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Chairman's Letter by Karl Green

Summer is upon us, meteorologically if not officially. That means it's time to look toward SABR 44 in Houston. The Collegiate Committee has a great time slot this year, 5:15 to 6:15 on Thursday, the first full day of the conference. Hopefully all committee members attending will find their way to the session.

In addition to the business portion meeting – don't worry this will be short and sweet – Mike Gustafson, Director of the College Baseball Hall of Fame in Lubbock Texas will spend some time discussing the Hall, future plans and how SABR's collegiate committee and members might collaborate.

This issue contains only one list: A continuation of the collegiate coach's necrology. The source of this list is obituaries, but as anyone doing biographical or genealogical research knows, obituaries sometime stretch the facts by repeating unverified family stories. This listing includes several deceased the committee had no record of as a coach until the obit appeared, and in the instance of Al Cihoki, no records on the school either. Thus blanks exist which if you can provide additional information, please contact me.

Special thanks to Jack Morris for the article on Temple's program, and Joel Rippel for the pieces on Augie Garrido and Baseball in the Metrodome.

Finally, I have electronic copies of the college data Rick Benner faithfully maintained for many years. In most cases, the last update is 2011. I also have a new format that captures more information at the school level. By accident, East Carolina University served as the prototype. If interested in updating a particular school or group of schools, let me know.

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REQUIEM FOR A COLLEGE BASEBALL PROGRAM

By Jack Morris

The 2014 season promised to be one of new beginnings for the Temple University baseball. The Owls were playing in the inaugural season of the American Athletic Conference, and for the first time, playing their home conference games at Campbell Field in Camden, NJ, home of the Atlantic League Camden Riversharks.

However, the Temple players learned in December 2013 that the upcoming season was about endings as well. They were told that the program would be eliminated after the season. In a cost-cutting effort, five sports were cut from the athletic budget.¹ It's becoming an increasingly familiar refrain among Division I colleges as they struggle to field teams with shrinking budgets. With the requirements of Title IX added into the mix and the expense of travel with a schedule of over 40 games, baseball makes an easy target.

So after its 86th season, Temple baseball as an NCAA-sanctioned sport will cease to exist. It's a program that, while not a traditional NCAA baseball powerhouse, has much to be proud. The Philadelphia-based school has been to the College World Series twice (1972 and 1977), made 14 trips to the NAAs, won 13 conference championships and accumulated over 1,300 wins since the program began in 1927.²

The Temple program has produced 30 Major League Baseball draft picks and 14 major leaguers. In all, at least 54 former Owls played professional baseball.³ Of the 14 major leaguers, the most famous is Bobby Higginson, who played 11 seasons in the Bigs. Dick Gernert also played 11 seasons, mostly as a first baseman for the Boston Red Sox in the 1950s and 60s. Catcher John Marzano was one of two Temple players picked in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft. He spent parts of 10 seasons in the majors mostly with the Red Sox. The other first rounder was former major league player and manager Joe Kerrigan. Kerrigan played for the Montreal Expos and Baltimore Orioles then managed the

Boston Red Sox for the last 43 games of 2001 after Jimmy Williams was fired.

Temple's program began in 1927 when Frank Martin managed the team to a 5-12 record. He was replaced the following season by former major leaguer, Walter "Chick" Keating who coached the team for four years, leading them to a 39-34 mark during that time.

Ralph Young, who played for the Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Athletics, took over from Keating in 1932 and coached the team for 11 seasons, piling up 110 wins. In 1942, Temple played just three games with assistant football coach Harold "Josh" Williams at the helm. The team then disbanded for two years during World War II, being re-instated under former Owls head basketball coach Ernie Messikomer. In 1947, Pete Stevens accepted both the head baseball coaching and assistant football coaching positions with Temple. He coached until Ernie Casale took over the team in 1953.

Casale was the first baseball only coach since Keating left in 1941. The Temple program benefitted as the next seven years under his tutelage would be the best in Temple history racking up an 85-43-3 record before relinquishing the job when he named Temple's athletic director.

While Casale may have registered the best winning percentage among Temple coaches, it was his successor, James "Skip" Wilson, who put his stamp on Temple baseball. For 46 seasons, from 1960 to 2005, Wilson won 1,034 games and took the team to two College World Series appearances. He is presently 53rd on the all-time college coach win list. In 2004, the new Temple ballpark was named in his honor.

After the 2005 season, Rob Valli was named to replace Wilson. He lasted six seasons, compiling a record of 112-206. Current coach Ryan Wheeler, a former California Angels minor leaguer, took over for Valli in 2012. It's Wheeler who is overseeing the last season for the team.

"It's been a circus," Wheeler told Jeff Bradley of *Sports Illustrated*. "Every day has been filled with phone calls, emails and meetings. One minute I am trying to save a program, and a half hour later I am talking to a college coach (Cont. page 3)

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about one of my players, helping them try to transfer. It's been nothing short of chaotic."¹ In the 2014 preseason poll of coaches, Temple, understandably, was voted last of the nine teams in the AAC. The top eight teams qualify for the AAC tournament in Clearwater in May. It appears that Temple may defy the odds and grab a spot in the conference tournament. If not, then May 17 at home against the University of Houston will mark the last game of the proud program.

Ed. Note: Temple finished the season with a 15-32 mark and a 6th seed in the All America Conference Tournament. After an 0-2 start in the tournament, the Owls defeated the University of Connecticut 9-4 in their final game.

¹ Initially seven sports were announced as being eliminated but Men's and Women's crew were later saved after a review by the Temple Board of Trustees. Trustee Gerry Lenfest donated \$3 million to save the sport.

² In 1972, the Owls were one game away from making the World Series finals, losing 1-0 to Arizona State.

³ Many sources credit Temple with 16 major leaguers but Ben Rochefort attended Temple before the program began. The number of former Owls in professional baseball will probably grow as more research is done into the college roots of minor league players.

⁴ Bradley, Jeff. "Temple Has Answer About Baseball Team's Fate, But New Questions Arise." *Sports Illustrated* Feb 25, 2014. <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/more/news/20140225/temple-baseball-phillies/>. 09 April 2014.

Princeton Tries New Coaching Approach

AP: Princeton, N.J., April 17 (1930)

College baseball, suffering for years from a decline brought about by lack of interest is now convalescent and soon may be restored to its former health and vigor, thinks Charles W. Kennedy, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Dr. Kennedy is sponsor of a plan to have coaches sit in the stands during college baseball games while their teams carry on without benefit of their counsel on the bench. Much of the

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renewed interest in the college sport is caused by this innovation in the opinion of the Princeton board chairman.

"I am sure it will work out satisfactorily," said Dr. Kennedy. "I have not yet seen a game played under the new conditions for Princeton does not open its league schedule until May, but the scheme has worked well in the few games in which it has had a trial.

"The plan of having the coach absent himself from the bench is a good thing for both undergraduates and coaches. It makes self-directed play by the students imperative, will teach them initiative and add to their ability to make decisions promptly.

"Any one can decide a course if he can think it over, but action in baseball games must follow instantly on the heels of the decision. Confronted with a baseball problem there will be no chance to take it home and sleep on the question. That is as it should be and college baseball players who go through games without a word of suggestion from their coaches must of necessity think for themselves.

"The coaches, too, are benefitted, for they have long had to take too much blame for the performances of the player. If a game is lost it is held to be the coach's fault regardless of other events on the field in which the coach did not and could not take part. Now, with the coach in the stand far from the field of play, he can not be blamed for something in which he was not directly concerned."

Byrd Douglas, head baseball coach at Princeton, co-operating heartily with the Princeton authorities in working out the plan, is waiting for the result of the experiment with interest.

"Yes, it provides an alibi for the coach," said the Nashville lawyer with a smile, "and during the game now he has only responsibility -- finding a place to sit down.

"At first I thought maybe to be entirely above suspicion during a game, I should go fishing, but then I decided that would not be so good for I would want to see the mistakes, if any, made by the players. So when the league games are played in which I shall have no reserved seat on the bench I expect to seek out a place in the press box where I can find someone to talk to.

"In my opinion, the players themselves will decide the success or failure of the experiment. The boys' reaction to the plan may write the final verdict, but I may be wrong about that."

Ed. Note: Princeton finished 1930 with a record of 10-20-1 in what turned out to be Byrd Douglas' third and final season as head coach, posting a 31-45-1 mark. The 1930 season was the 4th of what became a 10 year stretch of losing records by Princeton. Douglas had previously coached Vanderbilt for 2 seasons, posting a 31-19 mark with the Commodores.

Thanks to Joel Rippel who found this Associated Press piece in the April 17, 1930 edition of the *Minneapolis Tribune*.

Garrido Overtakes Gillespie as All-Time Winning Collegiate Coach

University of Texas coach Augie Garrido entered the 2014 season as the winningest coach in NCAA Division I baseball history.

Garrido, in his 46th season as a college baseball coach, recorded his 1,894th victory and becoming the winningest baseball coach at any level on March 25, 2014 when the Longhorns defeated Texas State by a 5-1 score.

Previously, Gordie Gillespie held the all-division career win record with 1,893 victories achieved over 58 seasons. Gillespie, who retired after the 2011 season, coached at Lewis University (IL), Ripon College (WI) and the University of St. Francis (IL). Gillespie had held the record for most wins as a head coach since 1993 when he passed Southern California's Rod Dedeaux who retired with only 1,342.

Before coming to the University of Texas, Garrido held the head coach's position at San Francisco State, California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, California State University (Cal State) Fullerton, the University of Illinois and a second stint at Cal State Fullerton. Garrido attended and played baseball at Fresno State and spent five seasons with the Cleveland Indians organization.

College Games Played in Professional Teams Home Stadiums

During its 32 years of existence, the Metrodome in Minneapolis was often criticized as a baseball stadium. In May of 2012, Time Magazine called the Metrodome the "worst stadium in America."

But the much-maligned stadium, which has been torn down and replaced by a new stadium, was one of the best things that happened to college baseball in the Upper Midwest.

Baseball teams – from the junior college to NCAA Division I level -- utilized the Metrodome. During February and March, the facility was regularly in use an average of 14 hours per day. In the spring of 2012, 240 college games were played in the Metrodome. In 2011, 55 different college teams used the Metrodome. Teams rented the facility (at a rate between \$300 to \$500 per hour).

The University of Minnesota team played at least three games in the Metrodome every year between 1985 and 2012. With the Metrodome unavailable in 2014, the University of Minnesota, which played at least three games in the Metrodome every year since 1985, played its first 20 games on the road. On March 29, the Gophers played host to Michigan State at Siebert Field. It was just the seventh time (in 126 seasons of intercollegiate baseball), the Gophers had played an outdoor home game before April 1.

Ed. Note: Does anyone track intercollegiate baseball games played in stadiums, or ball parks, that professional teams call home. For instance, Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia play a game each year at Turner Field. This year Wichita State and the University of Missouri played a game at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City. In days gone by Atlanta's Ponce de Leon park hosted college baseball games. How many others occurred?

Coaches Necrology

Nov. 1, 2013 – Mar. 31, 2014

Coach	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Colleges	No. Years	Seasons	W	L	T
Stanley W. James	6/30/1938	11/20/2013	Faulkner St. C.C.	15	1968-1982	24	3	
Clare Slaughter	12/8/1920	11/30/2013	Fresno St. College	7	1951-1957			
Donald A. Lund	5/18/1923	12/10/2013	Univ. of Michigan	4	1959-1962	83	55	3
L. Haskell Sinclair	1/17/1934	1/9/2014	Oklahoma Christian Abilene Christian Total	1 <u>4</u> 5	1964-1964 1967-1970	46	44	
Michael E. Kohut Jr.	10/4/1940	1/20/2014	Duchess Cty. C.C.		Not Confirmed			
Mark P. Winters	5/7/1929	1/31/2014	Eastern Okla. St.		-1962			
John A. Bagonzi	12/31/1930	2/13/2014	Plymouth St.Univ.	2	1984-1985	14	13	
Edward J. O'Brien	12/11/1930	2/23/2014	Seattle Univ. Seattle Univ. Total	10 <u>5</u> 15	1959-1968 1970-1974	207 <u>104</u> 311	82 <u>43</u> 125	2 <u>1</u> 3
Richard J. Smoliak	2/23/1943	2/25/2014	Stony Brook Northwood Total	7	1971-1977	71	91	1
Phillip M. Munroe	6/5/1922	3/1/2014	Cal. St. Northridge	3	1959-1961	34	38	
Alfred J. Cihoki	5/7/1924	3/27/2014	Luzerne Cty. C.C.	22				

NECROLOGY NOTES:

The W-L record for Stanley James comes from the 1972 season, the only season we have recorded. James also coached basketball, volleyball and softball at Faulkner St.

Clare Slaughter attended UCLA and then played football for Alonzo Stagg at University of Pacific in Stockton. He was drafted by the Washington Redskins in 1945, but no record exists of his playing any professional sport.

Don Lund was head coach at the University of Michigan when the Wolverines won the College World Series in 1962, Although drafted by the NFL Chicago Bears, Lund signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers instead. Lund played parts of 3 seasons with the Dodgers, 1 season with the St. Louis Browns and parts of 4 seasons with the Detroit Tigers. Lund left Michigan and served as the Tigers Director of Player Personnel 1963 – 1970, which included the 1968 World Series.

Haskell Sinclair played football at Abilene Christian.

Mark Winters also coached basketball at both Southeastern Oklahoma St. and Central Oklahoma State Colleges, posting a 536-256 record.

The W-L record for John Bogonzi comes from the 1984 season, the only season we have recorded. Bogonzi played collegiately at the Univ. of New Hampshire and played professionally for one season in the Pony League.

Eddie O'Brien played for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1953-58, although most of his last two seasons were at AAA. O'Brien interrupted his coaching career at the University of Seattle to serve as pitching coach for the expansion Seattle Pilots in 1969. With his twin brother John, the O'Briens played baseball and basketball for the University of Seattle, leading the 1952 squad to the NIT and the 1953 squad to the NCAA playoffs.

Richard Smoliak played in the New York Mets minor league system 1963 – 1965.

Al Cihoki played 92 games with the Cleveland Indians in 1945. His first professional season was in 1942, followed by 7 consecutive seasons with the International League's Baltimore Orioles starting in 1946. Cihoki played 4 more seasons for a career that spanned 1942 -1958 with interruptions.

Michael Kohut's obituary indicated he served as head coach at Duchess Community College. This remains unconfirmed.

Al Cihok's obituary indicated he served as head coach at Luzerne Community College in Pennsylvania. We have no records for this institution.

ERRATA

BERNIE FRIBERG

With an assist to Bill Nowlin, it's confirmed that Bernie Friberg did not attend Colby College in Waterbury Maine, despite information to the contrary completed by his family for the Hall of Fame.

Friberg did attend Colby Academy, a prep school located in New London, New Hampshire. Colby Academy, now Colby-Sawyer College after a period as a women's college, confirms Friberg's attendance for the 1919-1920 school year, but not if Friberg graduated from Colby Academy. Friberg's questionnaire also indicated he attended Worcestor Academy and graduated in 1919. Worcester Academy has not responded to a query asking for confirmation of Friberg's attendance.

JAMES RAYNOR AND REED RAYNOR

While updating data regarding professional (minor leaguer's) who attended East Carolina University, we stumbled upon an anomaly in Baseball Reference. The web site listed James Raynor as having been drafted in both the 14th and 61st rounds of the 1966 June Draft by the Los Angeles Dodger. The 14th round draftee was from East Carolina while the 61st round draftee was from West Hamilton High School in West Hamilton N. J. Jack Morris quickly uncovered that the 61st round high school draftee was Reed Raynor. Reed Raynor did not sign, served in the military in Vietnam and died in an automobile accident at age 26 after returning home. James Raynor did sign with the Dodgers, spending 5 seasons in the minors rising to AA and then a final season in the Yankees organization.

BILL GALLAGHER AND GLENN GALLAGHER

We fielded a request from Bobby Hundley, Assistant Sports Information Director at UNC-Chapel Hill with a query about former UNC baseball player Bill Gallagher from Peekskill NY. In preparing an article about Gallagher, both Baseball-Reference and Baseball Almanac listed Glenn Gallagher, of Peekskill NY being drafted in the 4th round of the 1978 draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers, not William "Bill" Gallagher. Again Jack Morris quickly confirmed that the Dodgers drafted Bill Gallagher in the 4th round. Bill spurned the Dodgers for UNC where he battled injuries.

Glenn Gallagher, from Lancaster Pa. also graduated from high school in 1978, but spent the next year attending Massanutten Military Academy and then signed with Clemson to play football. However he played more baseball than football for Clemson (and probably against Bill Gallagher) for 2 seasons before being drafted by Toronto in the 3rd round of the 1981 draft. Gallagher signed with the Blue Jays, spending 4 seasons in the organization and rising as high as AA.

College Baseball Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The College Baseball Hall of Fame announced its 2014 induction class earlier this year with the voters selecting the following coaches and players:

- Bill Bordley, p. University of Southern California; posted a 26-2 mark in two seasons.
- Alex Fernandez, p. University of Miami & Miami-Dade Jr. College; posted a combined 27-3 mark in his two seasons of collegiate baseball.
- Mike Fiore, of. University of Miami; set 12 school records as a four year starter.
- William C. Matthews, if. Tuskegee Institute and Harvard University; Served as captain of Tuskegee's 1897 team; played at Harvard, batting .400 his senior year
- Mickey Sullivan, of. Baylor University; posted a .519 batting average in 1954, returned to Baylor as head coach from 1974-1994.
- Demie Mainieri, coach. Miami-Dade C.C. 1961-1990; first junior college coach to record 1,000 career victories.
- Gene Stephenson, coach. Wichita State University 1978-2013; Retired with the most victories in Division I as a head baseball coach and 3rd overall behind Augie Garrido and Gordie Gillespie.

Temple Alums in the Major Leagues

Player	Teams	Season(s)
Bill Patton	Athletics	1935
Elmer Burkart	Phillies	1936-39
Eddie Silber	Browns	1937-39
Harry Shuman	Pirates, Phillies	1942-44
Dick Koecher	Phillies	1946-48
Andy Tomasic	Giants	1949
Dick Gernert	Red Sox, Cubs, Tigers, Reds, Astros	1952-62
Stan Pawloski	Indians	1955
Purnal Goldy	Tigers	1962-63
Joe Kerrigan	Expos, Orioles	1976-80
Pete Filson	Twins, White Sox, Yankees, Royals	1982-90
John Marzano	Red Sox, Rangers, Mariners	1987-98
Jeff Manto	Indians, Phillies, Orioles, Red Sox, Mariners, Tigers, Yankees,	1990-2000
Bobbie Higginson	Tigers	1995-2005