

# THE "HOLY COW"

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

*Halsey Hall*

January 2005

## Spring Chapter Meeting May 21

The Spring 2005 Chapter Meeting has been set for Saturday, May 21 at the Community United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights. The Keltner/Badger State SABR Chapter is being invited as are members of the Cream Citys vintage base ball team, which will have a match with the Quicksteps vintage team following the meeting as well as a 15-minute demonstration prior to the Twins-Brewers game at the Metrodome that evening.

Events Committee Chair Howard Luloff (952-922-5036, hfan77@webtv.net) will have more information on tickets for the baseball game. Meanwhile, registration prices for the meeting have been set: \$15 for the meeting, lunch, and morning refreshments; \$7 for the meeting only. Those wanting to eat will have to contact Howard by May 14. Anyone interested in doing a half-hour research presentation may also contact Howard.

## Other Upcoming Events

### *Hot Stove Saturday Morning*

The bi-monthly breakfast get-together will be January 8 at 9:00 a.m. at Bakers Square on 66<sup>th</sup> Street, just east of Xerxes Avenue, in Richfield.

### *Hot Stove League Meeting—January 22*

The annual Hot Stove League meeting will be held Saturday, January 22, at 7 p.m. at Kevin Hennessy's home, 608 Grand Avenue in St. Paul. Donations will be taken to cover the cost of snacks.

### *Twins Fest*

The Halsey Hall Chapter will have a table at Twins Fest, January 28-30 at the Metrodome. Contact Rich Arpi (651-739-6986, rwaces@cs.com) if you are interesting in helping staff the table.

## Newsletter Issues

For the next six months, at least, the newsletter will continue to be printed in this two-page format and mailed to those who have paid a subscription fee. It will also be available on the chapter web site (<http://halseyhall.org>). Beginning in July, the newsletter may be produced only in the format for the web, although it could still be mailed to those who continue to pay the subscription fee. Brian Mohr has agreed to be in charge of distributing the newsletter starting in July.

Even if the newsletter will continue to be available by mail, members without internet access at home or work are encouraged to explore other ways to access the chapter web site as well as the site for the Society for American Baseball Research (<http://sabr.org>). Beyond the newsletter, these sites offer many valuable features and services to members.

Libraries have computers with internet access for patrons, and many offer free courses on how to surf the web. Here are some numbers for libraries in the Twin Cities area that have these courses:

Minneapolis libraries: 612-630-6023  
St. Paul libraries: 651-266-7000  
Ramsey County libraries: 651-486-2200  
Hennepin County libraries: 952-847-5669

The Southdale Library holds an internet lab on the first Tuesday of every month from 10:30 to 12:30 that, among other things, allows participants to sign up for a free e-mail account.

We have done a workshop on all the features and functions available on the SABR and Halsey Hall Chapter sites, and we can do this again at a chapter meeting if there is interest.

## Book Club

The chapter's book club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 12 at Barnes & Nobel in the Galleria in Edina. The reading for the next meeting will be *Brushbacks and Knockdowns: The Greatest Baseball Debates of Two Centuries* by Allen Barra.

At the suggestion of Tom Dolen, the club has decided to strive for more structure in its meetings. Participants are encouraged to submit at least one question/discussion point that is related to the book to club chair Tom Swift (507-645-2280, tomswift@nickelcurves.com). "These questions/discussion points can be about anything related to the book," says Tom, who reminds members that the club is open to anyone. "While we certainly may engage in literary criticism, it was agreed our discussions will most often stem from ideas/characters/insights presented in the book. As always, book selection suggestions and questions are welcome."

The book club has a page on the chapter web site at <http://halseyhall.org/bookclub.html>.

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<http://halseyhall.org/pubs/holy.html>

## Welcome to New Members

Since last August, Dan Forstner, James Hamilton, Todd Peterson, Rob Muellerleile, Robert Strauss, Kevin Pittelko, Tim Peterson, Quentin Wittrock, and David Fairbairn have joined SABR. Welcome to the Halsey Hall Chapter.

We hope to be able to introduce these members with more information in upcoming issues of *The Holy Cow!*

### *SABR Convention in Toronto*

The 2005 SABR convention will be in Toronto from Thursday, August 4 to Sunday, August 7 at the Holiday Inn on King (<http://www.hiok.com>), near SkyDome. The New York Yankees will be playing a weekend series against the Blue Jays during the convention.

The Halsey Hall Chapter has also submitted an application to host the 2007 or 2008 SABR convention in Minnesota.

## Calendar

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Bakers Square, Richfield

9:00 a.m.

### *January 22*

Hot Stove League Meeting

Kevin Hennessy's House, St. Paul

7 p.m.

### *February 12*

Book Club Meeting

Barnes & Noble, Edina

9:30 a.m.

### *May 21*

Spring Chapter Meeting

United Methodist Church, Columbia Heights

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

## January Birthdays

3—Aaron Gleeman (also Michael Restovich, Buzz Arlett, Frenchy Bordagaray, Darren Daulton, and Bobby Hull)

4—Douglas Raynie and Kevin Hennessy (also Charlie Manuel, Daryl Boston, Tito Fuentes, Twinkletoes Selkirk, Herman Franks, Al Bridwell, Oscar Vitt, and Tommy Corcoran)

7—Lee Temanson (also Francisco Rodriguez, Bob Gorinski, Eric Gagne, Ross Grimsley, Tony Conigliaro, Alfonso Soriano, Joe Keough, Jim Lefebvre, Johnny Mize, Alvin Dark, Kenny Loggins, and Millard Fillmore)

10—John McNeil (also Willie McCovey, John "Jack" O'Neill, Chick Stahl, Harry Wright, Kelvin Torve, Adam Kennedy, Richard Dotson, Chuck Dobson, Jim O'Toole, Jim Croce, and Linda Lovelace)

16—Pat Coleman (also Jimmy Collins, Albert Pujols, Dizzy Dean, Jack McDowell, Ferdie Schupp, Showboat Fisher, Jack Cust, Bye Bye Balboni, and Ethyl Merman)

17—Josh Leventhal, Glenn Gostick, and Alan Holst (also Pete LaCock, Arnold Rothstein, Don Zimmer, Chili Davis, Darrell Porter, Hank Leiber, Muhammad Ali, Ben Franklin, Mark Littell, Darrell Porter, Lum Harris, Mayo Smith, and Al Capone)

20—Terrence Havener and Charles Clark (also Camilo Pascual, Dave Boswell, Ozzie Guillen, and Buzz Aldrin)

22—Kristin Anderson (also Chone Figgins, Jeff Treadway, Mike Caldwell, and Linda Blair)

31—Tim Liljeberg (also Nolan Ryan, Tioga George Burns, Ernie Banks, Jackie Robinson, Bob "Death to Flying Things" Ferguson, and Justin Timberlake)