

THE "HOLY COW"

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

Halsey Hall

February 2000

Volunteers Needed for Twins Fest

Rich Arpi will again coordinate the Halsey Hall Chapter's involvement in Twins Fest, February 5 and 6 at the Metrodome. The Chapter will have a table with Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) publications and information about the Halsey Hall Chapter.

Chapter members are needed to staff the table from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 5 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 6. To sign up for one or more shifts, contact Rich at 651-748-9361.

Chapter Profile: Joe O'Connell

A native of St. Paul and a charter member of the Halsey Hall Chapter, Joe O'Connell attended his first baseball game at the age of 9 in 1954, watching the St. Paul Saints play the Charleston Senators at Lexington Park. He's been to many more games since then and was present when Cal Ripken played in his 2,000th consecutive game in 1994 as well as for Bert Blyleven's 3,000th career strikeout in 1986.

In 1966 Joe was a clubhouse assistant for the Twins. "It was a great experience seeing baseball on the inside," says Joe.

Joe now works for the Minnesota Department of Revenue and the Twins Pro Shops.

Cow Chips

John McNeil, writing under the nom de plume of **E. Mactire**, has had poetry and a "smarmy Christmas letter" published in *Minnesota Crossroads: Newspaper of the Streets*, a monthly publication produced and distributed by the homeless. . . . **Dr. Seth C. Hawkins** had an editorial letter printed in the January 5, 2000 *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, a rebuttal to an earlier letter from a Salvation Army bell ringer who chastised people in suits for not giving more. . . . **Phyllis Thornley** and **Brenda Himrich** (as well as the former's son and the latter's husband) went to Virginia and visited Monticello.

Name's the Same

Kent State student shot and killed by the National Guard on May 4, 1970 and the author of *Down to the Wire*, a book about the 1967 American League pennant race.

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Site Set for Spring Chapter Meeting

The Spring Halsey Hall Chapter Meeting, on Saturday, May 6, will be at United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 9:00. The meeting will include research presentations, featured guests, a silent auction, a trivia quiz, and the semi-annual business meeting, at which three new board members will be elected. The group will attend the Twins-Tigers game that evening.

Possibilities for the featured guests include Terry Ryan, Ernie Harwell, and Dave Thies. The silent auction will consist of sports items donated by attendees. The proceeds from the auction will either go to the chapter or be donated to the newly established Dave Moore Scholarship Fund.

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 and also to indicate if they want to do a research presentation.

Tickets for the Twins-Tigers game must be ordered in advance by sending a check for \$12 for each ticket to Joe at P. O. Box 600007, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106 (make the check payable to Joe).

Other 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. Those attending will receive the initial issue of the *Holy Cow! Extra*. (Those not in attendance will have the *Extra* mailed to them after the meeting.)

The February Hot Stove Saturday Morning will be February 12, at 8:30 a.m. at Baker's Square in Richfield.

February Birthdays

1—Brent Peterson (also Clark Gable)

5—Cary Smith (also Hank Aaron, Al Worthington, Roberto Alomar, Don Hoak, Lee Thomas, and Roger Peckinpaugh)

27—Jim Karn (also Chelsea Clinton)

28—Bob Evans (also Mario Andretti and Bugsy Siegel)

Answer to Name's the Same

Jeff Miller

Kudos for Brent Peterson

Brent Peterson was one of the editors in a recently released book on Minnesota, *Minnesota Beginnings: The Records of St. Croix County, Wisconsin Territory 1840-1849*, a Minnesota Territorial 150th Anniversary project done by the History Network of Washington County and published by the Washington County Historical Society (where Brent works).

Brent also announces that the Washington County Historical Society is planning a large St. Croix Valley baseball exhibit to open in May at the Historic Courthouse in Stillwater.

Gregory and Hathaway Resign from SABR Internet Committee

John Gregory resigned as administrator of the SABR-ADMIN listserv, and Ted Hathaway resigned as chair of SABR's internet committee.

The resignations came as a result of the SABR Board of Directors overturning a decision by the Internet Core Group to bar a member from SABR-ADMIN for repeated violations of several list policies.

Halsey Hall Chapter

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Calendar

January 22—Hot Stove League Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Julian H. Sleeper House, 66 South St. Albans, St. Paul

February 5-6—Twins Fest

February 12—Hot Stove Saturday Morning, 8:30 a.m., Baker's Square, 66th and Xerxes, Richfield

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



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