

November 1996

Mule Kicks

By S. (Mule) Thornley

Cow Chips

George Rekela bumped into Ken "Hawk" Harrelson (literally) in the food line in the Metrodome press box, causing Hawk to drop his wiener in the relish. . . . Katie Wyman, Jim's daughter, played on a soccer team this summer and recently got a new kitten named Oreo. . . . Glenn Gostick umpired 173 baseball games this year; he says with the season over, he is filling his spare time by making obscene phone calls. . . . S. Thornley met Beaver Cleaver and Eddie Haskell at the Home and Garden Show.



The Beaver, The Mule, and Eddie Haskell

A Model Chapter

Part Two in a Series of the history of the Halsey Hall Chapter

The establishment of the Halsey Hall Chapter in 1985 created the birth of semi-annual Chapter meetings. With an elected board of directors, the Chapter could now have a formally appointed Events Chair rather than a loose cabal of self-appointed organizers. The first Events Chair was Bob Evans, who orchestrated a bang-up event at Mangini's Restaurante in St. Paul that featured a player panel of Bob "Rocky" Johnson, Howie Schultz, Larry Rosenthal, and John Castino. Another mission of the new board of directors was to secure a national SABR convention in the Twin Cities. Bob Tholkes took the lead in putting together a proposal, which was accepted. Bob and Alan Tholkes then took over as the main coordinators for the 1988 SABR convention in Minneapolis. A highlight of the convention was the appearance of Joe "Unser Choe" Hauser, who had set a professional record with 69 home runs for the Minneapolis Millers in 1933.

This region was one of the first to organize a formal chapter and was once referred to as a "model chapter" by the national organization, who cited the story and success of the Halsey Hall Chapter to other regions seeking formal organization. For sure, the cohesiveness of area SABR members has facilitated friendships, research exchanges, and activities ranging from a vintage baseball team to a monthly television program.

Doc Hawk Chalk Talk

On the second Tuesday of each month, Dr. Seth Hawkins moderates the "Dr. Hawkins' Great Speeches Series" at the University Club on Summit Avenue in St. Paul. The October topic was the final Lincoln-Douglas debate with the first Kennedy-Nixon debate being the focal point of the November meeting.

As for December, Seth says he has a "surprise topic" but any interested parties are invited to join him and the other oratorphiles at 7:30 p.m. By the way, Seth was of course present in Kansas City to witness Paul Molitor's 3,000th hit in September. He has not missed a 3,000th hit since Stan Musial's in 1958.

Chapter Poll Picks Caminiti, A-Rod

Here's the result of balloting for baseball awards among those in attendance at the Fall Chapter meeting:

Most Valuable Player

American League: Alex Rodriguez 13, Juan Gonzalez 3, Mark McGuire 1

National League: Ken Caminiti 9, Barry Bonds 4, John Smoltz 3, Chipper Jones 2, Mike Piazza 1

Cy Young Award

American League: Pat Hentgen 9, Andy Pettitte 4, Mariano Rivera 2, Juan Guzman 2, Mike Mussina 1

National League: John Smoltz 14, Kevin Brown 1, Greg Maddux 1

Rookie of the Year

American League: Derek Jeter 14, James Baldwin 1

National League: Edgar Renteria 7, Rey Ordonez 3, Jermaine Dye 2

Directory Update:

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