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Halsey Hall

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Sarge Upton Honored

Mike "Sarge" Upton was inducted into the Quad States Baseball League Hall of Fame in Nordonia, Pennsylvania, on September 7. Sarge played in the league (then the Tri-States League, covering Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania) from late 1973 to early 1981 and played in all 63 games each year from 1974 through 1980. He was a shortstop through 1979—setting a record by once going 132 games without an error—before moving to right field. Playing for the Rock City (Pa.) Rockets, Sarge had a career batting average of .279 with 59 home runs in 441 regular-season games.

A native of East Lake, Ohio, Sarge had a tryout with the Seattle Pilots in 1969 before going into the Army and serving in Vietnam. Despite being wounded, when he was shot four times in the knee, back, and chest in 1970, Sarge came back to play ball in the Tri-States League, largely because of the urging of the Rock City manager, Edward Heland, who had been his high-school coach in East Lake.

Sarge was inducted into the Hall with two teammates from the Rockets, Milton Barry and Bobby Simms, as well as Ohchiin Nu, who compiled a career pitching record of 279-58 in the league.

Cow Chips

Seth C. "Dr. Fan" Hawkins was featured in a story in the *Grand Gazette* (a newspaper serving Grand Avenue in St. Paul) for his private museum of Gilded Age decor. Seth spent September preparing to follow **Rickey Henderson** around so he could be present when Henderson got his 3,000th hit and when Henderson broke **Ty Cobb's** career record for runs scored. Then Seth prepared for a trip to Central Europe in October. . . . **Brenda Himrich** and her husband were granted general license authorization from the U. S. Treasury Department for their trip to Cuba last February, meaning they won't be facing fines from the government. . . . **Glenn Gostick** was quoted in **Patrick Reusse's** article on town ball in the September 4, 2001 *Star Tribune, Newspaper of the Twin Cities*. . . . **Erin Moore** was another chapter member who was at the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in Cooperstown in August. Since then, Erin has started teaching English at White Bear Lake High School. . . . **Jerry Janzen** was at Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco to see **Barry Bonds** hit his 60th home run of the season. Jerry also saw an Athletics game in Oakland the next night and visited nearly a dozen National Park sites, including Sequoia National Monument, the Presidio, Kings Canyon National Park, and Alcatraz.

Dave Thies Set for Fall Meeting

Former Kansas City Athletics pitcher Dave Thies will be one of the featured guests at the Halsey Hall Chapter Meeting on Saturday, October 13 at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights. Former Senators/Twins outfielder Julio Becquer will also attend if he's not in Cuba at the time.

Registration is \$5 (includes food) and will begin at 8:30 a. m. The plan (subject to change if the Twins are in the playoffs) is for the meeting to last all day with the group watching the playoffs on television that night at the church. The guests are scheduled to appear at 1:00.

Anyone wishing to make a research presentation may contact Ray Luurs at 763-422-9699 or luurscjb@aol.com.

The Quicksteps vintage base ball nine will hold a planning meeting for the 2002 season following the chapter meeting, at 4 p.m. Prospective participants are welcome.

In other events, the next Hot Stove Saturday Morning will be October 6 at 8:30 at the usual location, Baker's Square at 66th and Xerxes in Richfield.

New Member: Peter Schilling

Peter Schilling, Jr. recently joined SABR and the Halsey Hall Chapter. He is a writer who just completed a novel, *Lost*, about a baseball player who joins the Navy near the end of World War II, tries to land a spot on the USO Naval baseball team, but instead finds himself on the U.S.S. Indianapolis, which delivers the atomic bomb to the island of Tinian and is later torpedoed on its way to the Phillipines. In addition to his writing, Peter says, "I work part-time at Home Depot to support my other hobbies, like paying the mortgage and eating."

Peter pays the mortgage in St. Louis Park with his wife, Janice Rideout, who teaches ninth-grade science at Robbinsdale Armstrong High School.

Peter is from Mount Pleasant, Michigan, which is about two hours from Detroit, and describes himself as a "long-suffering Tigers fan." His first trip to Tiger Stadium, to see Mark Fidrych pitch in the final home game of the 1976 season, was rained out, but it was still a memorable experience. Even though there would be no game, Peter's grandma was determined to show him the stadium and found a security guard who let them in through a gate in right field. "I stood there, watching the rain tumble off the roof and onto those green seats. It was an awesome experience."

Peter shares his May 24 birthday with Joe Oeschger, Bartolo Colon, Greg Briley, Carlos Febles, Jim Duckworth, Gary Burghoff, Priscilla Presley, and Bob Dylan.

October Birthdays

5—Tom Tuttle (also Henry Chadwick, Rey Sanchez, Onix Concepcion, Danny Fife, Andy Kosco, Larry Fine, Kate Winslet, Bill Dana, Grant Hill, and Chester Arthur)

18—Richard Cohen (also Willie Horton, George Hendrick, Andy Carey, Martina Navratilova, and Lee Oswald)

19—Fred Buckland (also Three-Fingered Brown, Fred Snodgrass, Joe McEwing, Sandy Alomar, Sr., Walter Bond, and Bob O'Farrell)

20—Mickey Mantle and Juan Marichal

21—Rex Hamann (also Whitey Ford, George Bell, Ted Uhlaender, Ron Davis, and Dizzy Gillespie)

22—Dick Jonckowski (also Jimmie Foxx, Wilbur Wood, Harry "The Hat" Walker, Sammy Bohne, Pete Pihos, Annette Funicello, and Curly Howard)

23—Rich Arpi (also Al Leiter, Jim Bunning, Vern Stephens, Ewell Blackwell, John Castino, Lena Blackburne, and Johnny Carson)

27—Chuck Blomquist (also Buck Ewing, Ralph Kiner, Lee Stange, Brad Radke, Bip Roberts, Bill Swift, U. L. Washington, Pumpsie Green, and Teddy Roosevelt)

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2002 SABR Convention Dates Set

The 2002 Society for American Baseball Research convention will be Thursday, June 27 to Sunday, June 30 in the Boston area.

Calendar

October 6

Hot Stove Saturday Morning,
8:30 a.m., Baker's Square,
Sixty-Sixth and Xerxes,
Richfield

October 13

Fall Chapter Meeting
United Community Methodist
Church, 950 Gould Avenue,
Columbia Heights
Registration at 8:30 a.m.

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