

THE "HOLY COW"

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

Halsey Hall

January 2002

Upcoming Events

The annual Hot Stove League meeting will be Saturday night, January 12, at the home of Kevin Hennessy, 608 Grand Avenue in St. Paul. Food and good baseball conversation will be the primary agenda items. The event is free and will begin at 7 p.m.

The Halsey Hall Chapter will have a table at Twins Fest, February 1-3 at the Metrodome. Contact Rich Arpi (651-748-9361, rwaces@cs.com) if you are interesting in helping staff the table.

The next Hot Stove Saturday Mid-Morning will again be at 9:30 a.m., on February 9 at the Baker's Square in Richfield. The post-breakfast event will be a trip to Fort Snelling Cemetery to see the graves of Halsey Hall and Frank Trechock.

The Halsey Hall Chapter Spring Chapter Meeting will be Saturday, May 11. The group will attend that evening's game between the Twins and Yankees. If there is not a Twins game that night, the event will instead be the Gophers-Iowa doubleheader at Siebert Field.

Cow Chips

Connie Hill was quoted on lutefisk in the November 29, 2001 Taste section in the *Star Tribune, Newspaper of the Twin Cities*. . . . **Tom Tuttle** has written a book on the first season of the Minnesota Wild hockey team. . . . **Jim Karn** was inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame last September. **Bob Karn** is the Hall of Fame's Secretary/Treasurer. . . . The "Rants and Raves" section of the December 17, 2001 *Star Tribune* following the Vikings loss to the formerly winless Lions included comments from Howard Luloff, who wrote that "bad play calling and numerous blockheaded mistakes" ruined the Vikings' chances to "beat the worst team in the league. [Vikings coach] **Dennis Green** has got to go. He has definitely worn out his welcome in Minnesota." . . . **George Rekela** was named publisher of *Southside Journal*, a web site devoted to sports reporting from the viewpoint of the researcher (at www.southsidejournal.com).

Name's the Same

Co-star of the movie *Behind Enemy Lines* and holder since 1912 of a single-season offensive record.

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More Contraction Reaction

Here are a few more comments about the Twins' situation that came in too late for the December issue of *The Holy Cow!*

Ron Henry: "It seems to me that Minneapolis-St. Paul decided over three decades ago not to be a Big League City when it rejected public transportation over the freeway maze. It has always been a place with all the disadvantages of a city and few of the advantages. Keeping the Twins (and the Vikings) will require a significant commitment on the part of the cities."

Julian Loscalzo: "There's no whining in baseball.' We know what the problem is—ownership, both locally and nationally. Until we get a seat at the table, OUR game will be held hostage—ticket price increases, beers costing \$12, average salaries at \$4 million a year. It's time for us to put our money where our mouths are and first make Pohlad an offer he can't refuse and then take on baseball."

Fritz Reeker: "I think a lot of things are going to have to go right to keep the Twins. That stupid Metrodome should never have been built for baseball in the first place."

Selig Acknowledges Newsletter

The December 2001 *The Holy Cow!*, containing comments about contraction, was sent to Baseball Commissioner Allan "Bud" Selig, who responded with this letter:

Office of the Commissioner
Major League Baseball
777 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 3060
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

November 27, 2001

Dear Mr. Thornley:

I appreciate the newsletter you sent me. It was most interesting and I thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Allan H. Selig
Commissioner of Baseball

New Member: Dean Huls

Dean Huls is a sports management major at the University of Minnesota. He was student manager for the Minnesota Gophers baseball team in 1998 and now works in the Minnesota women's athletic ticket office.

Dean and his family—which includes a mother, father, and brother—help do video scouting for the University of Illinois baseball team. In a past hobby of autograph collecting, Dean and his dad met Willie Mays, Harmon Killebrew, Cal Ripken, Mark McGwire, Ernie Banks, Kirby Puckett, and Paul Molitor.

Answer to Name's the Same

Owen Wilson is the co-star of *Behind Enemy Lines* and also the name of the Pittsburgh Pirates' outfielder who had 36 triples in 1912, still a major league record.

Calendar

January 12

Hot Stove League Meeting
7:00 p.m. at Kevin Hennessy's
608 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, 651-227-5183

February 1-3

Twins Fest, Metrodome

February 9

Hot Stove Saturday Mid-Morning,
9:30 a.m., Baker's Square,
Sixty-Sixth and Xerxes, Richfield
Post-Breakfast Event:
Trip to Fort Snelling Cemetery

May 11

Spring Chapter Meeting

Dean worked as an usher/ticket taker at Twins games in 2001. He shares his March 19 birthday with Joe McGinnity, Richie Ashburn, Bill Wambsganss, and Gee Walker.

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