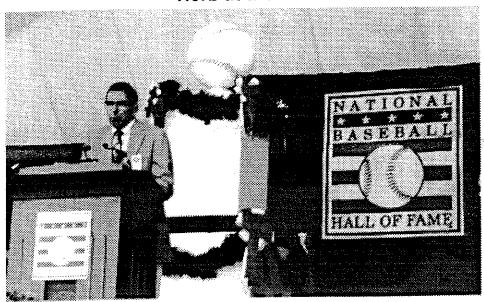
Mule Kicks

By S. (Mule) Thornley

Herb at the Hall



Herb Carneal, the radio and/or television voice of the Minnesota Twins since 1962 and twice a featured guest at a Halsey Hall Chapter meeting, was honored with the Ford C. Frick Award last month in Cooperstown. Herb accepted the award prior to the induction ceremonies for Jim Bunning, Earl Weaver, Bill Foster, and Ned Hanlon.

Quicksteps Finale/ Chapter Barbecue September 22

The Quicksteps final game of the 1996 season, in Bloomington, will be followed by a barbecue at the Thornley/Himrich residence in Roseville on Sunday, September 22.

All Chapter members and family are welcome at either or both events. The game will commence at 1 p.m. at Kelly Playfield, 401 E. 104th Street in Bloomington. The barbecue will begin at around 4:00 at 1082 Lovell Avenue in Roseville (northeast corner of Highway 36 and Lexington Avenue—phone 415-0791).

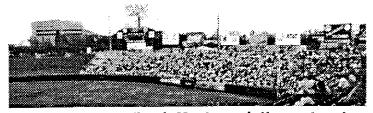
For the barbecue, people are requested to bring their own meat along with a picnic item to share and a lawn chair (although freeloading is allowed).

The hosts will provide soda, buns, and plastic cutlery.

Dr. Fan Does Monterrey

Seth (Dr. Fan) Hawkins recently returned from Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, where he witnessed the first regular-season major league baseball games played in Mexico and has chronicled his adventure in a treatise entitled Do You Know the Way to Monterrey? An Overly Long Report on Dr. Fan's Visit to Mexico Authoritatively Narrated by Dr. Seth C. Hawkins that he will make available—free of charge—to any interested Chapter member.

Contact Dr. Fan at 66 St. Albans Street South, St. Paul 55105 or 225-1505 to get a copy.



Dr. Fan says the stadium in Monterrey is the most modern in Mexico and, with almost identical dimensions, a close copy of San Diego's Jack Murphy Stadium.

The Not Quite Cals

By the end of the 1996 season, Cal Ripken will have played in more than 2,300 consecutive games. He's had a few close calls along the way, ranging from minor injuries to the birth of his son, Ryan (who had the good timing to arrive on a day the Orioles had off in the summer of 1993), to the strike of 1994-95 when all major-league teams except Cal's threatened to open the season with replacement players. No doubt Cal has needed a little luck from time to time to keep the streak going and to avoid some of the maladies that have affected others. Here are some of the things that have sidelined other players since Cal's streak began in May 1982:

Rickey Henderson missed several games because of frostbite—in August.

Kevin Mitchell strained a muscle while vomiting.

Wade Boggs missed several games after straining his back while pulling on his cowboy boots.

Paul Molitor dislocated a knuckle when it got stuck in another player's glove.

Terry Harper injured his shoulder giving a high five.

Ken Griffey Jr. missed a game after his cup slipped and pinched a testicle.

Steve Sparks dislocated his shoulder tearing a phone book in half.

Greg W. Harris injured his shoulder flicking sunflower seeds into the stands from the bullpen.

Rey Quinones missed a pinch-hitting opportunity because he was in the clubhouse playing Nintendo.

Mark Smith injured his hand when he stuck it into an air conditioner to see if it (the air conditioner, not his hand) was working properly (by the time Smith was done, neither one was).