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New Member: *Dennis Irons*

A psychologist at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Dr. Dennis Irons is the newest member of the Halsey Hall Chapter. Dennis grew up in Pittsburgh, watching Roberto Clemente and Bill Mazeroski play at Forbes Field, and spent most of his adult life in Texas, including Fort Worth, Dallas (where he has a daughter), and Houston. He carries his team allegiances with him as he is still a fan of the Pirates, Rangers, and Astros. Dennis has played a lot of baseball (and no softball) in his life with his career encompassing Little League, American Legion, Pony League, high school, college, and senior leagues. In addition to performing educational research and program evaluations at Northern Iowa, Dennis is a sports marketing consultant. He is also a big hockey fan and serves as the statistician/sports psychologist for the Waterloo Black Hawks of the United States Hockey League.

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Directory Correction

Pete Hepokoski's e-mail address is incorrect in both the national SABR directory and the Halsey Hall directory. It should be: hepokoski@compuserve.com.

Cow Chips

Mark Johnson met former Georgetown coach **John Thompson** after a Timberwolves game. Mark also went to a lutefisk dinner at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church and thought he saw **Max Winter** (who is currently dead).

. . . **Ron Replegle** is continuing his 30-year commitment of reading text books onto audio tape for the blind.

He is now recording a scintillating book on financial accounting. Ron also went on a tour of the James Page Brewing Company (of which he is a stockholder). . . **Howard Luloff** met **Donn Clendenon** at Barnes & Noble. . . **Fred Souba** recently visited a friend who was at the 1940 game in which **Ab Wright** of the Millers hit four home runs and a triple. . . **S. Thornley** visited the graves of **Wes Ferrell**, **Rick Ferrell**, **Buck Leonard**, and **Catfish Hunter** as well as **Andrew Johnson** and **Frances Bavier (Aunt Bee)**. . . **Kevin Hennessy** delivered a pro-stadium editorial on November 1 opposite **Tom Goldstein's** anti-stadium stance on Minnesota Public Radio's *All Things Considered*. . . **George Rekela's** son, **Charlie**, took his written driver's exam with **Paul Molitor's** daughter, **Blaire**. . . **Seth Hawkins** was a high-school teammate of **Jeffrey Loria**, one of the new part-owners of the Montreal Expos. Seth and Loria played together on the Stuyvesant Peglegs in Manhattan. Seth was a left-handed knuckleballer, and Loria, according to Seth, was a "weak-hitting middle infielder who once cost me a game when he booted a ground ball while allegedly playing second base."

Upcoming Events

The Hot Stove League Meeting will be at the Julian H. Sleeper House at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 22. The event is free and includes food and a "Dead or Alive?" quiz.

The chapter will again have a display at Twins Fest at the Metrodome the first weekend of February.

To avoid a conflict with Twins Fest, the February Hot Stove Saturday Morning will be on the second Saturday of the month, February 12, at 8:30 a.m. at Baker's Square in Richfield.

The Spring Chapter Meeting will be Saturday, May 6.

Quiz Time

Heard (while traveling through West Virginia) on Dan Hampton's sports show on WGN-AM in Chicago:

Who are the five Cy Young Award winners who are convicted felons?

Answer on back page

January Birthdays

4—Kevin Hennessy (also Oscar Vitt and Tommy Corcoran)

6—Dale Hadler (also Early Wynn, Ben Franklin, Earl Scroggs, and Sherlock Holmes)

7—Lee Temanson (also Johnny Mize, Alvin Dark, Kenny Loggins, and Millard Fillmore)

10—John McNeil (also Willie McCovey, Chick Stahl, Harry Wright, Jim Croce, and Linda Lovelace)

12—Brad Engdahl (also Joe Hauser, Jack London, Tex Ritter, Hermann Goering, and Rush Limbaugh)

17—Glenn Gostick and Alan Holst (also Arnold Rothstein, Don Zimmer, Chili Davis, Muhammad Ali, Ben Franklin, Mark Littell, Darrell Porter, and Al Capone)

Quiz Answer

Young Felons: Dennis McLain, Vida Blue,
Ferguson Jenkins, LaMarr Hoyt, Dwight Gooden

It's Happened Since the Cubs Last Won a World Series

Radio was invented; Cubs fans got to hear their team lose.

Television was invented; Cubs fans got to see their team lose.

Major league baseball added 14 teams; Cubs fans got to see and hear their team lose to more clubs.

Human beings landed on the moon (as have, according to legend, several home runs given up by Cubs pitchers).

Four states were admitted to the Union.

Eleven amendments were added to the Constitution.

The NBA, NHL, and NFL were formed (with Chicago teams winning world championships in each).

Halley's Comet passed earth twice.

George Burns celebrated his 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th, and 100th birthdays (as did Señor Wences).

Harry Caray was born and died.

Wrigley Field was built (as Weeghman Park) and became the oldest ballpark in the National League.

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Calendar

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