

# THE "HOLY COW"

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## New Member: David Wee

David Wee has been an English professor at St. Olaf College for 37 years and has taught a course on Baseball and American Values for the past five years. David saw his first major league game at Wrigley Field in Chicago in the late 1940s and was a Cubs fan until the team traded away David's hero, Andy Pafko, in 1951. David has attended World Series games at the Metrodome in 1987 and 1991 and saw Dave Winfield's 3,000<sup>th</sup> hit, but the best game he ever saw was a 1-0, 16-inning duel at Candlestick Park between Warren Spahn and Juan Marichal, a game won on a home run by Willie Mays.

A distance runner for more than 50 years, David was an All-American at St. Olaf and is in the school's Hall of Fame.

David and his wife, Karen Herseth, have three children: Rebecca, a poet and college professor; Jonathan, a professional juggler; and Allison, a graduate student.

David shares his January 20 birthday with Camilo Pascual, Dave Boswell, Ozzie Guillen, Jimmy Outlaw, and Buzz Aldrin. Directory information is below.

## Book Club

The first meeting of the fledgling chapter book club will be at the Dunn Coffee Shop in the Roseville Library (County Road B and Hamline Avenue) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 10. The book to be read is *Hitter* by Ed Linn. For more information, contact Tom Swift at [swifttom@hotmail.com](mailto:swifttom@hotmail.com).

## Paul Giel

Paul Giel, who died May 22, was a guest at our Spring Chapter Meeting in 1992. As a football player for the Minnesota Gophers, Giel was the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy winner in 1953. However, he pursued a baseball career professionally, signing with the New York Giants. He later pitched for the Pittsburgh Pirates (and, in the minors, for Phoenix, Columbus, and Salt Lake City) and was sold to the Minnesota Twins in February 1961. He was traded to Kansas City in June of 1961 and, after one outing, retired from the game. He then became the sports director for WCCO Radio and later the athletic director at Minnesota.

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## Holst Presides over Japanese Baseball Ceremony

Alan Holst was the officer in charge of a ceremony/press event at the American Embassy in Tokyo during which Japanese pitching legend Shigeru Sugishita, Tetsuharu Kawakami (known as the "God of Batting"), and Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame Chairman/Japan Professional Baseball Association Commissioner Hiromori Kawashima showed Ambassador Howard Baker the official plaque of Lefty O'Doul, who this year becomes the first American major leaguer to be inducted into the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame.

## Cow Chips

**Chuck Blomquist** attended the home opener of the Northern League's Les Capitales de Quebec at Le Stade in Quebec City. He also got to a Giants-Orioles game at Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco and saw **Barry Bonds** hit a ball about 500 feet. "Unfortunately," Chuck adds, "it went straight up and not into the bay." . . . **Dean Urdahl** is running for the Minnesota House of Representatives. He is the endorsed Republican candidate in District 18B (in Meeker and Wright counties).

## SABR Convention

Halsey Hall Chapter members at the SABR convention in Boston were Bob Tholkes, Barry Bengtsson, Rich Cohen, Ray Luurs, Ted Hathaway, Brenda Himrich, Howard Luloff, Geoff Luurs, Rich Arpi, Dan Levitt, Cary Smith, Connie Hill, Stew Thornley, and Jim Wyman.

With more than 700 attendees, it was the largest SABR convention ever.

## Dr. Fan Wins Hilda Award

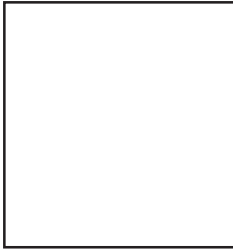
Seth C. "Dr. Fan" Hawkins is the 2002 recipient of the "Hilda Award" from the Baseball Reliquary. Named in honor of Hilda Chester, the "First Lady of Flatbush" who rang her cow bell at Ebbets Field, the award was established to honor baseball fans and their importance to the game and its history. Dr. Fan was recognized for his achievements that include attending a major league baseball game at every stadium used for major league baseball in the last 50 years and every 3,000<sup>th</sup> hit since 1970. Information on the award is at <http://www.baseballreliquary.org/hildaaward.htm>.

## Calendar

<b>August 3</b>	<b>October 20</b>
Hot Stove Sat. Morning, 9:30 a.m., Baker's Square, Richfield	Fall Chapter Meeting Mason City, Iowa Noon to 5 p.m.

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