

BLUES MASTERS

Read it and weep

Next year is almost here. As far as the calendar is concerned.

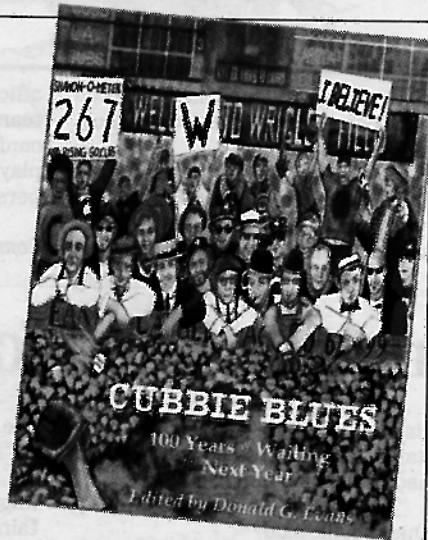
As far as the Cubs? Well, that's another story. Or series of them.

Some of which are in *Cubbie Blues: 100 Years of Waiting Till Next Year*, the latest book on the market regarding the team that last won a World Series in 1908.

Included among the many contributors to the work is Sun-Timesman **Dave Hoekstra** and former Sun-Timesman **Rick Kogan** (that sounds so much better than saying he works for the Tribune).

The first official book signing will be 10 a.m.-noon Sunday at Billy Goat Tavern (430 N. Michigan, lower level). **Judy Royko**, widow of longtime Daily News and Sun-Times (OK, and Tribune) columnist **Mike Royko**, and Kogan will sign books, with all book buyers receiving a complimentary cheeseburger from the establishment.

A book-release party will be 7-10 p.m. Sunday at Sheffield's (3258 N. Sheffield Ave.), with



contributors **Sara Paretsky, James Finn Garner, Don De Grazia, Jonathan Eig, Stuart Shea, Rick Kaempfer, Ric Hess, Christine Sneed, Julia Borcherts, Mary Beth Horner, Robert Goldsborough, Donald Evans and Randy Richardson** scheduled to sign copies. **Pat Brickhouse**, widow of legendary Cubs announcer **Jack Brickhouse**, will be among the special guests. Part of the festivities will include readings and a eulogy for the 2008 season. Multimedia threat **Hoekstra** will serve as DJ, spinning tunes from his collection of Cubs music.