

# THE "HOLY COW"

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

*Halsey Hall*

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Howard Luloff and Cary Smith helped spread the word about SABR by staffing the Halsey Hall Chapter table at Twins Fest at the Metrodome in early February.

## Cow Chips

While in Texas recently, **Connie Hill** and **Barry Bengtsson** inspected the construction sites of Enron Field in downtown Houston and the new Double-A ballpark in Round Rock, where a franchise purchased by **Nolan Ryan** will play. . . . **Rich Arpi** went cross-country skiing in Ontario on a week-long trip with the North Star Ski Club. . . . **Jerry Janzen** went to the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions (as an observer) at the Ordway Center in January. The Janzen family also got a dog, **Pepper**.

## Trivia from Ray Luurs

Ray Luurs is one of the hosts of a sports trivia game on America On-Line (AOL). Those with AOL can log on and take part by clicking on the sports button, clicking on the "Talk about Sports" icon, clicking on the icon for the sports trivia forum, and clicking on the Grandstand Trivia Lobby button.

The games run at 9 p.m. each night (with an extra game at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays). Ray co-hosts games in four-week blocks and is currently in the midst of a block that will continue through March 14<sup>th</sup>. Here are a couple of sample questions from Ray (answers on back page):

1) Who is the first person to play in a World Series against a team that traded him during the season?

2) I was groomed to replace Mickey Mantle in the outfield, but an arm injury cut my career short, so I became a New York undercover policeman. My greatest triumph on the force was being depicted by Gene Hackman as Popeye Doyle in the movie French Connection. Who am I?

## Hot Stove News

A hearty turnout filled the Julian H. Sleeper House on Saturday night, January 22 for the chapter's annual Hot Stove League meeting. Through the courtesy of our host, Seth C. "Dr. Fan" Hawkins, the group toured the Victorian home/museum and then settled into the living room for lively conversation and other activities, including an auction of baseball calendars and other items by Dr. Fan, a trivia quiz by Mark Johnson, and the ever-popular Dead or Alive? contest (won by Bob Tholkes).

The next Hot Stove Saturday Morning will be April 1 at 8:30 a.m. at the Baker's Square in Richfield.

## Spring Chapter Meeting May 6

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 by Monday, April 10. Send a check for \$12 for each ticket to Joe at P. O. Box 600007, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106 (make the check payable to Joe).

## March Birthdays

14—Frank Bigelow (also Kirby Puckett, Billy Crystal, Albert Einstein, and Hank Ketchum)

30—Paul Rittenhouse (also George Van Haltren, Secretariat, and Vincent Van Gogh)

## Donation from Ned

Ned Ribback, appreciative of information he has acquired through the Halsey Hall Chapter and SABR, has made a \$15 donation to the chapter.

Thanks a lot, Ned!

## Quicksteps

The Quicksteps, the historic base ball nine of the Halsey Hall Chapter, held a planning meeting for the 2000 season in late January. The group discussed a schedule that will include a game in Pipestone as well as a possible visit from a vintage team from Decatur, Illinois. Dan Levitt and Jim Wyman will be the co-coaches with Rich Arpi handling organizational details.

## Lee Seeks League

Lee Temanson would like to either join an existing fantasy baseball league or start a league comprised of chapter members. Call Lee at 612-425-6315 if you are interested. And don't be intimidated even though Lee has taken part in a league the last two years through his previous source of employment. "Do not look upon me as an expert," Lee says. "My teams finished last or next-to-last both years."

## Déjà vu All Over Again

In 1994, Zoilo Versalles was scheduled to be the featured guest at the Spring Chapter Meeting, but he never showed up. As it turns out, the Halsey Hall Chapter can consider itself in good company.

Nearly 30 years before, Zoilo was a no-show at another event—Tony Oliva's wedding. Versalles was to serve as best man as Oliva married Gordette Du Bois in Hitchcock, South Dakota, on Saturday, January 6, 1968.

<p style="text-align:center"><b>Halsey Hall Chapter</b> <i>Board of Directors 1999-2000</i></p> <p style="text-align:center">President—Jim Wyman Vice President—Cary Smith Secretary-Treasurer—Kevin Hennessy Mark Johnson                      Joe O'Connell Brent Peterson                      Bob Tholkes</p> <p style="text-align:center"><i>The Holy Cow!</i> Editor—Stew Thornley</p> <p>Please direct news about chapter events, about yourself, or about other chapter members to S. Thornley, 1082 Lovell Avenue, Roseville, Minnesota 55113-4419 or via e-mail at thorn017@tc.umn.edu.</p> <p style="text-align:center"><a href="http://member.aol.com/halseyhall/Home.html">http://member.aol.com/halseyhall/Home.html</a></p>
<p style="text-align:center"><b>Calendar</b></p> <p>April 1—Hot Stove Saturday Morning, 8:30 a.m., Baker's Square, 66<sup>th</sup> and Xerxes, Richfield</p> <p>May 6—Halsey Hall Spring Chapter Meeting, United Methodist Church, Columbia Heights</p>

When Versalles didn't arrive, John Harper, a friend of Oliva's from Minneapolis, stepped in. Unfortunately, no such handy substitute was available in 1994, and the Spring Chapter meeting went guestless.

<p style="text-align:center"><i>Answers to Ray Luurs's Trivia</i></p> <p style="text-align:center">1) Lonnie Smith    2) Eddie Egan</p>
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