

# THE "HOLY COW"

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

*Halsey Hall*

May 2000

## Dr. Fan-san



Seth C. "Dr. Fan" Hawkins (along with your scribe) made it to Tokyo for the opening games of the major league season, between the Chicago Cubs and New York Mets, on March 29 and 30. For Dr. Fan, Tokyo Dome became the 60<sup>th</sup> stadium in which he has witnessed a major league game (not having missed such a stadium in more than 50 years). It's also been more than 40 years since Seth has missed a 3,000<sup>th</sup> hit. As a result, soon after his return from Japan, Dr. Fan was off in pursuit of Cal Ripken, who was nine hits shy of 3,000 when the season opened.

## May Birthdays

2—Ray Luurs (also Eddie Collins, Clay Carroll, Larry Cheney, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, and Johnny Unitas)

7—Steven Elsberry (also Tony Gwynn and Tom Zachary)

10—Herb Carneal (also John Wilkes Booth)

20—Howard Luloff (also Ken Boyer, Sadaharu Oh, and Hal Newhouser)

21—Jeffrey Dahmer (also Earl Averill)

23—Halsey Hall (also Zack Wheat, Dummy Hoy, and Deacon Phillippe)

31—Glenn Poser (also Joe Namath, Clint Eastwood, Don Ameche, and Madge Blake)

### Missed from Last Month:

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

## Terry Ryan to Speak at Spring Chapter Meeting

Twins general manager Terry Ryan will be the featured guest at the Spring Halsey Hall Chapter Meeting on Saturday, May 6 at United Methodist Church, 950 Gould Avenue in Columbia Heights.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with Ryan's appearance at 9:30. An agenda for the meeting is on page 3. The meeting will have the usual research presentations, semi-annual business meeting, trivia quiz as well as a silent auction. Members are encouraged to bring sports items (such as books and memorabilia) to donate for the auction.

Registration for the meeting is \$5 and includes lunch and refreshments. The registration can be paid at the door, but it is asked that members call Joe O'Connell at 651-776-8093 to RSVP.

## Cow Chips

**John Gregory** took two of his three kids to San Francisco. They went up the Coit Tower and to Muir Woods. Meanwhile, John's wife, **Mary Fenelon**, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her knee while skiing and had surgery in early April. . . . **Ray Luurs** won a \$100 gift certificate for Arthur Jewelers from KFAN Radio when he answered a trivia question about Yankees wife-swappers **Fritz Peterson** and **Mike Kekich**. . . . **Paul Rittenhouse** got \$50 for taking part in a focus group and giving his opinions on the National Basketball Association.

## MJ Teaser

Here's a brainteaser from Mark Johnson:

A person leaves home and takes a left, a left, and another left, and is confronted by a masked man.

What happened?

*Answer on page 2*



"We could have finished last  
without you."

—Bill Veeck

## A Few New (and Old) Members

We have several new members (as well as some returning ones) to the Halsey Hall Chapter as a result of a mailing done to SABR members in the region as well as the personal recruitment efforts of Roger Godin. Here they are:

A native of Philadelphia, Julian Empson “Crash” Loscalzo has been a long-time resident of the Twin Cities and has been involved in baseball in many ways. Julian was the founder of Save the Met, an organization that lived on even though the Met didn’t. The Save the Met group rescued the seatback that was the end point of Harmon Killebrew’s mammoth 1967 home run and delivered it to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Julian also founded Fans Answer to New Stadium (FANS), which promotes community ownership of the Twins. He also operates Ballpark Tours and ran for commissioner of baseball. Julian—who has been in SABR 15 years and has belonged to the Halsey Hall Chapter in the past—has a wife and three kids. His fan achievements include being present for Hideo Nomo’s no-hitter at Coors Field and the first game of the Phillies’ 10-game losing streak in 1964.

John Robert McFarland grew up in Oakland City, Indiana, the home of Edd Roush. He has a wife, Helen, two daughters, and two granddaughters, and he plays third base in an old guy’s league. John is a retired minister and an author, speaker, and cancer survivor with cancer being the subject of some of his writing and speaking.

Dave Hahn has been a fan of the St. Louis Browns since 1944. He attended his first game the following year and had the chance to watch Pete Gray play. Dave moved to Minneapolis in 1963. He is an Interior Landscape Consultant for Bachman’s as well as a sports artist. His work is displayed at the Hall of Fame in St. Louis.

Ian Laurie is a Minneapolis attorney with a vast background in baseball. Ian (pronounced with a long I) was the Twins batboy from 1984 to 1986 (and worked the 1985 All-Star Game at the Metrodome). He was the marketing director for the Huntington Cubs and also worked with the Kenosha Twins, Charleston Wheelers, California Angels, and St. Louis Cardinals. Ian has a collection of baseball memorabilia and a wife, Rachel; son, Dayton, nine months; and beagle, Dexter.

**Answer to MJ Teaser**  
*from page 1*

The person hit a home run

Marc Hugunin has been a member of SABR since 1985 and a member of the Halsey Hall Chapter in the past. A native of Faribault, he now lives in Stillwater with his wife, Alice. He is a marketing consultant and a member of the Metropolitan Council, appointed by Governor James Janos (a.k.a. Jesse Ventura). He is also on the board of directors of the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota. Marc was at Jack Kralick’s 1962 no-hitter and both of the Minnesota matchups of Kaat and Koufax (Games 2 and 7) in the 1965 World Series. He also listened to Harvey Haddix’s 12 perfect innings versus the Braves in 1959. Marc is completing a history and encyclopedia of the Minnesota State High School Basketball Tournaments, boys and girls, all classes, 1913 to present, and is looking for a publisher.

John “Bear” Hagemann, a professor and librarian at the University of South Dakota as well as the president and chairman of the board of directors of the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame, has been in SABR for about a dozen years. He was, in his words, “a schoolboy first baseman (under the sandlot rubric ‘the fat kid plays first base’)” and was “infected with Cubs fever at age nine,” an affliction from which he has never recovered. The first game he attended was the Phillies vs. Cubs in 1948. More recently, he was present, with his granddaughter, at the Ballpark in Arlington when Kenny Rogers pitched his perfect game. One of the Bear’s thrills was a visit with a childhood hero, Mickey Vernon, at a Columbus Clippers game. Originally from Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, John has been in Vermillion since 1968. He has a wife, Sharyn, four children, and five grandchildren.

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# Spring Chapter Meeting Agenda

Saturday, May 6, 2000

8:30 Registration and Refreshments, Silent Auction

9:30 Terry Ryan, Featured Guest

11:00 Business Meeting—Election of three board members, vote on proposed by-law amendment (see below)

11:30 Lunch

12:30 Research Presentations:

Stew Thornley—*Where They Lie: A Tour of Baseball Gravesites*

Ted Hathaway—*Baseballs to Brassieres and Using Electronic Data Resources for Baseball Research*

Dan Levitt—*Player Win Probabilities*

Roger Godin—*The 1929 St. Louis Browns*

Trivia Quiz

Completion of Silent Auction

Board Meeting

Dinner (on your own)

7:00 Twins vs. Tigers

Proposed by-law amendment:  
Under ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Add:

Section 3—Publication Editors

The editor(s) of chapter publications shall be appointed by the board of directors to a term of one year. The term shall start January 1. The term is renewable.

The Board of Directors meeting will convene immediately after the Chapter Meeting. This board meeting will include the outgoing, holdover, and incoming board members.

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## Tuttle's Book Released

Tom Tuttle's new book, *State of the Game: A Look at Baseball as It Enters the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, came out in April. The book contains the viewpoints of numerous baseball personalities as well as various profiles,

including one of the Quicksteps vintage baseball team and two of its members, Bob Tholkes and Jim Wyman. Check the bookstores for *State of the Game* or call Tom at 612-861-7116.

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## Money Can't Buy You Love . . .

. . . but it can get you the next best thing: another year in the Halsey Hall Chapter. Subscription dues of \$12 are due July 1. Those who have joined since January 1, 2000 will not have to pay again; their dues will be good through July 1, 2001. If you're not sure of your dues status, contact Treasurer Kevin Hennessy at 651-227-5183 or via e-mail at BBWSMIN@aol.com.

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## Calendar

May 1—Opening of St. Croix Valley Baseball Exhibit, 5 to 8 p.m., Historic Courthouse, Stillwater

May 6—Halsey Hall Spring Chapter Meeting, United Methodist Church, Columbia Heights

June 10—Hot Stove Saturday Morning, 8:30 a.m., Baker's Square, 66<sup>th</sup> and Xerxes, Richfield

### Halsey Hall Chapter

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