

# THE "HOLY COW"

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*Halsey Hall*

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## Upcoming Events

### *Hot Stove and Spring Chapter Meeting*

The Halsey Hall Chapter Board of Directors has set a pair of dates for 2000 events.

The annual Hot Stove League meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 22 at the Julian H. Sleeper House, 66 South St. Albans, in St. Paul (one-half block south of Grand Avenue). Seth C. "Dr. Fan" Hawkins will host the event and provide refreshments.

May 6 is the date of the Spring 2000 Chapter Meeting. More details on the meeting will appear in the coming months, but the event will include a trip to the Twins-Tigers game that night. Twins general manager Terry Ryan and Tigers announcer Ernie Harwell were discussed as possible guests.

### *Other Board News*

At the November 7 Board meeting, treasurer Kevin Hennessy announced that 46 members had paid their dues to date and that the treasury held \$877.75. The board decided to keep the chapter's post office box at the Loop Station in downtown Minneapolis and also to have new checks contain the post office box address.

Rich Arpi and Jim Wyman will schedule an organizational meeting for the Quickstep's, the chapter's vintage baseball team. Bob Tholkes—the group's organizer who will be taking a sabbatical—will contact Brent Peterson (the organizer of the St. Croix's vintage team) regarding the possibility of having Brent doing the team's scheduling. Also discussed was the idea of a traveling team, made up of Quicksteps and St. Croixs, that would be more competitive and that would travel farther for matches.

Twins Fest 2000 is set for February 5 and 6. Rich Arpi, who has organized the chapter's participation in this event in the past, will be asked to do so again.

## On Deck Circle Wraps Up

The November 20 taping of the *On Deck Circle* focused on the 1990s with panelists Jed Levitt, Ray Luurs, and S. Thornley talking about developments in baseball from the last 10 years.

Due to declining participation, this is the end of the line for the *On Deck Circle*. The program—with its current title—began in 1991 with Dan Levitt as its producer. John Gregory later took on the role, and upon John's

## Directory Update

Alan Holst has an e-mail address: holstar@state.gov  
John Gregory has a new area code. His number is 775-831-7744.

(Many members in the Twin Cities will have new area codes starting in 2000. These will be changed in the 2000 directory. Since callers will have a one-year grace period to adjust to the new area codes, they will not be listed as a directory update in the newsletter.)

## First *Extra* to Feature Expatriates

*Holy Cow! Extra* editor Bob Tholkes reports that the inaugural edition in January will feature contributions from *Holy Cow!* subscribers living beyond Minnesota's boundaries. To date, Terry Bohn (North Dakota), Richard Cohen (New York), John Gregory (Nevada), Nancy Jo Leachman (Kansas), and Alden Mead (Georgia) have agreed to contribute pieces on selected baseball topics.

## Ballparks Calendars

Dr. Seth C. Hawkins once again has a supply of Bill Goff Ballparks Calendar that he is making available to Halsey Hall Chapter members. On a first-come, first-served basis, Seth will provide the calendar and delivery for \$10 (½ the price of ordering from Bill Goff).

The 2000 calendar includes paintings of Wrigley Field, Yankee Stadium, Shibe Park, Chavez Ravine, Tiger Stadium, Jacobs Field, Crosley Field, Forbes Field, Ebbets Field, Sportsman's Park, and the Polo Grounds.

Send a check for \$10 to Seth Hawkins, 66 St. Albans Street South, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105. To confirm the availability, call Seth at 651-225-1505.

## Name's the Same

Milwaukee Brewers catcher of the 1980s and a student killed by the National Guard at Kent State in 1970.

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departure for Nevada, Howard Luloff stepped in and kept the show going. The Halsey Hall Chapter appreciates the efforts of these men, as well as the many members who helped to keep the show going as camera operators, floor directors, and on-air talent.

Also deserving of recognition is Alan Holst, who began the chapter's original television show, *Baseball Roundtable*, in 1987.

## News from Abroad

Alan Holst, a charter member of the Halsey Hall Chapter and one of its top contributors in the early years of the organization, has been off in other parts of the country in recent years as a member of the U. S. Foreign Service. Alan joined the Service in 1994 with the United States Information Agency and had his first tour of duty as a public information officer in Bolivia in 1995. Soon after, he transferred to the state department and ended up in the Consulate in Monterrey, Neuvo Leon, Mexico. He is now a Consular office in Okinawa and has participated in a number of negotiations between the local government and the U. S. military on base-related issues. He expects a wide variety of duties during the coming year with the G-8 summit to be held in Okinawa next July.

Alan met his wife, Minako, while teaching English in northern Japan several years before entering the foreign service. Minako works as a lab technician. Alan and Minako have three children: Sakura, 9, who is involved with swimming, gymnastics, dancing, taiko drum, cycling, and Pokemon; Mickey, 7, who stays busy with soccer, baseball, basketball, a computer club, cycling, and Legos; and Daisuke, 5, who recently got his first bike.

Of the foreign service, Alan says it is "not exactly what I thought I would be doing when I studied film at UCLA in the 1970s, but it is interesting and important." Although he says it would be nice if he got paid even half as much as Linda Tripp, he admits that he "can't complain about a job that gives me the opportunity to watch soccer in the Amazon rainforest, Mexican League baseball, and a sumo tournament in Okinawa."

## Answer to Name's the Same

Bill Schroedel

(Stand on head and hold in front of mirror to read answer.)

## Cow Chips

Mark Johnson and his wife took the train out to and back from Seattle to visit their daughter. Along the way, Mark met Clark Griffith in a train depot. Mark also went to the memorial service for Calvin Griffith. . . . Paul Rittenhouse, George Rekela, and your scribe were at Penn State to see the Gophers football team upset the Nittany Lions on November 6. They also visited the site of the Johnstown flood. . . . Brenda Himrich went swan watching in her hometown of Winona. . . . Nancy Jo Leachman went to Dodge City, Kansas, and saw Boot Hill.

## From the SABR-L

Here's an interesting tidbit provided by Dave Raglin on the SABR-L listserver: the numbers worn by the Tigers starting lineup to honor their former stars at the final game at Tiger Stadium, on September 27.

1B—Tony Clark, 5 (for Hank Greenberg)  
2B—Damion Easley, 2 (Charlie Gehringer)  
SS—Deivi Cruz, 3 (Alan Trammell)  
3B—Dean Palmer, 21 (George Kell)  
LF—Luis Polonia, 23 (Kirk Gibson)  
CF—Gabe Kapler, no number (Ty Cobb)  
RF—Karim Garcia, 6 (Al Kaline)  
DH—Rob Fick, 25 (Norm Cash)  
P—Brian Moehler 47 (Jack Morris)

Also: C. J. Nitkowski, 16 (Hal Newhouser); Doug Brocail, 18 (John Hiller); Gregg Jeffries, 45 (Cecil Fielder); Francisco Cordero, 37 (Hank Aguirre); Kimera Bartee, 7 (Harvey Kuenn, Billy Rogell, and Rocky Colavito).

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## December Birthdays

9—Alden Mead (also Old Hoss Radbourn, Joe Kelley, Dick Butkus, and Donny Osmond)  
24—David Trombley (also Howard Hughes and Kit Carson)  
29—Fred Souba (also Andrew Johnson, Mary Tyler Moore, and Woodrow Wilson)

## Calendar

December 4—Hot Stove Saturday Morning, 8:30, Old Country Buffet, 66<sup>th</sup> & Xerxes, Richfield

January 22—Hot Stove League Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Julian H. Sleeper House, 66 South St. Albans, St. Paul

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