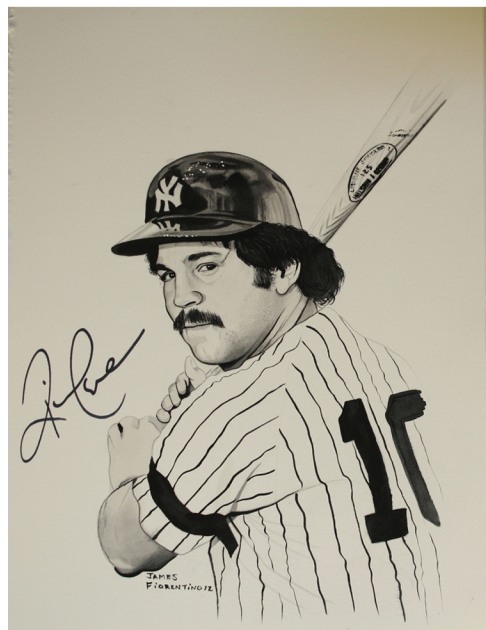


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Rick Cerone (2012) Watercolor 20 x 17 James Fiorentino



Seton Hall University team jersey (1958)  
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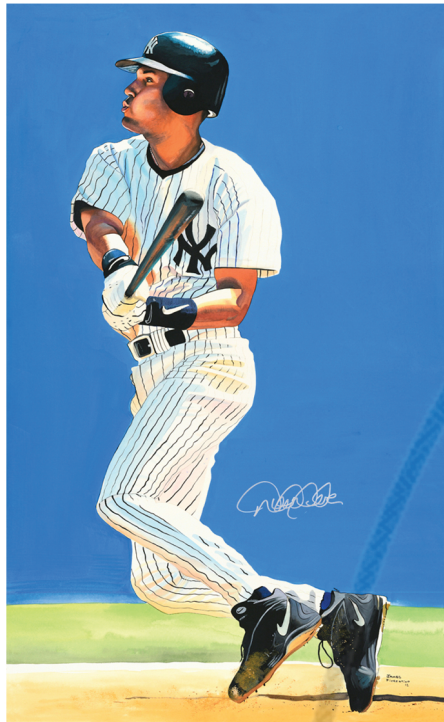


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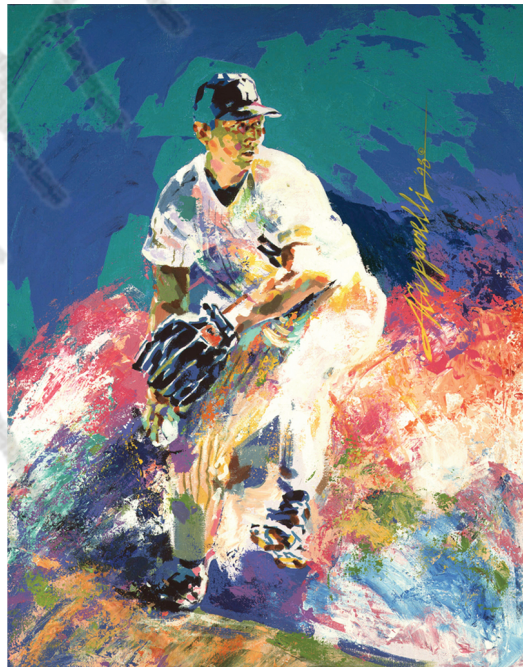
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Derek Jeter (2012) Watercolor 34x22.5 James Fiorentino

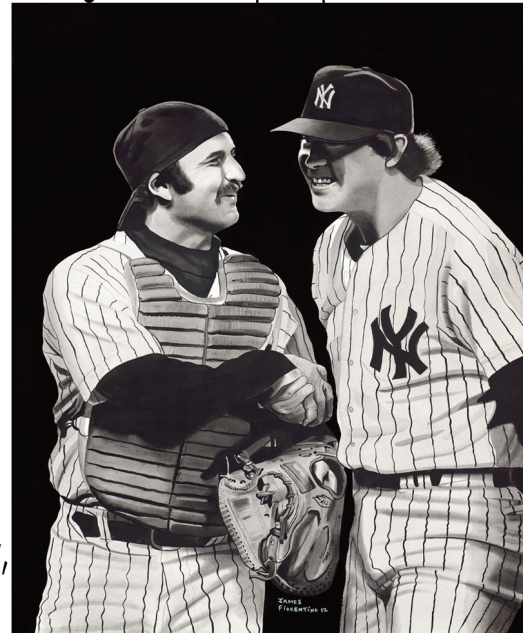
Seton Hall University is an embodiment of local baseball culture. The university boasts nearly 150 years of baseball games and a cadre of alumni with successful careers in the major leagues, coaching and sports journalism. Students are strongly involved in baseball on the field and in sports coverage through *The Setonian* school newspaper or on 89.5 FM WSOU Seton Hall Pirate Radio. *Play Ball!* interprets Seton Hall's place in New Jersey-New York baseball culture through examples of archival objects, personal collections and sports artwork.

The baseball tradition at the university begins with their earliest recorded game in 1863. Since then, talented coaches and players have passed on a heritage of success through hard work. Under the direction of Coach Emeritus Mike Sheppard, a 1958 graduate of Seton Hall and sixteenth coach of the Pirates, 30 players continued to the major leagues. His son Rob Sheppard, a 1992 alumni and current coach, recently led the Pirates to win the 2011 Big East Championship. The big win was captured by students of 89.5 FM WSOU. The Pirate Radio station has broadcasted baseball coverage programs for fifty years, including "From the Stands" and "Pirate Primetime," begun in 2000. *The Setonian* has nearly 90 years of baseball articles that spotlight the Pirates.



David Cone (2003) Acrylic on canvas 37x25 Tony Capparelli

These examples of student journalism mirror the career of famed sports writer, broadcaster and motivational speaker Ed Lucas. Lucas lost his sight at an early age but was not deterred from pursuing a career in sports journalism. After graduating with a communications degree from Seton Hall in 1962 he became a New York baseball reporter and broadcaster. Together he and his wife Allison, who graduated from Seton Hall in 1985, started the Ed and Allison Lucas Scholarship Foundation which benefits Seton Hall students with disabilities. Additionally, Lucas has loaned objects from his baseball memorabilia collection that complement professional players depicted in *Play Ball!*



Thurman Munson and Goose Gosage (2012) Watercolor 28x24 James Fiorentino

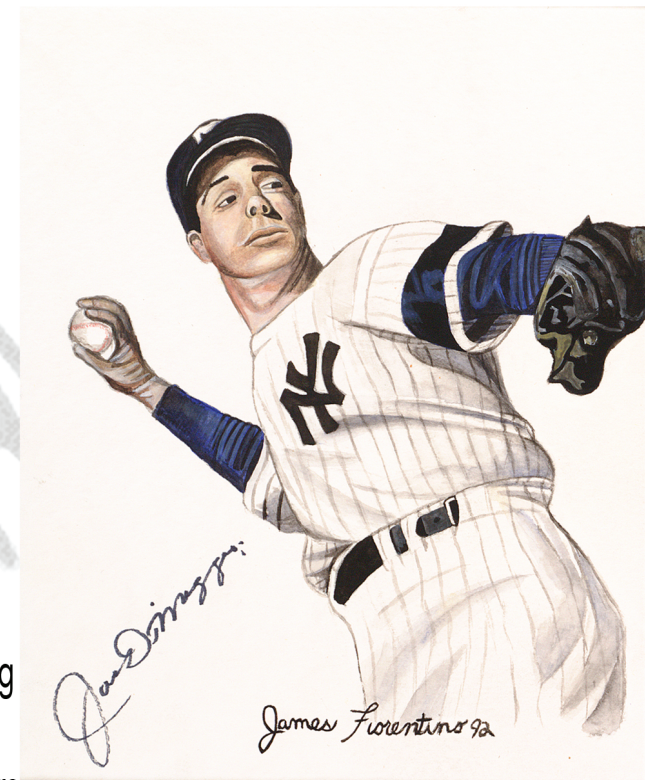
Local artists James Fiorentino and Tony Capparelli portray America's pastime with their celebrated artwork of professional baseball players and stadiums. Fiorentino uses watercolor to depict famous players from the last hundred years. Several of his paintings were created specifically for *Play Ball!*, including portrayals of Seton Hall's own Craig Biggio and Rick Cerone. Fiorentino started painting at a young age and



Yankee Stadium (2005) Watercolor 10.5x8 Tony Capparelli

Painted popular players to obtain their autographs. Two of his early works, "Joe DiMaggio" and "Reggie Jackson," are featured in the exhibition.

Capparelli is another featured artist who became interested in sports art at a young age. Growing up in the Bronx, Capparelli was captivated by the iconic architecture of New York baseball stadiums and sketched them. Capparelli continues to depict stadiums and players in his artwork, such as "Bygone Bronx" and "Don Mattingly" on display in *Play Ball!* Capparelli currently teaches art classes at Seton Hall University and the Fashion Institute of Technology. Alumni Biggio, Cerone and other professional baseball players featured in the artworks of Fiorentino and Capparelli strengthen the association of Seton Hall with professional baseball and the contributions of Pirates to baseball culture in the New Jersey-New York area.



Joe DiMaggio (1992) Watercolor 19 x17 James Fiorentino



Don Mattingly (1991) Airbrush Acrylic 33.5 x 44.5 Tony Capparelli