

THE "HOLY COW"

NEWSLETTER OF THE HALSEY HALL CHAPTER,
SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

Halsey Hall

April 2001

History Day

The Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR will be involved in the Minnesota portion of the National History Day Competition by presenting a youth SABR membership (including membership in the Halsey Hall Chapter) and a set of SABR publications to every participant with a baseball entry. The state competition will be held May 5 at the University of Minnesota's Gateway Center at Oak Street and University Avenue (on the former site of Memorial Stadium). Two members of the Chapter will serve as judges in the event, and more are welcome.

SABR will be presenting the Lee Allen Award (with a \$500 cash prize) for the best baseball presentation at the National History Day Competition. In addition, the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award (with a \$200 cash prize) will be presented for the outstanding baseball research paper submitted by a researcher under the age of 21. The Kavanagh Award is for baseball research papers submitted to SABR, not those presented as part of the History Day Competition. Members are urged to spread the word about the Kavanagh Award by contacting schools with details of the award. Details are available on the Youth Education Page on the SABR web site at <http://www.sabr.org>.

If you are interested in judging in the Minnesota event or would like more information, contact Tim Hoogland, the competition coordinator, at 651-297-2081 or e-mail him at historyday@mnhs.org. More information on National History Day is available at:

www.thehistorynet.com/NationalHistoryDay

New Member: Erin Moore

Erin Moore, a new member of SABR, recently graduated from Minnesota State University of Moorhead with a degree in English Education. For an advanced composition class, Erin had to do a multi-genre research project and chose Shoeless Joe Jackson as her subject. Erin saw both Dave Winfield and Eddie Murray get their 3,000th hits, and she will also see the former get inducted into the Hall of Fame when she heads to Cooperstown this August. Erin's vital information:

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Events

Spring Chapter Meeting

Bert Blyleven is scheduled to be the featured guest at the April 28 Chapter Meeting at the United Methodist Church, 950 Gould Avenue in Columbia Heights.

Contact Joe O'Connell at 651-776-8093 if you would like to make a research presentation. If you want a ticket for the Twins-Orioles game that night, send a check for \$10 for each ticket to Joe at P. O. Box 600007, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106 by April 14 (make the check payable to Joe).

The list of research presentations includes *Cuban Baseball* by Stew Thornley, *Probability of Pitching a No-Hitter* by Bob Kapla, *Bert Blyleven* by Ray Luurs, and *Clutch Pitching* by Kevin Hennessy.

Also, bring along \$12 to renew your subscription to *The Holy Cow!* for another year. (Members who have joined since January 1 do not have to pay again until 2002.)

Hot Stove Saturday Morning

The next Hot Stove Saturday Morning will be April 7 at the usual location, Baker's Square at 66th and Xerxes in Richfield. Mark Johnson says Ann Marie, our server at Baker's Square, hopes to see a big group on the 7th. Weather permitting (meaning no snow on the ground), the after-breakfast event will be a tour of the baseball graves at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

The event following the June 2 Hot Stove Saturday Morning will be the Bus Rodeo on Como Avenue, across from the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul.

Cow Chips

Jerry Janzen sat in the same hot tub with **Tony Oliva** at the YMCA. Meanwhile, **Brenda Himrich** and her husband, **Stew Thornley**, visited Tony's home province of Pinar del Río as part of a 20-member SABR contingent from the U. S. and Canada that spent a week in Cuba. In addition to attending five games in Cuba's National Series and visiting the grave of Hall of Famer **Martín Dihigo** in Cruces, the group met **Martín Dihigo, Jr.** and **Conrado Marrero**. . . . **Lee Temanson** sent a letter to *USA Today Baseball Weekly*, noting that **Jacque Jones** led the Twins in home runs last year with 19 while **Cristian Guzman** led the team in triples with 20. Lee wonders when it last happened that a team's triples leader had higher numbers than the team leader in homers.

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Calendar

April 7—Hot Stove Saturday Morning,
8:30 a.m., Baker's Square,
66th and Xerxes, Richfield
Lakewood Cemetery Tour at 10 a.m.

April 28—Spring Chapter Meeting,
United Methodist Church,
950 Gould Avenue, Columbia Heights

June 2—Hot Stove Saturday Morning,
8:30 a.m., Baker's Square,
66th and Xerxes, Richfield
Bus Rodeo at 10 a.m.

Lexington Park Plaque Update

In case anyone noticed, the plaque donated in 1994 by the Halsey Hall Chapter to mark the site of Lexington Park has been removed from its moorings. The plaque is safe and is in the possession of Condor Corporation, owners of the property. It will be given to Home Depot, which will be moving onto the property this summer, and remounted.

April Birthdays

3—Dennis Irons (also Guy Hecker, Wally Moon, Mike Lansing, Tim Crews, Chris Bosio, Darrell Jackson, Gomer Hodge, Bob "Hawk" Taylor, Virgil Grissom, Doris Day, and Washington Irving)

20—Barry Bengtsson (also Eric Tipton, Don Mattingly, Dave "Beauty" Bancroft, Todd Hollandsworth, Harry Agganis, Preston Gomez, and Adolf Hitler)

22—John Gregory (also Mickey Vernon, Neal Ball, John Henry Lloyd, Jimmy Key, Terry Francona, Moose Haas, David Clyde, and Robert Oppenheimer)

25—Bucky the Otter (also Jacque Jones, Roy "Tarzan" Parmalee, Bob "Tarzan" Estalella, Pop Lloyd, Conrado Marrero, and Russ Ford)

26—Jed Levitt (also Amos Otis, Sal Maglie, Granny Hamner, Mike Scott, Virgil Trucks, Jack Barry, and Hack Wilson)

30—Rich Wolf (also Phil Garner, Willie Nelson, Isiah Thomas, Queen Beatrix, Alice B. Toklas, Jeff Reboulet, and Harry Agganis)



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