, but you did. I will always remember our late-night talks, and our late-night eating sprees!!! Rob, you are the most talented kid I have ever seen play baseball and it is a joy to watch you. Tony, thanks for always being the guy on the railing with me. We have a lot of jokes left with each other, that is if you ever show up!!! We have a lot of hearts to break.

To the other guys: Shrek Beldar, what are we always talking about in the language??? Danny, thanks for showing me the meaning of "Yard." Leech, thanks for always losing to me in video games. Coz, you and me are the unluckiest people in the world, but we are still battling. Rink, thanks for losing to me in all of those wrestling matches. Jake, thanks for being my catching partner for three years and you still owe me some things for always overthrowing me.

To the rest of the people that I have missed, thanks!!! All right, that is enough, and now I am off to the real world. Um ... maybe not!!!

# SMU BASEBALL



**#16**

**Nick Steig**

Senior / Pitcher  
Osseo, WI

# SMU BASEBALL

Name	Nick Steig
Hometown	Osseo, Wis.
Position	Pitcher
Year	Senior
Major	Graphic Design

		By the Numbers						
Year	ERA	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2001	1.00	3-1	9.0	6	1	1	2	4
2002	6.23	0-0	8.2	13	6	6	0	4
2003	0.77	0-1	11.2	8	3	1	3	10
2004	4.82	0-2	9.1	18	10	5	0	3
Totals	3.03	3-4	38.2	45	20	13	5	21

## Nick Bids Farewell

These four years sure flew by quickly! It seems like yesterday I was a wide-eyed freshman not knowing how I would fit in with college. I still remember going to my first college practice and giving it everything I had to prove I could play the game that I love. Not a day goes by that I don't think about baseball and all of the wonderful people it has allowed me to meet, and places it has allowed me to see. I will always remember our trip to Miami, when 25 farmer-tanned guys ran across the beach and every person on the beach dropped their jaws.

I will remember all of the fun times I had with my roommates, Ian, Robbie and Jasken. Ian, thank you for making me a stronger man and being my best friend at school. We had some good pranks for Rob and Jasken. I also enjoyed our indoor bocce ball tournament — not to mention teeing off golf balls in our village. Rob, thank you for always being close to me. Jaskens, thank you for always being the neat one of the bunch, and for never turning us down at midnight when we asked to say, "short bus," 100 times with your retainer in, just to get us to laugh.

To the rest of my teammates, I would like to thank you for all of the memories we have shared. I know some of you better than others, but still love you all like brothers. You have all been understanding this year, when I had to be home to see my child born, and your kindness will never be forgotten.

Coach, thank you for putting up with my humor and always putting your faith in the Wisconsin kid, not to mention all the jokes about farms and cows. Benji, we have become good friends over the years and I could think of one one else who I would rather have as a coach and a friend. You are truly a great person. I also want to thank you for busting out butts day-in and day-out. I can honestly credit you with me or the

rest of the pitching staff never having to look back on college and wish we worked harder. Coach Mollner, thank you for the tacks in the weight room when you first came here, and for putting up and laughing at all the jokes we put you through.

To my parents, you are what has kept me working so hard these last four years. I wanted you to be able to look at me and smile and appreciate my accomplishments in school and baseball. You two are great role models to me and have taught me to never give up. Thank you for supporting me in everything I have done, and for pushing me to be the best that I can be. I could not ask for better parents. Your love for me has never been questioned.

Amy, you are the sunshine in my day. Thank you so much for sticking by my side through school and baseball. We have shared so many fun times and hopefully many more to come. I knew everyday that I woke up that back home you were there pulling for me to finish school so that we could be together more. Now, we have Zachary on the way and I know that our love and support for each other will rub off on him and he will be a good man someday.

To my brother, Jason, thank you for always pushing me in sports and keeping me out of trouble. All of the times you let me play sports with you and your friends has helped me be a stronger player. I have always followed your footsteps and I am grateful to you for being the best brother for me — and the best uncle my child could ever have. We still have to play catch again, now that we get to see each other more.

Finally, to my son, Zachary, you are not here yet, but you will be shortly. Since your mom and I found out of your existence, you have given me that extra drive to accomplish more with my life, to give you a better life. Every pitch that I throw, and test that I took, you were my motivation to never hold anything back. I really cannot wait to have that first game of catch with you.

# SMU BASEBALL



**#17**  
**Tony Cicalello**  
 Senior / 2B-SS  
 St. Paul, MN

# SMU BASEBALL

Name	Tony Cicalello
Hometown	St. Paul, Minn.
Position	Second Base / Shortstop
Year	Senior
Major	Management / Marketing

By the Numbers									
Year	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
2001	.368	23	57	8	21	5	0	0	7
2002	.252	31	111	14	28	5	0	0	10
2003	.405	30	111	19	45	10	0	0	25
2004	.452	27	104	29	47	6	1	0	14
Totals	.368	111	383	70	141	26	1	0	56

## Tony Bids Farewell

**U**ps and downs, strikes and gutters. For the past four years it has been a rollercoaster ride for many of us on the baseball field. From going to the MIAC Tournament, to not even making the playoffs. But what I will never forget is the experiences I have had with all of you, both on and off the field. Bowling before games, playing cards during the week, hanging out on Thursdays, playing pool and video games are just some of the traditions that many of us have shared together. These times will always be an integral part of my college experience. I cannot stress enough to you guys how great of a team we have and the chemistry that has evolved over the past four years. I have never played on a team that has been so close to each other and would do anything for a teammate, no matter the situation or consequence. It means a lot to us knowing each one of you are there for us through good times and bad times. Thank you guys very much and I wish you all the best through your future endeavours.

To all the seniors, it has been a great four years that has past before our eyes. From coming into our freshmen year not really knowing any of you but Rob K.,

to becoming close friends with all of you. Aric, you have always been a positive role model to me and the rest of the team. I thank you for all the experiences we have shared throughout our four years, especially freshmen year spring break down in Winona. Rob H., I wish I would have become better friends with you earlier in my college career. We have spent some great times getting wings and BS-ing about life itself. Steiger, your humor has always made me laugh, no matter the mood I was in. I wish you luck with your fiancé and baby, especially through the next couple of years. Seth, we have spent many days and many nights together, especially when everybody was out with their wives. Those were some of the best times I have had and I thank you for everything. Rob K., I don't know where to begin. We have been through a lot throughout our four years that I will always remember, and could not have asked for a better roommate, other than you of course, Bubba. Thank you guys for everything!

Coach Whaley, coach Mollner, and coach Huegel, thank you all for your time and energy in making us better baseball players and people. I know I wasn't the

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**TONY BIDS FAREWELL**, from the front

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easiest person to coach all the time, but I feel you all have helped me mature and become a better person. Also, I appreciate the opportunities you guys have given me throughout my four years and wish you all the best.

To all the parents, we all appreciate you guys for supporting us at every game that you could make. The in between and after game snacks was very kind and generous, and speaking on behalf of the team, we thank you all very much.

Lastly, I want to take another minute to express my love for my family. None of this could have happened without you guys. Mom and Dad, I thank you for everything you have done. You have always provided me with the best opportunities to succeed in life. You have also taught me many things about life itself through the experiences I have

encountered, especially the bad ones. I am so proud and happy to have you guys as my parents and could not want anything more in life than the love you provide me with. Thank you guys for attending all of my games throughout my life, it means a lot to me. Also, start gearing up for me to move back home with you guys, it could be for awhile. Charlie, our relationship has grown tremendously since I left for college. I could not ask for a better brother and friend through these four years. I thank you for your support and criticism in helping me become a better ballplayer and person. I wish you the best of luck as you move into one of the best times of your life, and hope Gustavus provides you with as good as an experience as Saint Mary's has provided for me.