

# Mule Kicks

By Stew (Mule) Thornley

## Chapter Welcomes Swift, Bohn

A welcome and welcome back to Tom Swift and Terry Bohn, respectively. The former has become a new member of the Chapter while the latter is returning.

Tom Swift, a native Minnesotan who has lived most of his life in New Brighton, is a reporter for the Minnesota Sun Publications newspaper chain. "Swift" was a first baseman in high school and made the all-conference team. He also excels at hockey. He was captain of the hockey team at St. Olaf and twice named to the all-MIAC squad. Tom was also the managing editor of his college newspaper.

Tom is single but does have three brothers, one mom, and one dad. With brothers Ken and Dave, Tom took a baseball trip three summers ago that brought them to Comiskey Park, Wrigley Field, Riverfront Stadium, Fenway Park, Three Rivers Stadium, and Oriole Park.

Swift's favorite player was another swift, Kent Hrbek; one of Tom's big thrills was watching his hero circle the bases for an inside-the-park home run against Kansas City in 1984.

Tom and Terry's applications were received too late to be included in the Chapter Directory, but their addresses and phones are listed below (along with Jack Stanton, who has a new address and phone number).

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Jack Stanton 906 E. Minnehaha Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55417  
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In addition, Robert Kapla's address was incomplete in the directory. His full address is 405 Yancey Court, Hinesville, GA 31313. His e-mail address is kaplarj@aol.com.

Alden Mead also has an e-mail address that was not in the directory: 75247.3243@compuserve.com.

## Cow Chips

**Rich Cohen** is doing research on **George Leroy "Hooks" Wiltse**, the only native of Hamilton, New York, to reach the majors. One of Rich's goals is to corroborate Wiltse's 1953 claim that he was the first-base coach when **Fred Merkle** made his baserunning boner. . . . **Don Rittenhouse** is staying busy with volunteer work and is president of the "Meals at Home" program. Meanwhile, Don's wife, **Carol**, visited Germany. . . . **Ron Replogle** attended a cello and piano concert conducted by **Robert Jamieson** and Ron's friend, **Richard Zgodava**. . . . **Mendal Mearkle** is in his fourth year of free-lance and contract work of consulting for banks and business owners. . . . **Nancy Jo Leachman** moved into a new and bigger library in Rochester as her daughter, **Emily**, is trying to decide where to go to college next fall. . . . **George Rekela** saw the space shuttle take off in Florida. . . . **Jack Stanton** is running a public-relations firm and adding to his baseball library.

Coming Up:

February 3: Hot Stove League Meeting

April 20: Spring Chapter Meeting

## Auction Nets \$179.50

A silent auction held in conjunction with the Fall Chapter Meeting proved to be a popular event, giving members the chance to pick up bargains on books, balls, and Bluejees while in the process raising \$179.50 for the Chapter Treasury.

Nancy Jo Leachman donated a baseball autographed by Bob Feller and Warren Spahn that drew \$26, the highest bid of the day. Bob Tholkes raised the most money—\$58—for a spate of goodies he donated. Even our featured guest, Rocky Johnson, brought a variety of items that garnered \$16 in bids. The following members also donated items to the auction:

Jed Levitt, baseball cards and books; John DiMeglio, books and caps; Mule Thornley, books and photos; John Gregory, books; Dan Levitt, books; Brenda Himrich, books and souvenir cups; Rich Arpi, calendar and books; Mendal Mearkle, 1933 Goudey gum card of Ossie Bluege.

## Chapter Poll

### Picks Maddux, Big Unit

At the Fall Chapter Meeting, members had the chance to vote for their picks for various post-season awards. Greg Maddux and Randy Johnson were the sole vote-getters for the Cy Young Award in the National and American leagues, respectively. Races were closer for the other awards, including a first-place tie for National League MVP:

#### Most Valuable Player

*American League*—Albert Belle 15, Edgar Martinez 5, Mo Vaughn 1, Frank Thomas 1, Gary DiSarcina 1  
*National League*—Greg Maddux 8, Barry Larkin 8, Mike Piazza 3, Dante Bichette 3

#### Rookie of the Year

*American League*—Marty Cordova 21, Garret Anderson 2  
*National League*—Hideo Nomo 13, Chipper Jones 8, Jason Isringhausen 1